



MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

May/June, 2007

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Please pay lodge overnight and dinner fees by check only
CLUB WEBSITE WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG

President's Message:

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Summary

Membership Drive

Our club's membership levels have fallen off in the past few years, and the BOD is working to reverse this trend. Bringing in new members is a critical issue that the entire club should be helping with so that we can avoid budget shortfalls and continue to have funding to improve our club. The BOD held a separate meeting in May to discuss marketing strategies to increase our membership and revenues. MSC had new brochures printed to hand out to potential members- contact Arlene Gazza or refer to the web site for more information. Also, as a one time special offer, anyone current member recruiting a new lodge member will receive a free weekend at the lodge. We are also developing business cards, to hand out to potential members we might meet on the ski lift or in conversation - these will have limited information, with the web site being the prime resource for club information.

Lodge Upgrades Brainstorming-May BOD Meeting

At the May BOD meeting we had further discussion of the brainstorming ideas that were compiled at the lodge during the March race weekend. So many ideas were presented - it was wonderful that so many members were interested and had valuable input! The BOD looked at the list and tried to prioritize the items to make improvements that would keep current members and appeal to potential new members. Byron Smith was invited to attend the May BOD meeting to discuss and help us prioritize work that his group planned to do during the June work weekend. This included finishing the barn painting and some internal repairs. Because the budget is limited (lodge use was down this past season) we looked at inexpensive projects and also solicited donations. Some of the BOD members donated new mini blinds, curtain rods and valences for the bedrooms to make them more attractive. Removing wallpaper and painting are projects that could hopefully be done before the next ski season, especially if some additional members could volunteer to come up a weekend in late summer or early fall. We also put together a "future consideration" list for some of the more costly ideas, including but not limited to: new beds/mattresses, a dryer, a dishwasher. Anyone who is interested in donating any items or money toward purchase of any of these items should contact one of the board members.

June BOD Meeting

At the June BOD meeting, a new budget was approved with fees for lockers and night lodging being the only increases for members (see separate section in newsletter for amounts). The BOD also discussed lodge use. We want to maintain membership and grow our club, especially with new lodge members; our nightly lodge fees are certainly a lot less than staying at a motel in the area. There are some reminders about the lodge use that deserve mentioning before the ski season starts. All lodge members have equal access to using the lodge, regardless of how often they may stay there and there are club bylaws for making reservations: only two reservations can be made at one time; stay can be longer than two weeks; members must sign the log when arriving and pay by check before leaving. The reservations chairperson will assign the rooms - these are on a first come, first serve basis. All items must be removed at the end of the stay- this includes all food (in refrigerator and/or cubbies) and all

bedding/clothing, etc. from the room, (i.e., beds should not be left made up nor should personal items be left in the room at the end of your stay). One of the BOD members will be updating the BOD & Officers handbook, to include the recent updates the board made and to include the bylaw changes in membership categories that were made in the past year. Donna registered MSC on the town of Manchester web site to try to recruit new members who may log into the town's web site.

Mary J. Sylvestre
President MSC

Lodge Reminders:

- **Lodge members are reminded that all lockers are to be cleaned out after the ski season per The Lodge Regulations Item 14.) "At the end of the ski season all personal items: food, beverages toiletries, sleeping bags, clothing, ski equipment, etc. must be removed from the lodge." Currently there is a lot of winter stuff at the lodge that needs to go, so please make plans to move things out.**
- Locker assignments will be made in the fall based on demand.
- Members using the lodge during the summer, unless working at a work weekend, must put the check for the use of the lodge in the box on the counter in the kitchen, or give the check directly to Sandy Cohen.
- Non-lodge members are free to use the lodge during the summer months. You will pay the guest rate.

Work Weekend at the Lodge:

Thanks to the following members who attended the work weekend June 2-3: Byron Smith, Mark Worbel, Sandra Thorne, Mark Reitsma, Loisann and Spencer Sisson, Bill Jones, Nancy McGrath, Cal Folmsbee, Anne Knight, Jon Hiller, Margaret Kehoe and Frank Stadmeier.

- Installed a R13 board to block off the area under the barn stairs
- Cleaned the Kitchen and remove lots of unused items, pots, pans, dishes
- Installed flashing at the bottom of the fire escape door from the barn, the wood was rotten
- Painted the barn trim as much as we could, it rained on Sunday, still more red to paint and a little trim.
- Installed new blinds and valances on bedroom windows
- Washed most windows
- Opened the two basement windows and the access panel under the barn so they will vent all summer
- Painted the two windows white to match the trim
- Mowed grass and put down roundup where needed
- Tighten up leak on men's urinal
- Added plywood under the some of the cushions in the living, big improvement

HELP NEEDED!

