



# MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

## October, 2007

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Please pay lodge overnight and dinner fees by check only  
CLUB WEBSITE [WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG](http://WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG)

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**President's Message:** We had a great program at the November meeting on November 5th. The BILLS were the men!! Many thanks to *Bill Jones* for getting *Bill Honeck* (Pig Iron Sports) for bringing in his friend, *Bill Hodkin*. Bill Hodkin, the Chief Brew Master for the Farmington River Brewing Company gave us a very interesting presentation on the micro-brewing process. He also brought samples for everyone at the meeting to take home. Items from the Board of Directors meeting include the following:

**Lodge Operations:** We owe a great many thanks to Byron Smith who has been our Lodge Operations Manager for about 10 years. Byron has put in countless hours keeping the lodge running smoothly and leading the work weekend teams during the summer & early fall months. He has decided to step down and in the interim Bill Jones, our Vice President will fill this position.

**Holiday Party Monday December 3rd:** Al Brunner has arranged for Brad Field to be our featured speaker at the Holiday Party, Monday December 3rd. **Brad is the Chief Meteorologist for NBC30 TV** and has been predicting New England weather since 1980. The annual Holiday Party is a great opportunity to get our membership together for great food, ticket pickup, raffle prizes and the inside scoop on this winter's weather! We look forward to a big turnout for this event. I hope to see you all there!

**Door prize donations** are being sought for the December Holiday party. This is a great way for those of you who are unable to help out on a committee or a work weekend to make a contribution to the club in the form of a door prize. Ski or snow related items would be very welcome. Notify one of the board members at the November member meeting if you can help out. As of this date we have Mt. Snow ski tickets, Berkshire East ski tickets, Ascutney ski tickets, MSC lodge vouchers and Saddleback ski tickets, and 4 \$25 coupons for Pig Iron Sports of Glastonbury.

**Tickets:** Ski tickets will be for sale at the Holiday Party. The tickets remaining will then be available for purchase at the lodge. The only accepted payment will be by check, separate from the nightly lodge fee, and payable at time of ticket purchase. (This means you need two separate checks.)

**Volunteer opportunities:** If you are still looking for a task (4-5 hr. of work for the club), the list will be available at the Holiday Party. If you are not sure exactly what is entailed, please ask one of the board members.

**Discounts:** In addition to the discounts offered to our membership at several local ski shops, Ski Butternut has a \$30 ski ticket for ski club members - just show your membership card at the group window (located left of the parking lot). Ski Butternut has donated 8 ski tickets to our club - see information in this newsletter.

Mary J. Sylvestre  
President MSC

**\*\*\*\*\* Manchester Ski Club Holiday Party\*\*\*\*\***

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Our annual holiday party will be held at the South Methodist Church on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always the club membership cards (needed for discounts) will be handed out as well as membership lists and the CSC discount tickets. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets after the distribution will be able to purchase them at the lodge in Ludlow, VT. – payable on delivery, by check only.**

## **Manchester Ski Club Holiday Party**

***Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the  
South United Methodist Church  
1208 Main St., Manchester, CT***

**Time:** Festivities start at 6:30 PM (Helpers arrive at **5:00 - 5:30**)  
Dinner 6:30 – 7:30  
Brief business meeting 7:30 – 8:00



**BRAD FIELD** Our featured Speaker for the Holiday party is NBC30 TV Chief meteorologist Brad Field. Brad has been with NBC 30 since March 1983. He has been awarded the American Meteorological Society's "Seal of Approval For Excellence In Television Weathercasting." Brad has also received awards for his coverage of Hurricane Gloria and the blizzards of 1995-'96. Brad is a New England native who received his bachelor of science degree in meteorology from the College of Pure and Applied Science at the University of Lowell, in Lowell, Mass. An avid sports fan, Brad enjoys hockey, baseball, skiing, and football.

**What to Bring** – Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring:

**I-N:** entrée of beef, chicken, fish or meatballs for 8-10

**O-Z:** potato, other starches, vegetable, or salad for 8-10

**A-H:** desserts or hors d'oeuvres for 8 to 10

- ◆ Please bring serving utensils; there is an oven and refrigerator on premises
- ◆ No smoking or alcohol allowed on the premises.
- ◆ Membership cards, MSC Handbook updates, Okemo tickets and raffle tickets will be distributed upon arrival.
- ◆ Committee/work task sign-ups will also be available. Pick your favorites first!

Contact Carol Mitchell at 860-688-6670 for offers to help!

**Directions:**

**Take Rt. 384 to Main St/Rt. 83 in Manchester; go toward the center of town, the Church is across the street from Carter Chevrolet. Parking is across the street from the church.**



**\$20 LIFT TICKETS!**  
MON TUES WED & THURS  
Excluding holiday periods.

**Ski Butternut**  
www.SkiButternut.com  
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**\$30 Sat & Sun Lift Tickets for SKI CLUB MEMBERS**  
\$20 savings off regular adult rate – show ID at Group Booth – no pre-purchase required

**Butternut Ski Area Deals:**

- > \$20 Lift Tickets every Mon., Tue., Wed., & Thur. (excluding holiday periods)
- > Affordable Season Passes - \$229 Adult, \$179 Jr, \$99 Sr 70+, \$69 Kids,
- > \$400 Corporate - Deadline Nov. 30.
- > Special \$30 Ski Club WEEKEND Lift Tickets. No bulk pre-purchase of lift tickets required. Members simply stop by our Group Sales Booth and show their membership card to get their special \$30 Ski Club Weekend Lift Ticket Rate. (Our \$30 weekend Ski Club Lift Ticket rate represents a \$20 savings off our regular weekend adult rate.)

