



MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

October 2010

Manchester Ski Club, P.O. Box 1267, Manchester, CT 06045

Manchester Ski Club Lodge, 4 Pleasant St., Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-2226

Reservations: ManchesterSkiClub@gmail.com or call Jon Orzolek (860-828-8124)

Please pay lodge overnight and dinner fees by check only

CLUB WEBSITE WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. Winter is definitely just around the corner as I have already had to clear the leaves from our yard two times.

Due to a number of member requests we have decided to change the membership meeting start time from 7:30 to 7:00. This should make things easier for those who have to be at work the following day. Be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

The first MSC membership meeting was held on October 4th and we had an excellent turnout. Robin Rhoades, a dietitian from Hartford Hospital, was able to speak at the beginning of the meeting. She gave a very interesting presentation regarding diet, especially as it pertains to diabetes. The speaker at the November meeting will be a boot fitter from Alpine Haus. He will be speaking about the importance of proper boot fit; a topic that is particularly relevant at this time of year. Hope to see you all there!

The Manchester Ski Club Sale and Swap is scheduled for November 4th at the Illing Middle School in Manchester, CT. New and used equipment will be on sale at excellent prices, so try to take advantage of this opportunity. Also, try to get the word out to your friends.

The Lodge Improvement Committee and a host of club volunteers have done a fantastic job updating the lodge in Ludlow over the summer. The ski storage room has been completely redone including the addition of some very impressive new ski racks. The new commercial refrigerator has been placed in the kitchen. Rooms 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 on the second floor have been re-insulated. Also, three new storage cubbies have been constructed on the second floor of the lodge. The drawing for cubbie assignments will be at the end of October so make sure to get a check in to Jon Hiller if you would like one.

The nightly lodge stay charge was last increased to \$15 (adult) in 2005. While the cost for maintaining the lodge has increased significantly in the interim, we have been able, with one temporary exception, to hold the line on costs to members. We have now reached a point where that is no longer possible. In order to bring club income into better alignment with the club expenses, this winter we will reluctantly be raising the adult cost to stay at the lodge from \$15 to \$20 per night. The children's cost per night will remain at \$10.

An additional work weekend has been scheduled for November 6th to finish these projects and clean up. We need volunteers. Please contact Mark Reitsma markre@cox.net if you can make it.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting, November 1st at 7:00

Connecticut Ski Council News (www.skiclub.com)

Snowball *Snowbound*- Saturday, November 20th, 8pm -1pm
Hartford Windsor Marriott.
28 Day Hill Road, Windsor 860-688-7500
Live music by Steppin' Out

Tickets are available from Paula Deutz (860-290-1221) \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.
Discount rooms are available at the Hartford Windsor Marriott for CSC members if reserved by November 6th.

The Manchester Ski Club will be in charge of the security detail. We need 3-5 people in rotating shifts.
Volunteers contact Paula Deutz. (uniquitous@comcast.net)

2010-2011 Monday Night Racing

Contact Lou Gaedt (lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net)
Mt. Southington Monday Night Racing- Fee is \$30

Check the website for the Connecticut Ski Council Awareness Days 2010-2011

Mark your Calendar! OnSnow Winter Carnival is the first weekend in March at Mount Snow.

Ski Butternut Offer

Ski Butternut offers CSC members discounts Sat., Sun., and all midweek holidays. (except MLK 1/16-18, 2010; and Presidents 2/13 – 15, 2010. Lift tickets - \$35; Equipment rentals - \$25; Group lesson - \$15. Valid club and CSC ID required. Not valid in conjunction with any other discount.

Contact: groups@SkiButternut.com at least one week prior to arrival

LODGE NEWS

Locker Assignments will be by Lottery at the November Board meeting.

Send in \$25 with your request to:

Kevin Leyland, 309 East Shore Drive, Colchester, CT 06415.

LODGE WORK DAY

We've gotten a lot accomplished during the warmer weather. Thanks to our volunteers.

But we need to finish a few projects and get it "ship shape" for the Ski Season.

Join us on Saturday, November 6.

Contact Mark Reitsma (marker@cox.net)

Regular maintenance of the facility has occurred along with several improvements.

The slate roof required yearly maintenance, the furnace has been cleaned and a power exhaust system for the rear heating unit replaced, the rugs in the dining room, hallway and stairs have been cleaned, a new commercial refrigerator has replaced two aging refrigerators and the second floor bedrooms have been reinsulated. In our efforts to keep costs down, we rely on club member participation. We have many talented volunteers who have helped build new cubbies, lockers, ski racks, paint, clean, repaired broken items, wash windows and mowed the grass. It's a great group!

Please consider contributing in any amount to the "Mattress Fund". The club can provide documentation of the tax-deductible donation.

Here is some helpful information from Sandy Thorne.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER Cooking Rules

Note to COOKING MEMBERS:

In an effort to REIMBURSE the COOK/COOKS as quickly as possible, and allow them to provide a more substantial dinner, we are making the following REVISIONS to the SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER rules. Please note that the SHOPPING COSTS have been raised, to meet current increase in grocery prices.

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) **\$5.00**.

The COOK/COOKS will be responsible for collecting the funds for the meal. Payment may be made by check or CASH on Saturday night, TO the COOK. The cooking member does not pay for his/her meal. The COOKING MEMBER will calculate the COST vs the EXPENSES and REIMBURSE themselves and send the BALANCE with the REIMBURSEMENT SHEET to the Dinner Coordinator.

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. **COLLECT the payments from those eating.** ALL dining members will clean up after dinner. (Cooks are exempt)

Food costs should be calculated at **\$6.00** per adult & **\$4.00** per child. 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 10 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.

To SIGN UP to COOK contact: Sandy Thorne = sgt40@charter.net
2 Mirick Lane, Wilbraham. MA .

1-413-596-9497 or 413-478-9877

Ski and Snowboard Sale

When: Thursday, November 4, 2010

Where: Illing Middle School
227 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Setup Time: 4:30 pm

Participants: Alpine Haus
New England Ski and Scuba
Manchester Ski Club
Illing Middle School Ski & Snowboard Club
Public may also sell equipment

Co-sponsored by: Manchester Ski Club and Illing Middle School Ski and Snowboard Club
80% return on the sale of your items; 20% benefits both clubs

Cash or Check only- All Sales Final

Club Meeting is Monday, November 1st at 7pm.

Program: Demonstration on Boot Fitting by Alpine Haus
Raffle
Business Meeting
Location: Upstairs in the South United Methodist Church
1208 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Note the time change from 7:30pm to 7:00pm

Mark your calendar for The Holiday Party - Monday, December 6th, 6:30 pm
South United Methodist Church
Manchester, CT