



# MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

## October, 2007

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Manchester Ski Club Lodge, 4 Pleasant St., Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-2226  
Reservations: [j.sisson@snet.net](mailto: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](http://WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG)

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### **President's Message:**

It was really great to see so many members, especially the new members, at our first meeting which was held October 1st. Welcome all - new & returning members - to Manchester Ski Club! Happenings at the Board meeting include discussion on:

**Membership/recruitment:** is still lower than it has been. Pamphlets have been placed in some local sports shops, MD & DDS offices, and to some youth groups. Many of the board members as well as some of the current members have already signed up new members. The board would like to challenge the rest of you to each recruit one new member- talk to people in your neighborhood, church, or where you work. Tell them of the benefits of belonging to our club- discounted ski tickets including the CSC awareness days & especially the fact that our club is one of a handful that has a lodge. Besides our club website, we have pamphlets & business cards available for distribution. Contact Arlene Gazza, the membership chair: email - [agazza@att.net](mailto:agazza@att.net) or phone (860) 423-2312 for member information.

**Volunteer opportunities:** if you have not signed up for a task (4-5 hr. of work for the club) the following opportunities are available:

- Eight (8) people are needed to sell raffle tickets at the CSC Snowball on Sat. Nov. 10 and should start sometime between 7:15 & 8 pm, as people arrive for the dance (the dance is from 8 pm to 1am). That should continue with "shifts" until about 9:30 - 9:45 pm. The actual DRAWINGS will take place at 10 pm. Contact Jeff Peck (860) 647-1947 or Sue Annulli (860) 646-0493 if you can help out. Remember, our attendance is mandatory in order to fulfill our commitment to the CSC and keep our discount ticket status!
- One (1) or two (2) people are needed to man the MSC booth at the Glastonbury High School ski sale/swap on Sat. Nov. 17 from 8am to noon, located in the cafeteria.
- One (1) or two (2) people are needed to man the MSC booth at the Manchester Road Race Sports Expo to be held in the gym at the Nathan Hale School on Spruce St. on Sat. Nov. 17 from 8am to noon.

**Work weekend:** was held the weekend of Sept. 29/30. Besides cleaning the house, some repairs were made to the showers (both men's & women's), leaking toilet fixed, repairs to room 7 & upstairs hallway, weather seals replaced on some doors, mowed & weed whacked around the house, & several dump runs. Thanks to Byron Smith, Bill Jones, Mark Worobel, Sandy Thorne, Cal Folmsbee, and Margaret Kehoe for helping out! The weekend of Oct. 13/14, Bill Jones & Lou Gaedt put up FRP in the men's shower to keep mold down & make cleaning easier. Lou is also putting a proposal together about replacing the front door.

**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.

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

**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.***

**»» 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).

**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!

**November Membership Meeting :** The next membership meeting of the year will be held **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** at the South Methodist Church, corner of Hartford Rd. and South Main St. in Manchester. Our meeting program will focus on the art of beer brewing! **Bill Honeck from Pig Iron will bring in a brew master to discuss beer brewing! (Program will be from 7:30-8:00, followed by the business meeting, per board decision).** No, there will not be any samples, as the Church does not allow alcoholic beverages.

**Racing News** - The annual Robert W. Blake Challenge Race; MSC's citizen racing for all ages, is scheduled for 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.

**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***

**Locker Lottery:** This year there have been more persons applying for lodge lockers than the number of lockers available. The Board of Directors held a lottery at the 9/10 board meeting with the following results:

Locker 1 – A. Knight, Locker 2 – A. Gazza, Locker 3 – N. McGrath, Locker 4 G. Sylvestre, Locker 5 – F. Stadmeyer, Locker 6 – S. Thorne, Locker 7 – D. Schain, Locker 8 – B. Jones, Locker 9 – N. Fletcher, Locker 10 – L. Sisson, Locker 11 – T. Spiller, Locker 12 – M. Kehoe.

