



MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

March, 2008

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Manchester Ski Club Lodge, 4 Pleasant St., Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-2226
Reservations: j.sisson@snet.net or call Loisann Sisson (860) 870-7471
Please pay lodge overnight and dinner fees by check only
CLUB WEBSITE WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG

IF YOU WANT TO REFUND YOUR TICKETS:

All unused CSC tickets must be returned at the April 7th Annual meeting, or by mail postmarked by April 1st to the MSC P.O. Box. See the details in this newsletter!

President's Message:

Race: on March 9th we held the annual Blake race at Okemo. The rain held off just long enough for everyone to race and the conditions were not bad! Skiing is still good - I hope you all get an opportunity to hit the slopes in the next few weeks - the season is not over yet! I think the five Moore children (new members) had the best time of everyone, racing, partying & especially before the trophy presentation when they were eyeing all the trophies and trying to figure out if they were going to get one & which one would be theirs. Of course, they all went home with a trophy as did all our young racers. They'll be back next year!! At the lodge party, we also celebrated Sandy Cohen's birthday with a cake. She thanked us all and announced that she would be leaving the club as lodge manager, a position she held for six years. Sandy is not going far - she is planning to move into an apartment a few blocks away in Ludlow at the end of the ski season. We look forward to her visits next season. Also at the party, Sandy Thorne sold tickets for a 50-50 raffle. Rich Choma & Lou Gaedt were the winners; and \$65 was made for the slush fund. Way to go Sandy! Bring your money to the April meeting for the next 50-50 raffle.

MSC logo stickers & refrigerator magnets will be available for purchase at the April meeting. Also, there will be MSC pamphlets & business cards for members to pick up to use over the summer for new member recruitment.

New members: we are still fielding calls from potential members. Also, some of the non-lodge members have "toured" the lodge and/or stayed as guests. Many have indicated that they will become lodge members next year when they sign up!

Volunteer opportunities: Donna Wertenbach has signed up many of the new members for tasks, and will be contacting those members who have not signed up for any tasks. So, if you want a specific job, call her before she calls you!

Keep thinking snow!!
Mary J. Sylvestre
President MSC

The April Membership Meeting will be held on April 7th at 7:30 PM at the South Methodist Church in Manchester. This is the MSC Annual Meeting. The meeting will include a brief business meeting, the election vote for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors Officers and Elected Board Members, return of unused CSC tickets for refund, and a social event.

The Brattleboro Outing Club will provide a presentation on their summer activities.

Members: Please bring beverages for 4-6 people. The club will provide refreshments!

MSC Board of Directors 2008-2009 Slate of officers and Elected Board Members

Officers

President Mary Sylvestre
Vice President Bill Jones
Treasurer TBD
Secretary Donna Wertenbach
Past President Leigh Nelson

Elected Board Members

Gary Warzocha
Joan Raynor
Bob Haas

Proxy Votes – A membership vote may be accomplished by use of a written proxy vote if the member is not able to attend a club membership meeting. As a minimum the proxy vote will require the exact text of the item(s) being voted and names and signatures of the voting member, and the member who is delivering the proxy vote. The proxy vote must be presented in person by the delivering member, to the meeting where the vote is being taken. The voting member and the delivering member must both be in good standing with the Manchester Ski Club at the time of the vote. The vote will count as part of the quorum count for the meeting. The proxy form is provided by the Board of Directors and contained herein:

I _____ (print name) hereby assign my membership vote to

_____ (print name) for the following membership vote: Officers and Elected Board Members as presented in the March 2008 MSC newsletter.

SPECIAL LODGE MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION: All MSC non-lodge member club members are invited to give our lodge a try from now until the end of the 2008 ski season. If you would like to stay at the lodge at the regular overnight fee of \$12.00 dollars for adults and \$10.00 for children, please contact Lois Ann at 860-870-7471 or by email; j.sisson@snet.net for details.

PLEASE NOTE:

Tickets Available at the Lodge: 6 Ascutney tickets and 1 Sugarbush ticket. Please see Sandy Cohen at the lodge to purchase the tickets.

Lodge News:

Loisann Sisson is doing a great job and working very hard to keep all the reservations straight and keep the lodge clean. We need your help to volunteer for cleaning jobs around the lodge. Please see Loisann to find out what needs to be done when you are at the lodge. Many members have graciously assisted with the house cleaning duties on the past race weekend. Thanks from Losiann and the Board of Directors!

»» Contact Change for Lodge Reservations ««

Loisann Sisson will be handling reservations this year. Contact her at 860-870-7471 or via email at j.sisson@snet.net.

Buying/Selling Ski Tickets: Gene and Sheila Robida are the ticket brokers for the club. Contact them if you are looking to buy or sell ski tickets (860-526-0808 erobida@comcast.net).

