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Presidents Message

Dear fellow members,

The Superbowl, Winter Olympics, Okemo Interclub race and our own Robert Blake race, have led us to have a great winter season thus far in at the club!

Did you see the talent on the NASTAR course during our races? You would have thought the venue was Sochi transformed, complete with a stray set of cowbells. The Interclub race was loaded with over 100 racers between four clubs! Our beloved MSC was right there in the hunt. The club was well represented from well-seasoned vets to the fledgling likes of New Jersey's own Connor Corbett. I think he skis like he must sail! Fast!

The racing was capped off with a social and awards at Mt. Laurel's new digs right up Rt 100 from MSC. A big thank you to them for hosting us.

Also in racing news, the Robert Blake Challenge race was held and another marquis event has been completed. This year saw seasoned veterans and 1st timers that I won't mention by name (but Olivia, Jane and Jane know who I'm talking about). The smiles at the party said it all.

The board has amended our reservation policy. Please note the change below.

"In an effort to facilitate better planning for making guests reservations, the board of directors has agreed to change the reservation policy. Members can make guest lodge reservations two weeks prior to a requested weekend. If the lodge fills within the two week period, guests will not be bumped by members. Please remember that you can still have two outstanding reservations at any time. We expect that this new policy will allow us to generate more income and allow better

planning to have friends stay with us at the lodge.”

This past week we lost a dear member and friend of the Manchester Ski Club. Mark Reitsma, who fought valiantly to defy cancer, passed away. Mark had become a valued member of the board as he coordinated, planned and diligently laid out the groundwork for our most recent lodge improvements.

As a tribute to Mark, with his wife Bonnie, and son's Ryan and Steven's blessing, a rose from Mark's service was placed atop Okemo this weekend. Please honor his memory when at the club...he did so much for us, we could never thank him enough.

Jon H.

BOD SLATE FOR 2014-2015

The nominating committee recommends the following list of board of directors for the upcoming 2014/15 year:

President - Jon Hiller
Vice President - John Mendes
Secretary - Lexi Jones
Treasurer - Jon Sisson
Lodge Manager - Bob Klapatch
Newsletter - Kristen Orzolek
Web Manager - Mark Novakowski
Past President - Jon Orzolek

Please join us at our April Meeting (details in the March newsletter) to nominate and vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The board of directors would like to announce that it has accepted Kevin Leyland's resignation as club treasurer. The board and club thank Kevin for his many years of service to the club. In the interim, Jon Sisson has agreed to serve as treasurer.

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Blake Race Results

Well folks, another fantastic edition of the R Blake Challenge race is in the books. From the lively camaraderie the night before the race to friendly competition on the hill, its safe to say that most, if not all enjoyed a fantastic day skiing with friends and family. Okemo granted us a gift of spring skiing, blue bird skies, temperatures reaching almost to the low forties and no wind. I think its safe to say that we have some very promising up and coming racers on our hands. Lou better look out!! The race results are posted below. You can also check out the results on Nastar.com and see where you stand against the world, you may be surprised at how awesome you are!

A special round of thanks to those that help keep this event on track. Thanks for the awesome dinner that Aimee and Mike brought and prepared. Additional thanks to Sandra, Deb, Joan, Margaret, Win, (yes I saw him in there), Loisann, Lou & Maryanne for racing and award coordination. We couldn't pull this off without you!

