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Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

While the weather hasn't been cooperating with snow makers up north, it sure has been a nice subtle slide into winter. The cold will turn our way soon I'm sure.

The snowball was another smashing success with many thanks to Lois Ann and Jon Sisson for decorating our hospitality suite. What a great evening with friends on the dancefloor. We had so much fun we forgot to take a club photo!

The lodge has seen a lot of activity in the past three weeks. The sprinkler system is ready to be tied in to our alarm service. Several members have been monitoring its progress along the way. As in any project there are unforeseen items that can show up and we have had several. Because of the need to include the barn in this project, we will have to maintain heating in that area of the house going forward. Piping was run through the 'cold' room and as a result it will have to be kept above the freezing point. We have removed the door to allow the heat to circulate there. We have also spray foam insulated the exterior basement walls under the barn and boot room in order to help effectively heat this space more efficiently. This was the most efficient energy saving recommendation listed on our energy audit done a year or so ago.

We had great turnout at both the Manchester Road Race Expo and the Glastonbury High School ski sale. Please forward our name to friends and acquaintances and help our membership grow!

Please remember our December meeting/party at the Manchester Elks Club. Details are to follow within the newsletter.

See you at the meeting!

Jon H.

MSC President

[December 10th MSC Holiday Party and Meeting](#)

Our annual holiday party and meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10th 2015 at the Elks Club in Manchester CT. The fun will begin promptly at 6:30 and will include a quick general meeting and sweet raffle prizes up for grabs. At our last general club meeting the membership voted to change to a dinner option from pot-luck to Elks club catered dinner. That being said, please plan on attending on that date, and an RSVP has already been sent out. Please complete the RSVP form or contact Jon Hiller jhiller55@gmail.com for further information. Payment will be made at the door (cash).

The general consensus was that having dinner at the Elks club would save people time and money by not having to worry about preparing a meal to share. We are therefore going to try it out for at least this one time.

\$18 per person (includes tax and tip) and \$5 per child (12 and under, includes tax and tip)

Menu consists of the following, served as a buffet:

Baked Chicken

Baked Ham

Meatballs

Penne Pasta

Green Beans

Potato Salad

Tossed Salad

Rolls and Butter

Coffee

The MSC board will provide dessert for the general assembly.

**Please RSVP by
December 5th so we
can confirm our
numbers for dinner.
Thank you!**

[Okemo and Killington Now Open Top to Bottom!](#)

Check out current conditions here:

<http://www.okemo.com/mountain-info/conditions-report/>

<http://www.killington.com/site/mountain/conditions/trails>

Monday Night Race Schedule at Mt Southington

If you haven't been at least once, this is something you should definitely check out! Every Monday night the CSC has fun races and a social hour at Mt Southington. There is a men's and women's course located both located side by side on Thunderbolt.

Please see the following from the race chair:

“Registration closes at 7:30 p.m. The ski area will make the determination as to whether the race hill has safe conditions by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the race. Skiers should call Mt. Southington (860) 628-7669 ext. 243 for race status. Save yourself a little time the first night and bring your completed waiver with you. Note: The first time you race each season you must present your membership card and sign a waiver. Plan on getting there early that night. \$31 covers the cost of racing and your lift ticket for the evening. The fee for season pass holders and seniors 70 and up is only \$16. You will race in your age group and will be scored on the best of two runs on a Giant Slalom course. Racing is open to all ability levels and any member aged 18 or over is encouraged to participate. Join us after racing for drinks and pizza.”

The waiver and information regarding the season kickoff pizza social can be

MSC 2015-2016 Season Events

Nastar Easter Regionals at Okemo—1/29/2016-1/31/2016

Team Race Training/Practice—2/5/2016

Inter Club Race—2/6/2016

Blake Club Race—2/20/2016

Masters Eastern's @Okemo—2/24/2016-2/29/2016 (GS Sunday)

Winter Carnival @Sugarbush Ski Resort—3/4/2016 –3/6/2016

End of Season Cookout—TBD

Mt Southington CT Ski Council Monday Night Racing

Starts on December 21st
(Snow permitting)

On December 14th the CSC and Mt Southington
Will host free Pizza night! (7:00 pm – 9:00+)
For pre-registration & get together

The CSC will not race on the night of December 14th but we
will ask that you fill out your season registration form to
eliminate the always hectic rush of the first night.

