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Presidents Message

Dear fellow members,

I hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to winter.

A couple of items, first as some may know we suffered the loss of our water heater this summer. Juan Roman ran right up and supervised the repair and replacement so that we are good to go. Looking back, if there was a time to go it was the best scenario. It wasn't another Saturday night with a house full of people.

Also, we currently have no in-house managers. Mike Waterhouse has left Okemo and relocated to Burlington. Mike is a great friend of the club and will be missed.

We have placed an ad with the Okemo HR department so we will hopefully find a candidate.

As a member club of the CSC we have obligations to bear regarding CSC functions. The CSC every year sponsors a Snowball which is held at the Windsor Marriott. This year we are tasked with organizing the main part of the raffle which is a highlight of the ball. Kim McLaughlin and Margaret Kehoe have agreed to lead the charge in this undertaking. They will be seeking help from numerous club members to assist in doing this task. Please consider attending the ball and giving some time. We all benefit from the CSC activities so we need to support this major CSC fundraiser.

This will be redundant but we need a big turnout on the work weekend. See further details.

Regards,

Jon Hiller

MSC President

Mark your calendars for the 2017 CSC Snow Ball !

The snowball will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8:00 pm-12:00 midnight at the Windsor/Hartford Marriott (NOT Courtyard by Marriott). We truly hope that you will come out to support this event. This party is the sole fund raising event of the Connecticut Ski Council. Tickets for the event are \$20.00 per person in advance and \$25.00 at the door. The theme is "**Shake it Up**" so let's be sure to get a good crowd to represent the MSC!

What's in store if you attend? **Shake It Up means:**

1. Fabulous gifts & prizes in the raffle including a pair of racing skis and a snowboard!
2. **Free appetizers** during Happy Hour sponsored by the CSC for all guests in the hotel atrium from **7:00 pm - 8:00pm**.
3. Dancing from 8:00pm to Midnight to the fabulous "Eight to the Bar" band.
4. Coronation of the new 2017-2018 CSC Ambassador
5. **A Hospitality Suite** sponsored by the MSC to take a break and socialize with friends.
6. Overnight accommodations at the Marriott for special rate of only \$99.00 per room (mention CSC when making your reservation and book by 11/3/2017).
7. Professional photographer on site to take portrait photos of you and your guest(s).
8. An evening full of food, fun, dancing, and socializing as you celebrate with fellow members of your snow sports community from within Connecticut.

Update on Awareness Days for 2017-2018

Unfortunately the CSC Ski Awareness days will not be posted until October/Early November this year. When making decisions regarding the first round of bulk ticket orders, which do need to be submitted prior to the release of the awareness days, please look around each mountain that you plan on visiting this year to see their early bird specials and deals. Right now Mount Snow has some day tickets available as low as \$12! Other supplemental options include the Max Pass, Big Y discounted tickets, etc. If you find any good deals that you would like to share with the membership at large please feel free to reach out to a board member. We will have the preliminary list out to you as soon as it is published by the Ski Council.

Ski Club Lockers and Bins

There are still a few lockers and bins available for the upcoming year, please reach out to Jon Hiller (jhiller55@gmail.com) if interested in renting one for the season.

October General Membership Meeting

The annual October General Membership meeting will take place this October 2nd . Please note the location has changed to the Community Baptist Church at 585 E Center St, Manchester, CT 06040. Meeting will commence promptly at 6:30 and refreshments and snacks will be provided by the club. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Ride Report from the President

As some of you know we have quite a menagerie of athletes aside from skiing. We have senior Olympians in basketball and track and field, sailors, curling enthusiasts and campers to name a few.

Well we also have some serious cyclists among us as well. There is what seems to be an annual picture in the kitchen that gets updated every year. Well, I joined that core group this summer and found out what it was all about.

On the weekend of Aug 18th, I joined fellow MSC'ers Pete Casey, Bob Parcels and Tim Strelevitz at the Vermont Challenge bike tour.

This event was based at Stratton Mountain with four days of organized rides of varying lengths. This group has typically chosen the 'Medio fondo' or medium length ride on Saturday. Medium in that it that it was billed as 72 miles. It was a clockwise loop leaving Stratton with a stop at Bromley on into Londonderry, north on 100 to Weston, then a humungous hill to Andover, on into Chester turning up Andover Mountain Rd. eventually finding our way to the Jamaica firehouse. This was the last stop before the big finish. We were less than 7 miles from the Stratton access road but about 6 of that was uphill. The groups agreed upon modus operandi was to reconvene at each of the five rest stops which was great. The support was great as well. Bananas, PB and Jelly sandwiches, drinks pickles, yes pickles and even pickle juice shots for those interested.

Well we left the firehouse and climbed and climbed and climbed. As with every up there is a down and as with all northern paved roads there are good and bad. At one point doing about 35 mph one of my water bottles that I had just loaded with ice, jettisoned itself of my bike and across the road. I guess my escort Bob P. narrowly avoided it as I thought one of those road crevasses was going to consume me.

We made it to the Stratton access road and after a pit stop at 7-11 we began the 2.5 mile climb to Stratton village. In a nutshell we made it. If Bob P hadn't kept me on track I may have been walking or turning downhill.

There was talk of doing the 100 miler next year which would bring us right through Ludlow.

Want to join us?

