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Presidents Message

Hi everyone,

The signs of spring are certainly making themselves known as the grass turning green and the flowers are in full bloom. Nature has an order and there is only so much we can do to 'alter' it, thus our season has pretty much concluded. While some ski resorts are still holding on, Okemo has ended its winter season. The club held its annual spring meeting and tickets have been returned.

We began a new MSC year with great turnout at the April general meeting. There, we have formally elected board officers for the 2016-2017 Season. The same members are returning with only two position changes. We're happy to have Kim McLaughlin step into the vice-president position and Loisann Sisson will step up as secretary. Please join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to Lexi Jones for her many years serving as secretary.

To our newest lodge members, Karin Grann, Chris Nelson, Sarah Parcells, the Doug Smith family and Juan & Linda Roman, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to seeing you next year.

As I shared at the April meeting the club received notice from the town of Ludlow that there was an application before them for a change of condition request for the commercial property adjacent to our lot (6 Andover St). The applicant is requesting to move his bar from under The Mill on Main St to the commercial location at 6 Andover. The 1st meeting was April 11th and was attended by myself, Jon Orzolek, several of the club's surrounding neighbors from Pleasant St, and one of those neighbor's lawyer.

Many concerns were voiced, many of them shared among the club and our neighbors. In a nutshell the applicant has numerous other entities to address before the town makes any formal decision. The more prevalent concern was parking, and the applicant as well as the town heard that concern. The hearing is scheduled to continue on May 9th and the club will be represented at that time.

Please read further along for work/play weekends at the lodge and ticket return information.

Enjoy Spring,

Jon Hiller

MSC President

[Bulk Ticket Update](#)

Per the general discussion at the general meeting in early April, our Ticket Coordinator diplomatically took the task of expressing the MSC's concerns to the CSC about the snow drought and short ski season this year, and asked if CSC could ask the mountains for leniency with ticket credits. The response from the CSC rep, after contacting Okemo was:

"...no decision will be made until all unused tickets are returned. We will let you know the outcome as soon as they reach a final decision."

We will keep MSC members posted via the newsletter. Unfortunately, credits are usually not received until fall.

Per the last newsletter, the deadline to mail unused ticket vouchers was April 20th. ANY TICKETS RECEIVED AFTER April 30, 2016 WILL NOT BE CREDITED TOWARD NEXT YEAR'S PURCHASES. Credits are determined by CSC after all returns are received and will be noted on next season's order form. Thanks!

[MSC Elected Board for 2016-2017](#)

Jon Hiller—President

Kim McLaughlin –Vice President

Jon Orzolek—Past President

Loisann Sisson—Secretary

Jon Sisson—Treasurer

Bob Klapatch –Lodge Director

Kristen Orzolek –News/Social Editor

Sean Murnane-Website Manager

Lexi Jones– Board Member

Tim Strelevitz –Board Member

Work Weekend: Volunteers Needed

The next work weekend takes place the weekend **May 21st-22nd**. We humbly ask you to consider joining us at that time. We really use all hands on deck!

Remember that our club thrives on member's participation. Meet your volunteer requirement by donating your time on one or both days.

Please contact Bob Klapatch if you plan on helping (rklay@comcast.net).

Tasks that need attention:

- Replace men's shower (try another repair before replacement)
- Paint barn trim
- Paint front door
- Spruce up the bedrooms
- Sensor lights– replace with LEDs
- Open wall in room 1 to see if space can be expanded
- Install door between room 1 and 2
- General end of season clean up/maintenance

There will be another work weekend to continue these projects at a later, to be determined date. Please stay tuned for updates.

An anonymous survey is currently in the works and will be released shortly to the membership at large regarding ideas/opinions on what direction the lodge updates should take in the future. Please stay tuned for further detail and instructions on how to participate. We thank you for your constructive input!

Membership Appreciation Weekend....Take #2

Back (and postponed) by popular demand, the BOD is excited to announce that the annual Membership Appreciation Weekend has been moved to a weekend TBD. The weekend will provide a platform for club members to engage in fun off snow out door activities (hiking, golfing, biking, swimming and relaxing) culminating in one epic summer barbeque...MSC style.

The club be providing free burgers and hot dogs. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish to share (please contact Jon Hiller with what you intend to bring so we can minimize duplicates (jhiller55@gmail.com). The following special lodge rates will apply for the weekend: \$15 per night for adults and \$25 dollars for two nights. Children will still be \$10 dollars a night. Guests will be able to stay for \$20 a night or \$30 for two nights.

Other Fun Summer Fun to Pencil in Your Calendars:

VT Epic Bike Event—June 11th, which is lots of fun for all ages and abilities with three different fun races available. We had several members participate last year, come cheer them on! For more details on the bike event and sign up information, please head to <https://vtepic.com/>

Okemo Bike Hill Climb—June 25th A challenging 5.8 mile uphill bike race to the top of Okemo Mountain along Route 103 and Mountain Road.

All American Party—July 2nd The Jackson Gore Courtyard will be transformed into an all-American backyard barbecue with live music, games, a hot-dog-eating contest, frosty-cold beverages and fresh-from-the-grill burgers, hot dogs, bouncy houses and lots more. The adventure zone will also be open.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra—July 7th Great symphony music with a beautiful mountain sunset as a backdrop.

Blueberry Fest—July 24th Bring an appetite, because there will be oodles of yummy blueberry treats, including blueberry pastries, blueberry popsicles, blueberry pies, blueberry muffins and just plain blueberries!

Hops in the Hills Brewfest August 5th-7th Sample more than 50 craft beers and ciders from regional brewers and enjoy a selection of great wines as well. The festival will showcase a great lineup of live music, craft vendors, tasty food options and the great outdoors in Jackson Gore courtyard.

Don't forget Jackson Gore's Summer Concert Series every Friday night and the Ludlow Farmer's Market every Friday evening from 4-7pm. <http://www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org/>



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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.

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