If there is skiing, (but no racing) on the 14th you are welcome
to ski (special ticket \$ of \$25.00) if area open

The CSC will have all registration forms available for you to fill out or you can
print them out from the Mt Southington web page.

(There are 2 waivers = Mt Southington/CSC and NASTAR)

There will be no cost for the night.

Hope to see you – around 7:00 pm.

Rob Dexter, CSC Racing chairman

MOUNT SOUTHWINGTON SKI AREA
RACING WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE & ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Week# _____ Bib# _____

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the CT Ski Council competitive racing and/or training (the "Event") at Mount Southington Ski Area (the "Facility"), the Participant, and the Participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the Participant is a minor, do hereby agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, as follows:

- 1) **TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS** that they have or may have against the Facility, Mount Southington Limited Partnership (the "Partnership"), and/or Mount Southington Restaurant and Lounge, Inc. (the "Lounge") arising out of the inherent risks of participating in the Event;
- 2) **TO ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT;** and
- 3) **TO RELEASE** the Facility, the Partnership, the Lounge, their owners, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and shareholders, from all liability for any loss, damage, injury, or expense that the Participant (or his/her next of kin) may suffer, arising out of the inherent risks of participation in the Council, which include, but are not limited to, the instruction received while participating in the Council.

The Participant acknowledges and agrees that the inherent risks of participating in the Council are in addition to those referenced in *Connecticut General Statutes § 29-212*. **The participant acknowledges and agrees that it is their responsibility to close the restraining device on the chair lift, as referenced in Connecticut General Statutes § 29-213.** The Participant also acknowledges that this agreement does not, in any way, change the rights or obligations of the Facility, the Partnership, the Lounge, or the Participant, as set forth in *Connecticut General Statutes § 29-211, et. seq.*, other than as set forth in this agreement.

Arbitration

The Participant hereby agrees to submit any dispute arising from participation in the Event to arbitration, for the sole purpose of determining whether the alleged injury arises from a risk inherent in the activities engaged in by the Participant while participating in the Event. For such disputes, there shall be a three-member arbitration panel, consisting of two party-appointed arbitrators (one arbitrator to be appointed by each party) and one neutral arbitrator (collectively, the "Panel"), to be chosen by the party-appointed arbitrators. In the event that the two party-appointed arbitrators are not able to agree on a third, neutral arbitrator, the neutral arbitrator shall be appointed by the United States District Court, for the District of Connecticut. Each party shall pay its own costs, including the costs associated with the party-appointed arbitrators, and the parties shall share equally the costs associated with the neutral arbitrator. The arbitration proceeding shall proceed in Hartford, Connecticut and shall be governed by the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Panel shall establish a reasonable and appropriate discovery schedule to expeditiously resolve this matter. **In the event that the Panel determines the alleged injury arises from a risk inherent in the Participant's participation in the Event, the claim shall be deemed barred, as a matter of law, and the Participant shall be barred from recovering any compensation from the Facility, the Partnership, and/or the Lounge.** In the event that the Panel determines the alleged injury did not arise from a risk inherent in the activities engaged in during the Event, the Participant shall proceed to the Superior Court of Connecticut, or if appropriate, the United States District Court, for the District of Connecticut, for a trial *de novo*.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I MAY BE WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.

Acknowledgement: I grant permission to Mount Southington Ski Area to use my photograph, videotape, motion picture recording, or any other record of my use of its facilities for purposes such as our Facebook page, website, brochure, or other legitimate advertising.

All Racers must be 18 or over to race. Birthdate entered into the program calculates your age division

Print name _____ Ski Club _____

Signature _____ Date _____

COMPETITOR INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____ Town _____

State ____ Zip Code _____ Phone () _____ check if you have changed clubs _____

Email _____ NASTAR# _____



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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