The annual summer picnic needs a host and location for this year. If you would like to help out with this please contact Mary Sylvestre. The club covers the costs for the basic food and refreshments although attendees also bring various dishes.

Looking for New Members:

As part of the membership campaign the Board of Directors has announced that any member who sponsors a new lodge membership will be awarded a free two night stay at the lodge for them and the persons in their membership. Please contact Arlene Gaza for Details!

Manchester Ski Club
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - Ski Season 2007-2008

NAME(S): _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE ONLY CHILDREN UNDER 23 YRS.

CHILDREN'S NAME(S) & Ages: _____

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ADDRESS: (new?) _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER(S): (new?) _____ E-Mail: (new?) _____

TYPE OF LODGE MEMBERSHIP: Please circle one FULL USE or MIDWEEK ONLY

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Please circle membership amount and lodge use amount

Single Membership \$65.00

Single Lodge use Fee \$70.00

Family Membership \$ 80.00

Family Lodge use Fee \$110.00 * (Plus \$5.00 per person)

*** PLEASE NOTE:** Lodge use fee has increased to \$5.00 for individuals from \$65.00 to \$70.00, and families It is now \$110.00 plus \$5.00 per family member.

Senior Membership \$ 25.00 for members who have had continuous membership for 25 years and have reached the age of 62. This membership will not include lodge use.

RETURN FORM TO: Arlene Gazza P.O. Box 85 East Glastonbury, Ct. 06025

All membership fees and lodge use fees 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 - this means current address and phone number(s).

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2007

Membership renewal forms postmarked after August 1, 2007, will be returned for additional INITIATION fees of \$30.00, as you must then join as a *new member*. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Checks or Money Orders Only, DO NOT SEND CASH)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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 initial or continued membership, I/We voluntarily assume all the risks involved. By assuming all risks involved, I/We agree to not hold THE MANCHESTER SKI CLUB, it's 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 have read this release in full and understand it, and I hereby (we) apply for membership in THE MANCHESTER SKI CLUB, INC.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature (spouse): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: (PMD) _____ Check Amount: _____ Check #: _____

Manchester Ski Club
MEMBERSHIP PROFILE - Ski Season 2007 - 2008

Year that you joined the club: _____

Your names and ages: _____

What special *talents* or *abilities* do you have that you would be willing to offer to the club? (Plumber, electrician, accountant, lawyer, ski racing back ground, etc.) _____

What club jobs have you done in the past? _____

What jobs would you be interested in doing in the future? _____

How many membership meetings do you attend each year? _____

What would you like to see the club do in the future? _____

2007-2008 Club Fee Increases:

Between the inconsistent winter weather and the recent downturn in membership some fees have been increased to meet expenses for the 2007 - 2008 year. No major expenses beyond the basics are planned for the club until income goes up. The cure for this is to get membership levels back to where they used to be. If you know some good candidates for our club please have them consider joining.

New fees:

Lockers - \$20/yr to \$25/yr

Adult lodge member overnight fee - \$10/night to \$12 /night

Child lodge member overnight fee - \$9/night to \$10/night

Guest adult overnight fee - \$20/night to \$25/night

Guest child overnight fee - \$15/night to \$20/night

No changes to the membership fees

Pig Iron Sports Summer Activities:

Keep in shape this summer by joining the Wednesday afternoon bike rides at Pig Iron Sports on Main Street in Glastonbury. Every Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting. Pig Iron has group rides for bikers of all levels. The riders are grouped by ability and leave at 5:30 pm, so it is good to arrive at least 15 minutes early. Also, remember that MSC members get a 10% discount on goods and services at Pig Iron - just show your membership card.

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

Manchester Ski Clubbers,

I invite you to join our new RowBOC program for scullers. We are in the process of acquiring a few boats and may get some donated boats. The location of this dock is on the West River which runs into the CT River. Our Quonset Hut is located right across from the docks above the Marina Restaurant in Brattleboro. Our new dock was put in the water Wednesday. It came out well.

Dave

Brattleboro Outing Club

»» Contact Change for Lodge Reservations ««

Loisann Sisson will be handling reservations for the summer and fall. Contact her at 860-870-7471 or via email at j.sisson@snet.net. This will commence on May 1, 2007 and continue through Oct. 31, 2007.

CSC News and Events:

CSC website link is www.skiclub.com

CSC trip to Montreal Jazz Festival

The Danbury Ski Club is planning a trip to the Montreal Jazz Festival for the weekend of **June 29 thru July 1, 2007**. There are many acts performing simultaneously outside in different areas, so there is always something for everyone. This Jazz Festival package includes souvenirs and discounts on other paid concerts. This trip is open to Connecticut Ski Council members.