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Combine</i>	<i>Lower Time</i>	<i>Handicap Factor Best</i>
Lou Gaedt Sr	21.00	21.30	42.30	21.00	88% 18.48
Jon Orzolek	22.25	22.14	44.39	22.14	84% 18.60
Kristen Orzolek	22.71	22.39	45.10	22.39	96% 21.49
Jon Hiller	23.30	23.46	46.76	23.30	88% 20.50
Sean Murnane	23.32	24.20	47.52	23.32	100% 23.32
Peter Casey	24.29	23.90	48.19	23.90	88% 21.03
Mike Marran	24.86	25.97	50.83	24.86	88% 21.88
Mary Anne Orzolek	26.21	26.61	52.82	26.21	84% 22.02
John Germano	26.47	26.89	53.36	26.47	88% 23.29
Bill Parcels	28.52	26.17	54.69	26.17	96% 25.12
Spencer Sisson	27.34	28.25	55.59	27.34	100% 27.34
Win Raynor	28.20	27.97	56.17	27.97	88% 24.61
Lois Ann Sisson	28.59	28.33	56.92	28.33	84% 23.80
Julio Guerrero	29.47	29.06	58.53	29.06	88% 25.57
Peter Carnes	29.01	29.60	58.61	29.01	80% 23.21
Bob Parcels	29.76	29.20	58.96	29.20	88% 25.70
Joan Youngs	29.85	29.34	59.19	29.34	76% 22.30
Skip Couture	30.12	30.07	60.19	30.07	84% 25.26
Matt Schmitt	30.55	30.81	61.36	30.55	88% 26.88
Jon Sisson	32.09	31.72	63.81	31.72	88% 27.91
Jane Sherman	32.30	31.89	64.19	31.89	100% 31.89
Charles Traynor	31.31	33.13	64.44	31.31	80% 25.05
Tim Strelevitz	33.90	31.38	65.28	31.38	88% 27.61
Jane Darris	33.35	33.03	66.38	33.03	100% 33.03
Olivia Strelevitz	35.69	33.98	69.67	33.98	100% 33.98
Aimee Whalen	34.48	48.83	83.31	34.48	84% 28.96

Volunteers are Needed.

We are looking for volunteers for a financial committee to develop a plan to secure the finances for the sprinkler system and lodge improvements. We have submitted a plan to complete the sprinkler system over the next three years, however, if possible, we would like to install the system within two years.

We also are putting together a committee for the lodge improvements and believe we currently have enough volunteers, the two groups will work together to establish a spendable plan.

If you are interested please contact Bob Klapatch - email - rklay@comcast.net

TICKET VOUCHER IMPORTANT UPDATE

The board would like to remind folks that there are roughly 20 Okemo tickets still available for purchase through the club for the end of the 2013-2014 ski season. Please contact Jon Orzolek svmarisa1@gmail.com for more details.

Don't forget that we still have the end of season barbeque and slush cup to participate in, and whether you like it or not, mother nature is not done with us yet! Forecast this week shows snow, and lots of it! Come make the best of what the end of winter/early spring skiing has to offer!

ST PATRICKS DINNER TO BE HELD AT SKI CLUB NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 15TH!!

Lois Ann has graciously decided to cook a decadent Irish feast at the lodge on Saturday March 15th 2014. Come watch the Festevol concert featuring the Pete Kilpatrick Band and Matisyahu at Jackson Gore, and spend an evening with good cheer and great food at the lodge. Dinner is ten dollars a person, please contact Lois Ann if you intend to participate and note your dinner preference when you make a reservation! j.sisson@snet.net



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Lodge Reminders:

For reservations email to manchesterskiclub@gmail.com or submit reservation from the website (please make sure your arrival date is checked correctly in the checkbox)

- Please remember to take home whatever you brought up with you – we have 160 lodge members and space is at a premium.
- Please insure that dishes and utensils are washed, dried and put away after use.
- *If you are feeling ill – do not come up and endanger the health of other members.*
- Please be respectful of the posted quiet hours.
- You can have two outstanding reservations at one time. It is suggested that you book one ahead for busy holidays and or race weekends.
- To allow for additional revenue and solidifying confirmations/reservations for guests, please make your reservations by *Tuesday of the upcoming weekend*. Members who make reservations after Tuesday 8:00 PM will not be able to bump guests who confirmed their reservations by the specified date and time. Also, reservations after Tuesday are first come first served for members and guests.

Please note that through the secured side of the website (where you need to log in with your ID and password) a calendar is available to show you who is staying at the lodge.

PLEASE CLOSE FIRE DOORS DURING SLEEPING HOURS