RACING NEWS:

Despite the threat of rain and rumors of a wooden ark being built in the basement the 2008 Robert W. Blake Challenge Race was held on the morning of March 8th in relatively dry conditions. We had a great turnout of 28 racers. Many thanks to Don Eberhardt, Donna Wertenbach for making race run so successfully. Don did all the ground work of getting our club in this annual race and all the racers properly entered. Thanks also to Kathy Eberhardt for organizing the Awards ceremony festivities.

**Robert W. Blake Challenge
Race 2008**

Club Champion	Matt Schauster	43.57
Womans Champion	Katie Raynor	44.37

Club Top Ten

1	Lou Gaedt	20.22
2	Matt Schauster	20.65
3	John Germano	21.02
4	Mike Germano	21.81
5	Gary Sylvestre	22.53
6	Mary Sylvestre	22.54
7	Katie Raynor	22.75
8	Jon Hiller	23.52
9	Joan Raynor	23.60
10	Rich Choma	23.89

Junior Champions

Girls 10 and Under	Gracie Schauster	31.05	Boys 10 and Under	Paul Choma	33.77
	Payton Moore	34.36		Malakai Moore	38.15

Girls 10-12	Britt Moore		Boys 10-12		
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Girls 13-15	Julie Sylvestre	24.46	Boys 13-15	Lou Gaedt	23.66
				Jason Franklin	30.89

Girls 16-17	Katie Raynor	23.7	Boys 16-17		
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Snowboarders:	Kieman Moore	22.75
	Taylor Moore	49.33

Race Results	Payton Moore	39.85 / 34.46
	Malakai Moore	38.15 / 42.46
	Gracie Schauster	31.59 / 31.05
	Paul Choma	34.55 / 33.77
	Britt Moore	33.43 / 33.77
	Julie Sylvestre	24.46 / 24.66
	Lou Gaedt Jr	24.55 / 24.66
	Jason Franklin	31.54 / 30.89
	Mary Ann Orzolek	28.67 / 28.65
	Mary Sylvestre	28.17 / 28.66
	Don Eberhardt	56.68 / 1:04.18
	Joan Raynor	28.09 / 28.70
	Gary Sylvestre	26.35 / 25.60
	Win Raynor	28.71 / 27.25
	John Gemano	25.20 / 23.89
	Rich Choma	27.78 / 27.15
	John Hiller	25.77 / 25.57
	Lou Gaedt Sr.	22.32 / 21.98
	Katie Raynor	24.44 / 23.70
	Kathy Choma	36.39 / 38.12
	Edward Moore	26.31 / 26.43
	Matt Schauster	22.06 / 21.51
	Mike Germano	22.46 / 21.81
	Taylor Moore	55.24 / 49.33
	Kiernan Moore	39.93 / 38.89
	Beth Raynor	29.14 / 27.04

Brattleboro Outing Club welcomes MSC members to all their events. Please check the following link for their summer schedule: www.brattleborooutingclub.org

Ski Equipment Discounts: Show your MSC membership card at these local ski shops for discounts:

***Pig Iron – Main St. Glastonbury
Suburban Sports Webster Square, Berlin
Competitive Edge, Springfield, MA***

CSC News and Events:

CSC website link is www.skiclub.com

CSC Newsletter Ski Trips: The CSC newsletter has information on a number of ski trips that are being run by CSC clubs at substantial savings. These trips include Winter Park, Switzerland Quebec City and other locations. Please check the CSC website for more details.

CSC Awareness Days: The CSC Awareness days skiticket discounts are available on the CSC website. www.skiclub.com

TICKET RETURN FORM for 2007 – 2008 BULK SKI TICKETS

BRING TO THE APRIL 7th PARTY or MAIL IF YOU ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY CAN'T MAKE IT!

GET READY TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS!!!! MSC has developed a new methodology for returning tickets. Tickets are to be handed in at the **April Annual Meeting**. This meeting will be held on **Monday April 7th**, at South Methodist Church in Manchester. **Please, fill out the form below and return it with your tickets at the meeting.** If you have tickets to return from Okemo AND other mountains, please make a copy of this form and fill one out for each. **The POST MARK DEADLINE for the receipt of returned tickets is APRIL 1st.** ANY TICKETS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 1st WILL BE RETURNED AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR CREDIT FOR NEW TICKETS.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ (E-Mail)

TICKETS RETURNED:

Okemo Adult Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$47.00 = _____ Return Value
 Okemo Jr./Sr. Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$31.50 = _____ Return Value
 Sugarbush Adult Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$43.00 = _____ Return Value
 Ascutney Adult Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$33.00 = _____ Return Value
 Ascutney Jr/Sr Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$28.00 = _____ Return Value
 Bromley Adult Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$36.00 = _____ Return Value
 Bromley Jr/Sr Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$28.00 = _____ Return Value
Mt Snow★ Adult Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$45.00 = _____ Return Value
Stratton★ Adult Tickets: _____ (Qty) x \$44.00 = _____ Return Value
 TOTAL \$ _____