SAVE THE DATE – 2007 CSC Snow Ball – Windsor Marriott - Saturday, November 10, 2007. A Great Holiday Ball for all CSC Members

Every 3 years, each club must participate on a Snow Ball Committee to maintain membership in the Connecticut Ski Council. 2007 is our year. The Manchester Ski Club has requested the Security Committee. We will need a Security Committee Coordinator and members to work the day of the Snow Ball. Please contact Leigh Nelson if you are interested. This job will be much easier than the raffle we ran 3 years ago, especially if we have enough volunteers. The event is a large holiday ball event with live music dancing and a great time overall, with many raffle prizes from ski shops and other retail shops.

Explanation of Responsibilities by Committee

As a result of the surveys in the spring and summer and in an effort to increase the involvement of club members, it was decided to develop a "Committee Structure". This new effort requests that all adult members volunteer for one task during the year. It is estimated that each task represents approximately 5 to 7 hours throughout the year. If the task requires more time, free night vouchers at the lodge have been offered to compensate for your generosity. The numbers to the right represent the night vouchers offered for those tasks that are estimated to take more time. The Chairs are responsible for the oversight of their group. It is the hope that people will have an opportunity to maybe work together or get to know new members that they might not have otherwise met if it were not for this new opportunity.

As the 2007-2008 year is the first full year of having this new system in place, the Board decided to start with a clean slate, giving everyone an opportunity to try a new job, should they so choose. Thus, no one was automatically signed up for any job. This was announced and the chart was available at the last two club meetings. For those of you have already signed up for a job, new or old, thank you. If you have not, the chart is attached so that you can see what vacancies are remaining. If you would like to sign up for a job, please contact Donna Wertenbach at d.wertenbach@cedf.com.

Again thank you to everyone for helping to promote the club.

Responsibilities by Committee

Finance Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Gary Warzocha

Chair- Treasurer	Gary Warzocha	8
Contract management	Frank Salamon	2
Audit	Charlie Lyons	
Tax return	_____	
Voucher person	Leigh Nelson	
Locker oversight	Leigh Nelson	

CSC Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator-Leigh Nelson

Chair		2
Representatives		4
	Drew Kronk	4
	_____	4
	_____	4
CSC Programs		
CSC Races		
Coordinator for Snowball	Jeff Peck and Sue Annulli	

Club Race Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Paul Marchinetti

Chair	Preston Maynard	2
Support Person	Jon Hiller	
Trophy Person	Paul Marchinetti	

Membership Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Arlene Gazza

Chair	Arlene Gazza	8
Roster/database	_____	
Membership book/cards	Melinda Brown	
Surveys	_____	
New Member Meetings	_____	
Recruitment Team	Dave England	

Follow up on dropped Members	Sue Mears Louise Caudullo	

Work Assignment and Nominating Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Donna Wertenbach

Chair	_____	
Members	_____	

Reservations Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator-Lois Ann Sisson

Chair	_____	
Winter reservations	_____	8
Summer reservations	Lois Sisson	
Room assignments	lodge manager	
Attendance and money handling	Mark Worobel	2
Back up person	_____	

Ticket Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Brian Beal

Chair	Jon and Mary Ann Orzolek	8
Okemo Tickets	_____	8
Other Mountains	Phil and Paula Kelly	8
Discount Programs/stores-CT/VT	_____	
Mountain Privileges	_____	
Ticket Exchange	_____	

Communications Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Al Brunner

Chair + newsletter	Deb Celani	6
Website	Bernadette Nelson	1
	Rich Choma	1
Handbook	Nancy McGrath	
Video of lodge	_____	
Snail mail of newsletter	Kathie Eberhardt	

Program Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator- Nancy Fletcher

Chair	_____	2
Holiday Party	Dave England	
	Pat Folmsbee	
	Carol Mitchell	
	Russ Mitchell	
Kitchen, set up, clean up, and Prizes and raffle	_____	

Monthly meetings

Refreshments	Susan Annulli	
Raffle	Nancy Fletcher	
Raffle- donations	Sheila Klapatch	
Programs	_____	

Thank you notes	_____	
Outings	_____	2

Saturday night dinners

Line up cooks	Sandi Thorne
Stats on dinners/costs	
Reservations + \$ handling	Mark Worobel

Lodge Committee

Board Contact/Coordinator – Bill Jones

Chair	Byron Smith	8*
Monthly inventory/purchase of supplies	_____	2
Spring/fall housecleaning	Kevin Leyland	
Members	Cal Folmsbee	
	Jon Hiller	

*there are 10 additional nights available to be distributed by the Chair

Ludlow Area Events:

Check out various summer 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

Who Knew?

Ludlow will host the 10th Annual VT State Zucchini Festival
August 17th & 18th, 2007