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Presidents Message

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

As of this writing we are mostly through January and the 'real' snow is just starting to show up. Okemo has been working hard to open most of the mountain, and the skiing has been fantastic.

We had a great crowd for the December meeting/party at the Elk's club in December. I'd like to thank all those who helped with the logistics from raffle coordinators, sign in/cashiers to bulk ticket and membership card volunteers. Several of whom were doing this for the first time so your willingness to help was greatly appreciated. As a result of the positive response to the Elks location and meal we have plans to possibly offer something similar in April. Stay tuned.

More good news, our sprinkler system has been formally approved by the Vermont State Fire Marshal's office. It is online and being monitored by our alarm service Countryside Alarm in Mt. Holly.

As we get into the swing of things I'd like to touch on several lodge 'reminders'. Please remember to make lodge reservations online or at manchesterskiclub.org as a backup. Our volunteer reservationists rotate weeks on so you may not get the correct one with your direct request to their personal email. Also, please continue to bring your recycling home with you as we have no provision for handling them. There shouldn't be any by the back door exit, if so please consider taking some home with you. Please label all food items in the refrigerator and remove them when you leave. All personal items should go home with you unless you have a locker or club provided space.

We've got our race weekends coming up so please see more info further in the newsletter.

Do a snow dance and see you all soon!

Jon H.

MSC President

[Annual Interclub Race is on February 6th](#)

Our annual Inter Club race is almost here. Join us on snow at Okemo for what promises to be a fun time for all ages and abilities! The Inter Club race will take place at the Nastar Course and will be a fun competition between Manchester, Norwalk, Mt. Laurel and Grumman ski clubs! The more the merrier, for the more that participate, the more likely we are to win! This is a snowboard friendly event.

The weekend will kick off with an optional race training by Okemo's very own Mark Stewart at 10:00am Friday. A \$10 tip is suggested.

The race itself will commence on Saturday midmorning. Stay tuned for official time confirmation.

After a full day of fun on the slopes, Wayne & Beverly Lysobey are graciously offering to host the party once again at their family home at 14 Ponus Road Ludlow,(Make a right @ the Loft onto Ridge Road. Make a right on Ponus Road (right before big curve). Wayne has offered to make a seafood chowder. Club members will be in charge of pot luck foods, soft drinks, desserts and appetizers. The party will also be BYOB.

Let's show those ski folk how Manchester shreds! Please contact Lou Gaedt if you plan on participating. lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net

[Manchester Ski Club Annual Blake Race February 20th](#)

Don't forget to mark your calendars for another time honored MSC tradition...our annual Blake Challenge Race taking place Saturday, February 20th. This fun race takes place on Nastar and is open to all Gold and Silver club members of all ages, sizes and abilities. We encourage you to come out and test your skills on the Nastar course.

An award ceremony/party will commence later in the afternoon followed by an amazing lodge dinner hosted by our very own Aimee Whalen. If you haven't tried her dinners after a hard day of skiing you're in for a real treat! Please confirm your dinner and racing participation when you RSVP to stay at the lodge so we know how many people to expect.

Helpful Reminders for Okemo's RFID cards

Record the number on the front of each card purchased in case they are destroyed or lost. Okemo Group Sales can deactivate a card and issue a replacement if they have the card number(s).

Only carry one card at a time on your person when you are on the mountain.

Record the number of the card you are carrying on any given day in case you lose it during the day. Resort Services can deactivate the card and issue a new card if you can provide the card number.

Do not punch a hole in the card.

Do not put the card next to your cell phone or foil such as gum wrappers.

Lodge Beautification Program

Now that the sprinkler system is behind us we can start to concentrate on improving the looks of the lodge.

We would like your comments and suggestion for the following tasks and areas:

Sprinkler pipes – Should we leave them as is, paint them or do something else.

Bed rooms- Would you like to see them spruced up?

Kitchen – Big project, but would add value to our shared living space.

Rec room in the barn - Paint the ceiling, change the flooring, walls?

Heating system – Do you find it too hot, or too cold.

Paint the trim outside of barn – We must do this because of an Insurance requirement.

Outside projects: any ideas?

We encourage you to reach out to our Lodge Improvement coordinator with reasonable, functional ideas for improvement so that the Board of Directors can make both long and short term plans to make our ski house a bit more comfortable for all!

Please send your comments to Bob Klapatch - rklay@comcast.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