

# MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

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### Presidents Message

Dear fellow members,

Summer has arrived! It seems almost yesterday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) that I was on the slopes with Donna Plen enjoying the last vestiges of an Okemo winter. Now the hillsides are busy with summer concerts, bikers and golf carts.

We unofficially closed out the 2013-2014 year and started the next by voting on the new season's board of director slate as proposed by the nominating committee. This was done at our April meeting. I'd like to thank those that continue to serve on the board, and special thanks to Jon Sisson who will serve the club formally as treasurer.

Also at the meeting we had a presentation by Next Step Living, a residential energy efficiency company that provides services and consultation folks like you save money. The company is offering incentives for members and friends by which the club will receive a cash benefit for those that have an audit. There are further details in the newsletter.

I'd like thank all of our club members for their participation this year, especially our new members. I hope this year will be the beginning of many more to come.

We don't have a set plan for lodge projects as of this writing but there will be calls for volunteers in the near future. Also, we'd love to get the lodge utilized more in the off season so be sure to take a look at some proposed events set in Vermont. There are details within the newsletter. The summer rates will remain the same as the winter rates.

Enjoy Spring,

JH- MSC President

## ***Ticket Return Reminder***

Regarding ticket returns for this year, we had a greater amount of returns than we normally see. As a club we returned nearly 50 percent of our purchased ticket vouchers. As you all know the amount that the individual mountains credit us back is something of an unknown and can be affected by the amount of returns. Please take this into consideration as we move into the summer season.

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## ***First MSC Work Weekend June 7th!!***

Its that time of the year again, folks. As you well know the club has put a lot of effort into renovating and updating our shared winter home the past few years. This would not be possible without the help of our membership's participation in our volunteer work weekends. I ask you to please consider joining us June 7th as we desperately need help cleaning up, touching up and more. As a club that relies on volunteerism to get things done, your assistance is much appreciated. Please contact Bob Klapatch if you plan on coming up one or both days ([rklay@comcast.net](mailto:rklay@comcast.net)).

To further entice your assistance, our club as received an invitation to Mt Laurel's Ski Club on June 7th for an open house. Our new club neighbor is celebrating the completion of their new lodge. The party is June 7th from 3-7pm. Lite fare, soda, water, BYOB. RSVP to Jonathan Houck at [JJHouck@cox.net](mailto:JJHouck@cox.net).

What better way to end a hard day of lodge work than a party with ski friends?

## ***Membership Renewal***

Membership renewal forms will be posted on the website on or around June 1st. Our newsletter editor will send out reminders once posted. Please consider sending in your renewal early this year so we don't bombard our membership chair all at once in the fall!

<http://manchesterskiclub.org/membership.cfm>

# This is Your Chance!

The Manchester Ski Club is teaming up with whole-home energy solutions provider Next Step Living to help members save energy and money.

**For each completed Home Energy Solutions<sup>SM</sup> assessment that is requested here, Next Step Living will contribute \$25 to the Manchester Ski Club.**

Here's your chance to make your home more comfortable and efficient, while supporting Manchester Ski Club! For each completed assessment, Next Step Living will donate \$25 or \$50. [Sign up online now](#) or call Next Step Living at 877-867-8729.

## Not Sure What All This Means?

[Home Energy Solutions \(HES\)](#) is what most people know as an energy audit or assessment. For \$99 (for homes heated with oil/propane) or \$75 (for homes heated with gas/electric), two utility- and BPI-certified technicians spend 4-6 hours in your home to provide you with the following:

- Blower door test to determine where your home is losing energy
- Seal up the leaks and cracks using caulk, weather-stripping, and door sweeps
- Installation of up to 40 Compact Fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- Installation of faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads
- A summary of the work done and estimated cost savings
- Customized recommendations for additional energy savings
- Access to rebates and tax incentives available only through this program

HES is a program that is partially funded by YOU on your electricity bill and is a great first step to deeper energy savings. Plus Next Step Living will donate \$25 to MSC. Sign up now by [clicking here!](#)

[Ductless Mini-Split](#) (high efficiency heating and cooling systems) and [Solar PV](#) assessments are both available **at no cost to you!** These 90-minute assessments are a great opportunity to ask questions specific to your home and get a quote that is good for 1 year. Next Step Living will donate \$50 for every completed Ductless Mini-Split or Solar assessment. Sign up now!



Next Step Living<sup>TM</sup> is the groundbreaking company on a mission to make it easy, affordable and rewarding for homeowners to implement energy-saving solutions. A [one-stop resource](#) for informed advice, expert workmanship and guidance about available incentives and rebates, Next Step Living partners with more than 400 municipalities, civic organizations and leading corporations to deliver energy-efficient and environmentally friendly solutions.

## [Looking for summer activities?](#)

### [Check out these upcoming events in Vermont!](#)

#### **First Work Weekend June 7th-8th**

Contact Bob Klapatch for further information

#### **Magic Mountain Ropes Course/Zip line and Bromley Water Slide Gathering July 1-7th**

MSC members are planning on a patriotic adventure over to Magic Mountain to explore what Timber Quest Parks has to offer! A second adventure to Bromley's Alpine Slide, one of the longest in the U.S. will take place as well. Please contact Loisann Sisson for more details at [ladsski-withme@gmail.com](mailto:ladsski-withme@gmail.com). For venue information please go to <http://www.timberquestparks.com/index.php> and <http://www.bromley.com/attractions/adventure/>

#### **The Biggest Loser Run-Walk at Killington July 27th**

"Participants run/walk down the mountain, then take the ski lift back up and continue along with breathtaking views of Killington Peak, the second highest peak in Vermont. The 5K course goes through beautiful downtown Killington while the half marathon route, great for someone's first half marathon, travels along rustic wooded roads with stunning views of the Green Mountains. Afterwards kick back with family and friends and celebrate at the post-race concert featuring former "Biggest Loser" contestant and Nashville recording artist, Dan Evans at Killington Resort's Roaring Brook Umbrella Bar, or enjoy the lush landscape during a gondola ride to Killington Peak." Check out further details at <http://www.biggestloserrunwalk.com/Killington-Vermont-Half-Marathon-5K-2014>

#### **Okemo Hops in the Hills Beer and Wine Festival August 1st-3rd**

Sample over 50 craft beers from regional brewers and, new this year, enjoy a selection of great wines as well. This year's festival has been expanded to three days, and will showcase a great lineup of live music, craft vendors, tasty food options and the great outdoors at Okemo's Jackson Gore. Pack the lawn chairs and bring the family to enjoy live music, Okemo's Adventure Zone and an outdoor barbecue. Call (802) 228-1600.

#### **Harpoon Point to Point August 9th 2014**

"The Harpoon Point to Point presented by National Life Group is a charity cycling event created in 2002 to raise funds and awareness for the Vermont Foodbank's mission to end the growing problem of hunger in Vermont.

Whether choosing to tackle 100, 50, or 25 miles, all riders will find a beautiful, well supported course. The post ride party at the Harpoon Brewery in Windsor is top notch with hot showers, delicious BBQ, live music and fresh beer, straight from the source! Family and friends are welcome. Help a neighbor in need and have fun doing it!"

Check out [www.harpoonpointtopoint.com](http://www.harpoonpointtopoint.com) for more details!



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## Lodge Reminders:

For reservations email to [manchesterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto: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