



MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

November 2010

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Please pay lodge overnight and dinner fees by check only

CLUB WEBSITE WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG

Message from the President:

Ski season is here! Okemo is scheduled to open on Saturday, November 20th. I hope your skis are waxed and your edges are sharp. I know mine are.

Our annual ski sale and swap was a success, with merchandise from two ski shops and some used swap items being offered at the Illing school in Manchester. Each year we try to build on the previous years' experiences. This year we added to the sale by adding the swap component where folks could bring in their used equipment.

As a reminder to those who stay at the lodge in Ludlow - when you leave, please ensure that the doors are closed and locked. This past weekend a member arrived to find the door ajar and unlocked.

The annual storage locker drawing was held at the November MSC Board meeting. Historically we have had twelve lockers and about fourteen members in the drawing. Last year we added three more lockers, and demand again outstripped the number available. This summer the lodge committee added three more lockers for a total of eighteen. Again demand has exceeded the supply, with twenty-three members asking for lockers. Unfortunately that means that five members did not get lockers - luck of the draw. We will look at the possibility of adding more storage lockers next year.

Initial reports are that some of the second floor rooms may be uncomfortably warm now that we have added insulation in that part of the house. We will be monitoring the heat and making adjustments as needed.

The annual Holiday Party will be held on December 6th this year in the church's downstairs hall. Membership cards and discount tickets will be distributed at the party. We will also be voting on proposed bylaws changes at the meeting, so be sure to be there to vote. The proposed changes include wording to clarify rules regarding harassment, and also a proposal to create a new class of membership. The club has suffered attrition in recent years, much of it to 'virtual clubs' that have very low membership costs. The proposal is to create a membership class to allow our club to better compete with those clubs for members who are interested in the CSC benefits, but not in club activities, meetings, or the use of the lodge.

I hope to see you all at the holiday party. Until then - Think Snow.

Bill Jones, President MSC

Holiday Party
Cooper Hall at South United Methodist Church
1208 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040
December 6, 2010

Festivities start at 6:00 p.m. (Helpers arrive at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.)
Tickets and Membership cards available 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m
Brief Business Meeting follows the Program

What to bring:

A - H Salad, vegetable, potato, other staches for 8-10

I - N Desserts or hors d'oeuvres for 8-10

O - Z Entrée of beef, chicken, fish or meatballs for 8-10

Please bring serving utensils: there is an oven and refrigerator on premises.

No Smoking or alcohol allowed.

Membership cards, Okemo tickets and raffle tickets will be distributed.

Committee/work task sign-up sheet will be available. Pick your favorite!

Directions: From 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.

Note: There will not be a Club Meeting in January.

Okemo www.okemo.com

Learn to Ski or Snowboard program – Monday, November 29 – Friday, December 24.

Free Lower-mountain lift ticket, level 1 beginner group lesson and introductory level rental equipment. Reservation required (802) 228-1600.

Okemo Cares and Shares Food Drive Day – December 19

Bring at least 3 nonperishable food items to the ticket window, ski/ride for \$35.

The Mountain Coaster – Timber Ripper due to open December 11!

Connecticut Ski Council News (skiclub.com)

The CSC Snowball, *Snowbound* is Saturday, November 20th, 8pm to 1pm at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott.

Tickets are still available at the door, \$25.

2010-2011 Monday Night Racing will start December 27th at Mount Southington.

Contact Lou Gaedt for more information (lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net)

The On Snow Weekend Carnival 2011 begins Friday, March 4th through Sunday, March 6th.

It will be held at Mount Snow and will be a great weekend. A preliminary schedule has been posted.

CSC Awareness Days are available on the website, skiclub.com. Just remember to bring your CSC membership card when purchasing your ticket or when using your CSC Bulk ticket.

Amateur Ski Association – ASIA will have a refresher course for Level I certification at Okemo.

CSC Season Discounts 2010-2011. Mountains participating include the following:

Bolton Valley, Butternut, Catamount, Mohawk, Mount Snow, Stowe, Ski Sundown & Thunder Ridge
Specific requirements on the website.