The Board will make available 2 cubbies each for the remaining members who requested lockers: L. Johnson, J. Orzolek, C. Lyons, L. Gaedt. The cubbies are large enough to fit plastic tubs.

**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 weekend. 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.

### **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.

**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)

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

**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*

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

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

**CSC Snowball drink contest:** The Connecticut Ski Council will be sponsoring a favorite drink contest. The Snowball committee of the CSC is looking for a drink and a name to go with the drink that relates to skiing and/or the theme (the theme this year is *Downhill Dreams*). All suggestions are due to Kristine Johnson, CSC Ambassador (860-243-1304 or [kjo408@aol.com](mailto:kjo408@aol.com)) before October 9.

**CSC Awareness Days:** A preliminary copy of the CSC Awareness days ski ticket discounts is available on the CSC website. We will post the final addition of the list in next month's newsletter.

**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 requested the Security Committee, but we got the raffle committee again. We will need Eight (8) people to sell raffle tickets at the CSC Snowball on Sat. Nov. 10 from about 7:15 to 9:45 pm (the dance is from 8pm to 1am; see details in President's Message above). Contact Jeff Peck (860) 647-1947 or Sue Annulli (860) 646-0493 if you can help out. 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.

## **Ski Swaps/Manchester Road Race – Volunteers needed!**

We need 1 or 2 volunteers to help distribute member forms & be available to answer questions about MSC at each of the following events. Members can contact a board member if interested in helping out.

### **Ski Sundown Annual Ski Patrol Ski Swap**

**Date of Event:** 11/02/2007 to 11/04/2007

In Ski Sundown's base lodge, Fri., Nov. 2 from 4pm to 9pm; Sat., Nov. 3 from 10am to 9pm and Sun., Nov. 4 from 10am to 4pm. Sale of new and used equipment and clothing. Cash or check only; no credit/debit cards accepted. Items may be dropped off beginning at 4pm on Fri., Nov. 2 and up until 2pm on Sat., Nov. 3. No "straight" skis accepted and bindings must meet DIN standards. Ski Patrol retains 20% of each item price if sold. Items not sold must be picked up at 4pm on Sunday.

**Contact Phone:** 860-379-7669

**Contact Email Address:** [customerservice@skisundown.com](mailto:customerservice@skisundown.com)

**Glastonbury High School Ski Club swap/sale:**

## **SKI & SNOWBOARD**



## ***SALE & SWAP***

**New & Used Equipment, Clothing & Accessories**

**Glastonbury High School  
Saturday, November 17, 2007  
8:00am to 12:00pm**

All proceeds benefit GHS Ski & Snowboard Club

**Checks / Cash Only**

**Bring in your used equipment  
on Friday, November 16 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the GHS cafeteria.**

**Consignments *will* be accepted only on all size Snowboards and Boots, Ski Equipment incl. X-country, all size Ski & Snowboard Clothing & Ice skates**

**Ski lengths no greater than 160 unless parabolic "shaped" skis and boots no larger than girls size 7 or boys size 8 unless not more that 2 years old**

Any questions? Call 652-7200 x52325 or e-mail: [zelekt@glastonburyus.org](mailto:zelekt@glastonburyus.org)

### **The Manchester Road Race Sports EXPO**

Join us on Saturday, November 17, at the Nathan Hale School Gym on Spruce St. in Manchester from 8:00 - Noon. We will need 1-2 volunteers to man our booth to get the word out about the MSC.

## **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  
2 MIRICK LANE  
WILBRAHAM, MA 01095

## MANCHESTER SKI CLUB DINNER CALENDAR 2007-2008

January 5, 2008 EB -Pasta & meat, with Salad & dessert  
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January 12, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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January 19, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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January 26, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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February 2, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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February 9, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ RACE - Inter-Club - NO DINNER

February 16, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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February 23, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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March 1, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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!**