

# MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

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### Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

Winter has returned as of this writing. Cold temps and record breaking snowfalls across New England are extending our season.

Okemo is even firing up snowmaking so they are committed to making the season last. It is however March with St Patrick's Day around the corner. Please be sure to use those bulk ticket vouchers before the end of season.

Unfortunately we did have to cancel the Blake Race due to several circumstances but we've got other activities in the works.

Please take note of the information further in these pages.

We had a fantastic month of February regarding lodge usage so thanks to all for getting up and enjoying the lodge.

Don't stop there, let's do the same in March and use up those bulk tickets. We never know the return percentage that the mountains will credit us so let's not be surprised.

The April meeting is set so please put it on your calendar.

Our Bronze membership grew by approximately 15% resulting in about \$2300 in income. So a big thank you to those who referred new bronze members to the club.

Here's to Spring!

Regards,

Jon H.- MSC President

## Blake Challenge Race

The Blake Challenge Race has officially been cancelled for the year. Unseasonably warm temperatures in the latter half of February allowed for excellent spring skiing, but the weather was not so kind to the Vermont snowpack. Dangerous race conditions, loss of snow, combined with several regular participants having alternative plans that weekend forced the board to postpone the race. However, now that the season's end is around the corner, we were unable to find a time at Okemo that would work for our club. We look toward revamping this event next year and getting more participation than ever before!

## BOD Slate for the 2017-2018 General Elections

The following information is from the MSC bylaws regarding election of officers:

Election of Officers Section 1: The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, who by virtue of the offices become members of the Board of Directors together with three other members of the Club, all as elected at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the above members of the Board of Directors as elected, the retiring President shall become a member of said Board of Directors, to serve in such capacity until the inducted President's retirement. At their discretion the Board of Directors may elect by a majority vote of those present, not more than five additional members to said Board of Directors

Therefore the nominating committee is proposing the following slate of directors for election at the annual meeting:

President - Jon Hiller

Vice President - Kim McLaughlin

Treasurer - Jon Sisson

Secretary - Loisann Sisson

Past President - Jon Orzolek

Lodge Facility Manager - Juan Roman

Newsletter - Kristen Orzolek

Web Manager - Sean Murnane

If you are unable to make the General Meeting in April, please fill out the waiver on the next page and present to a member attending the meeting.

**Proxy Vote Form for MSC Board Election at April 2017 Meeting**

A membership vote may be accomplished by use of a written proxy vote if the member is not able to attend a club membership meeting. As a minimum the proxy vote will require the exact text of the items being voted and names and signatures of the voting member, and the member who is delivering the proxy vote.

The proxy vote must be presented in person by the delivering member, to the meeting where the vote is being taken. The voting member and the delivering member must both be in good standing with the Manchester Ski Club at the time of the vote. The vote will count as part of the quorum count for the meeting.

The proxy form is provided by the Board of Directors and contained herein: I \_\_\_\_\_(print name) hereby assign my membership vote to \_\_\_\_\_(print name) for the following membership vote: Officers and Elected Board Members as presented in the March 2017 MSC Newsletter.

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Events Corner....

Checking out the latest and greatest presented by our New Social Committee!

**Demo Day—Okemo March 18th.** Check out some next year's gear in new fluffy powder! Starts at 8 am at Jackson Gore Base Lodge

Check out skis and snowboards from:

- Nordica
- Ramp
- Volkl
- Head
- Rossignol
- Never summer
- K2
- Salomon and more!
- Dynastar
- Blizzard
- Elan
- Scott
- Stockli
- Icelandic
- Atomic

**Lodge Family Style Dinner—March 25th** Margarete Kehoe has graciously offered to cook a lodge dinner for those interested in participating on March 25th. If interested, please select lodge dinner when making your lodge reservation for the evening. Further detail on the menu out shortly.

### **Slush Cup Fun/End of Season Party —April 8th 11 a.m.**

Okemo kicks off its annual Slush Cup Event April 8th at Jackson Gore. Consider participating, or cheering for those that are brave enough to skim across the frigid water. Enjoy time on the slopes before its too late, and then come back to the lodge and get your party on! A full out barbeque picnic par-tay will commence after the slopes close for members to enjoy. Costumes, get-ups and onesies are full encouraged. Compete for best dressed and win the party!

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. Last year we had a great showing of costumes and crazy get ups, and the rewards for best retro outfit, longest pair of ski's and oldest tickets on your jacket were hotly contested. Bring your game face, and let's see if we can top last year!

## [General Meeting April 5th at the Elks Lodge, Bissel St Manchester CT](#)

Please mark your calendars and attend this end of the season general meeting. Its super important that we get ample participation as we elect our Board of Directors and return tickets. A cash bar will be available and snacks provided. The meeting will commence promptly at 6:30 PM.

### [Helpful Lodge Hints](#)

Over the season, several important items have come to the attention of the BOD, and we would like to take a moment to remind you of the following:

- When not in use, please turn off lights at the lodge
- Windows should not be opened without permission from a Board member, and must be closed and locked when you leave the room. Window fans are prohibited.
- Trash is currently being handled by volunteers bringing it home with them at the end of their stay. We hope this is a temporary solution, but please be considerate and take home what you can, including all your recyclables.

Remember the door code. There have been reports of 'issues' in the neighborhood, and we would like to keep our valuables protected at all times.

-ALL items not kept in a locker or cubby must be brought home with you at the end of your stay, especially food related items.

As always, we thank you for your consideration and assistance with respecting our shared space!

### **Calling all photo submissions!**

Do you have some fun photos taken this winter that you would like to share with the club at large?

We are actively looking for photos for our website and social media accounts that folks would be willing to share. We feel that using photos of real members having real fun is much better than some boring stock photo!

If you have any fun snapshots that you are willing to share, please forward to [MSCskinews@gmail.com](mailto:MSCskinews@gmail.com) (captions and fun stories are encouraged as well!)



## MSC Board of Directors

**Jon Hiller—President**  
**Kim McLaughlin –Vice 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**

### **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.

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