MSC 2010-2011 Race Dates & Information

Club

- December-CSC Monday night racing-Mount Southington (8 consecutive weeks)
- Feb 4th -Nastar race training day-Okemo
- Feb 5th -INTER CLUB RACE (Lysobee Race)-Okemo
- Feb 26th -Blake Race (club race)-Okemo
- Mar 4-6 -CSC Winter Carnival-Mount Snow

Fun

- Dec 11th - Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge-Okemo (snocountry.com)
- Fri-Sat-Sun-Nastar racing-Okemo (nastar.com) sign up as club member-track yourself via website.

Individual

- ASRA-American Ski Racing Association-schedule & details (asra.org)
- NEMasters-New England Masters-schedule & details (nemasters.org)

For further information contact Lou Gaedt (lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net)

November Ski Swap and Sale

The MSC and the Illing Middle School were each able to take home a \$132.00 profit.

Thanks to New England Ski and Scuba and Alpine Haus for participating! Also, thanks to those who brought in their gently used equipment to sell.

Thanks to Dave England for coordinating, and to everyone from the MSC and the Illing Middle School who volunteered to help make this a successful event!

Lodge News

The Locker Lottery was held at the last Board Meeting. Three new lockers were built this year during the Lodge Work Weekends. Their completion was just in time for the Lottery.

Locker Number Assignments:

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| 1. Mendez | 10. Guerrero | Alternates: |
| 2. Alcorn | 11. Gazza | 1. Johnson |
| 3. Casey | 12. Raynor | 2. Deutz |
| 4. Eden | 13. Jones | 3. Orzolek |
| 5. Klapatch | 14. Wertenbach | 4. Gaedt |
| 6. Wallace | 15. Lyons | 5. Thorne |
| 7. Wardrop | 16. Hiller | |
| 8. Sylvestre | 17. Leyland | |
| 9. Choma | 18. Knight | |

Lodge Work Day, November 6th

Many projects were on the list of things to do. Here are a few that were crossed off the list.

The lockers were painted, nonstick tape applied to the stairs leading to the third floor and the lower steps of the kitchen stairs. The furniture in the game room was given a thorough vacuuming. The cellar stair area was vacuumed (upper landing, stairs and ceilings to get rid of the cobwebs) New switches were installed in the kitchen stairway and for the new refrigerator, the boot room was vacuumed/including under the boot rack, spackled and painted remaining spots in the ski room. New signage for the bulletin board, new kitchen trashcans were purchased and labeled for recycling, touched up ski racks, hung tool racks for the ski room and the top of cellar stairs. The dining room hutch was emptied, shelves and drawers cleaned, games cleaned up and moved to the game room. Games with too many parts missing were discarded. The photos and papers were organized. Shades in the dining room were replaced with mini blinds. Several sections of the leaking drainpipe in the basement have been repaired. A mold killer was sprayed on the wall where the sewer drain goes into the street. So much was accomplished in a short time thanks to the organizational skills of Mark Reitsma.

Many, many thanks to Bill Lawler, MaryAnn and Jon Orzolek. Sandy Thorne and Mark Reitsma!

New Year's Party to be held at the Lodge!

More details to follow.

Reservations

Make your reservations for the Holiday weeks early. Jon Orzolek and Liz Guerrero are sharing the job of monitoring reservations.

New Member Welcome

On behalf of the board of directors I'd like to welcome the following new members to the club for 2010-2011.

Katie Wandzy
Jason Turgeon
Lincoln LeFebvre
Glenn & Chris Stoloff
Jennifer Barrineau
Mark Durney
Doug Mantz
Ed, Fiona, Britt, Kieran, Taylor, Peyton and Malakai Moore
James, Kathleen, Bridget, Elizabeth and Meghan O'Neil
John Papajohn III
Steven DeSanti

Regards,
Jon Hiller
MSC Membership

MSC Officers – 2010-2011

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