★Please note: Mt Snow and Stratton have a 10% return policy. >>>Example: a member must return 10 Mt. Snow tickets in order to get credit for 1 ticket against next year's purchase. Last year, even though Killington had a 10% return policy, the Club received credit for all the Killington returned tickets and members were able to claim them. Members are encouraged to return all of their unused tickets for all mountains anyway. MSC will advise whether or not any credit was received for the mountains having return limits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Okemo: Return form and tickets to: MCS, P.O. Box **1267**, Manchester, CT 06045
All Other Mountains: Return form and tickets to: MCS, P.O. Box **1267**, Manchester, CT 06045

Note: the return ticket price excludes the \$1 surcharge that was paid to acquire the tickets

 *****IMPORTANT*****

FILL IN SAME INFORMATION AS ABOVE AND SAVE THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS: You will need this information when you order new tickets this summer.

Name: _____

Mountain _____	# Adult Tickets _____	# Jr Tickets _____	Return Value _____
Mountain _____	# Adult Tickets _____	# Jr Tickets _____	Return Value _____
Mountain _____	# Adult Tickets _____	# Jr Tickets _____	Return Value _____
Mountain _____	# Adult Tickets _____	# Jr Tickets _____	Return Value _____

Ludlow Area Events:

Check out various winter events in the Ludlow area at the following websites: (go to EVENTS sections)

- www.vacationinvermont.com
- www.okemo.com
- www.killington.com
- www.vtliving.com

For more upcoming events at Okemo, contact the following: oksunlistman@okemo.com

Saturday Night Suppers - 2007-2008

We would like to **CLEAR** up some misconceptions:

1. **Saturday night dinners are for everyone and guests.**
2. **If guests do not have a check they give the \$8.00 to some member who will put it in their check.**
3. **All meals are covered one way or another.**

The **PERSON** accepting the \$8.00 should write the additional information on the back of their check or in the memo area. This would help Gary & Loisann do the dinner audit.

Saturday Night Suppers are intended not only to provide a **home cooked meal**, but also to provide an **opportunity for members to socialize**. Dinners are scheduled from the first week of January until the third week of March, with the **exception** of Race Weekends. **There are still some available weekends- contact Sandy Thorne to sign up!**

Reservations:

Members make reservations for dinner when they reserve rooms for the weekend. Reservations will indicate number of adults and number of children (under 13). Changes in reservations must be made by 8:00 p.m. Wednesday prior to the meal. Charges for meals are: Adults, **\$8.00**, and Children (under 13) **\$6.00**. Payment will be made by check along with payment for lodging, NOTE on check the split for lodging & dinner. The cooking member does not pay for his/her meal.

Additional meals may be purchased on Saturday on an "as available" basis only, as determined by the cook and the reservations coordinator.

Cooking:

The cooking member(s) will plan the menu, shop, and cook the meal. ALL dining members will clean up after dinner. (Cooks exempt)

Food costs should be calculated at **\$3.00 per child & \$5.00** per adult. Menus should be submitted one month in advance to avoid repetition. Menu planning should emphasize "**home cooked**" selections. The cooking member will call the reservations coordinator for the number of adults & children dining. **A minimum of 15 reservations will be required**; if fewer reservations are made, the dinner will be cancelled.

Dinner preparation will include appetizer, salad, **HOMEMADE ENTREE**, dessert, & beverages. The availability of staple items & paper goods should be checked with the Dinner Coordinator. Appetizers will be served from 4:00 until 5:45. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Work Units: *Cooking a Saturday Night dinner fulfills yours YEARLY work assignment responsibility.*

Cost of groceries will be reimbursed upon submission of all receipts to Dinner Coordinator, with SIGN IN SHEET of GUESTS eating dinner. **USE BACK of REIMBURSEMENT FORM**, for SIGN IN.

MAIL **Grocery Receipts** with the **FORM**, WITHIN 2 WEEKS of the night you cooked dinner. Reimbursements will be made prior to the end of the fiscal year (May 31). Any costs not submitted prior to that time will be forfeited.

Questions should be directed to the Dinner Coordinator, email: sgt40@charter.net or 1-413-596-9497 or 1-413-478-9877 (cell)

Thank you for JOINING in the FUN and MSC FAMILY nights!

SANDRA THORNE
2 MIRICK LANE
WILBRAHAM, MA 01095

Saturday Night Dinner Schedule

Date	Member	Menu
March 22, 2008		
March 29, 2008	Amiee Whalen	To be announced
April 5, 2008		
April 19, 2008		

SIGN UP for FUN and FRIENDSHIP!