**»»» 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](mailto:j.sisson@snet.net).**

**Killington Bulk Tickets:** Killington is not participating in the CSC discount ticket program this year. If you returned ticket hoping to buy new ones they will be returned to you. Killington will accept these tickets for use this season.

**Lodge News:**

Lois Ann Sisson will be handling reservations this year. A big THANKS to Frank Stadmeyer for his dedicated service over the past 6 years.

**AND \*\*\*\*** Loisann Sisson has graciously volunteered to be our new "cleaning lady". Please check with her if you're staying at the lodge & would like to help her out - it could earn you a voucher for a night's stay at the lodge!

**Racing News** - The annual Robert W. Blake Challenge Race; MSC's citizen racing for all ages, is scheduled for 10AM Sat. March 8th 2008 at Okemo. This will be followed by our club's post race party and awards. The Lysobee race date will be announced as soon as we hear (usually held on the first or second Saturday of February followed by the not to be missed post race party and awards ceremony at the Lysobey residence. More info on these events in the coming newsletters.

**MSC Returning to CSC Monday Night Racing** – Lou Gaedt has agreed to be our captain for the Connecticut Ski Council Ski Racing Series. This is a great way to sharpen your racing skills. If you are interested please contact Lou at 860-848-6672 [loiusgaedt@uconn.edu](mailto:loiusgaedt@uconn.edu) or check the CSC website



**Great Spring Deals!**

**\$20 LIFT TICKETS**  
 Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs Excluding holiday periods.  
**\$20 EVERY DAY** - 3/17 to end of season, including weekends

**SKI MARCH FREE!**  
 When you buy an 08/09 Season Pass



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**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*

**Lowering Our Carbon Footprint at the Lodge:** In some cases, the barn dorm in the lodge only has a few people staying in there over the week end. To be keeping the heat up is inefficient, and we need to mind the budget these days when our membership numbers are down. To address this some bunk beds will be moved from the dorm to the main house to allow the opportunity to keep the heating costs down for the barn.



**Season Passes**  
**\$229** adult    \$179 jrs    \$69 kids  
 Prices increase 12/1

**Buy a Lift Ticket 3-PACK**  
**Save \$10**  
 per ticket!  
 \$120 adult, \$90 jr. Offer ends 12/20



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**Brattleboro Outing Club welcomes MSC members to all their events.** Please check the following link for their summer schedule: [www.brattleborooutingclub.org](http://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*

**Jay Peak Ski Trip with the Mt. Laurel Ski Club** – March 2-7, 2008. 5 ½ days of skiing, 5 nights lodging, 5 2 hr. ski lessons, 5 buffet breakfasts, 5 dinners, Wine and Cheese party. 2 bedroom 4 person condos \$1900 (\$475 pp) or \$2396 (\$599pp) Deposit \$700 (\$175pp) or \$800 (\$200pp). No refunds on deposit after 12/10. Balance due 1/10. No refunds after 2/1. Checks payable to the Mt. Laurel Ski Club. Our MSC contact for this is Dave England, P.O. Box 330614, W. Hartford, CT. 06133-0614. For info contact Dave England (cell) 860-614-1348 or Jenny Ebner (cell) 860-402-6232 (email) [jennyebner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennyebner@sbcglobal.net)

## ***CSC News and Events:***

CSC website link is [www.skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com)

The CSC SNOW Ball “Downhill Dreams” held at the Windsor Marriott on November 10 was a great success with close to a thousand club members from all over Connecticut attending. The live music was excellent and the dance floor was rocking! Even the band was pups to have such an enthusiastic audience to play for. This year our clubs job was to sell raffle tickets for the hundreds for door prizes donated by the attending clubs. Many thanks to Sue Annulli, Jeff Peck and Don Eberhardt for organization, and thanks to our ticket sellers Donna and Jon Jackman, Al and Gye Brunner, Paul Marchetti, Nancy McGrath and Carol Mitchell. Also, congratulations to the winners: Jeff Peck – new Volkl skis, Sue Annulli – Channel perfume, and Nancy McGrath – new ski equipment bag

**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:** A preliminary copy of the CSC Awareness days ski ticket discounts is available on the CSC website. [www.skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com)

## **Ludlow Area Events:**

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

[www.vacationinvermont.com](http://www.vacationinvermont.com)

[www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com)

[www.killington.com](http://www.killington.com)

[www.vtliving.com](http://www.vtliving.com)

For more upcoming events at Okemo, contact the following: [oksunlistman@okemo.com](mailto:oksunlistman@okemo.com)

## **Saturday Night Suppers - 2007-2008**

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.

### **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](mailto: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  
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WILBRAHAM, MA 01095

## MANCHESTER SKI CLUB DINNER CALENDAR 2007-2008

January 5, 2008	EB -Pasta & meat, with Salad & dessert _____
January 12, 2008	_____ _____
January 19, 2008	_____ _____
January 26, 2008	_____ _____
February 2, 2008	_____ _____
February 9, 2008	_____ RACE - Inter-Club - NO DINNER
February 16, 2008	_____ _____
February 23, 2008	_____ _____
March 1, 2008	_____ _____

March 8, 2008 RACE- BOB BLAKE

March 15, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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March 22, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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March 29, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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April 5, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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April 19, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SIGN UP for FUN and FRIENDSHIP!**