We were joined by Gales Ferry neighbors Chuck Clayton and John Marcek.

Just for the record I recorded 74.63 mi and 6 hours, 10minutes, 58 seconds but who's counting?

-Submitted faithfully by Jon Hiller

Okemo Bulk Ticket Program 2017-2018

Please note: Okemo tickets cannot be used at Mt. Sunapee. If you wish to ski at that resort, please order bulk tickets for Mt. Sunapee on your order form.

Okemo was very generous with the returns for last season giving us full credit for all tickets received. However, the \$1 credit for each ticket returned was deducted from the total credit. Please review the policy and usage of the RFID cards.

Here are the important things for you and you club members to know:

Carry **ONLY ONE TICKET** in your pocket/wallet/jacket when you ski. If you carry more than one, **ALL** of the tickets will be scanned and thereby **INVALIDATED** when you try to use them another day. In addition, no other RFID cards from other resorts may be carried concurrently.

All skiers will be scanned at lift entry, and skier ID and photo stored in the scanner.

At the end of the ski day, **TEAR UP AND THROW OUT THE USED TICKET**. Provided access cards are single use only and may not be reloaded.

Okemo will continue to accept a 20% return at the end of the season. However, OKEMO will deduct \$1 for every ticket returned from the credit due for the next ski season. Therefore, you must order carefully – DO NOT over-order.

Tickets have an ID number. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT EACH BULK TICKET COORDINATOR FOR EVERY CLUB RECORD THE ID NUMBER AND THE CLUB MEMBER'S NAME.** If there are any problems or abuses of the program, both Okemo and the CSC can directly trace it back to the club member. If this is **NOT** done and there are problems, the entire club's tickets can be invalidated at the discretion of Okemo. These tickets **CANNOT** be used by anyone other than the individual club member. They cannot be sold, given away to friends, or used as perks in club lodges or private homes. Tickets are a member-only privilege.

Credits from the return of last season's vouchers will be applied to the purchase of this season's tickets, as always. You will place your Okemo order just as you have done in the past. The only difference for the user is that they are **LIVE** tickets, scanned at lift entry, and that every unused ticket returned will be charged \$1 per ticket toward the credit for next season.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Nancy Nolan (203-272-4681) and Ginny Ludwig
CSC Bulk Ticket Committee (Southern Tier)

Connecticut Ski Council
Bulk Ticket and Awareness Days Policies
2017-2018

The following is the policy of the Connecticut Ski Council regarding the purchase and use of bulk ticket vouchers. The CSC requires that all member-clubs comply with these policies.

Purchase of Vouchers:

- Bulk ticket vouchers may be purchased by CT Ski Council member-clubs only, and only after the club has been a member of the CSC for one full year.
- Bulk tickets are for the exclusive use of dues-paying members of CSC member-clubs.
- CSC annual dues must be paid in full prior to the club placing bulk ticket orders.
- Orders will be placed at the October CSC meeting each year. Vouchers are to be picked up at the November CSC meeting by the club's designee. Under no circumstances will bulk tickets be mailed to a club.

Exchange of Vouchers for Daily Lift Tickets:

- Each club member 18 years of age or older must be issued a club membership card, and the current year's CSC sticker must be affixed to that card. Family membership club cards must list the names of family members on the card and must affix a current and valid CSC sticker for each person listed. Clubs may elect to issue membership cards to individuals under the age of 18 in lieu of listing names on a family card.
- **EVERY PERSON WHO EXPECTS TO EXCHANGE A BULK TICKET VOUCHER FOR A DAY'S LIFT TICKET AT ANY MOUNTAIN RESORT MUST HAVE EITHER HIS/HER OWN INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD, OR BE INDIVIDUALLY NAMED ON THE FAMILY'S MEMBERSHIP CARD AND A VALID CSC STICKER AFFIXED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL WHETHER ON HIS/HER OWN CARD OR ON A FAMILY CARD.**
- Club membership cards will be shown by individuals to ticket window personnel when a voucher is being redeemed for a daily lift ticket. Mountain resorts have the right to request and/or require identification in addition to club membership cards at their discretion. Resorts also have the right to refuse redemption of voucher if a valid membership card is not presented for each voucher to be exchanged for lift ticket.

Policy Violations:

- Clubs shall not charge their members any additional purchase fee, and shall only sell vouchers to its members at the price quoted by the CSC. We recommend that no tickets shall be mailed to individuals by the clubs, but in the event this occurs, actual postage fees may be charged by the club to the individual on a per-order basis only.
- Distribution of vouchers through other avenues such as but not limited to websites, eBay, resort parking lots, guests of rental properties or contest give-aways will result in the banning of the individual from purchasing vouchers in subsequent seasons.
- Names of chronic and blatant individual violators will be provided to all CSC member-clubs on an annual basis.
- Violation of the CT Ski Council policies will result in possible termination of the individual's membership in his/her club, and possible expulsion of the club from the CSC.

Return of Unused Vouchers at Close of Season:

- All unused vouchers shall be returned to the CSC bulk ticket coordinators at the May CSC meeting – no exceptions.
- A dollar percentage of unused vouchers shall be credited to each club that has returned said vouchers. The credit shall be applied to the purchase of the following year's vouchers.
- The percentage will vary according to the contract with the individual participating resort. Credit is based on an aggregate figure allotted to the CSC.
- **Refer to Okemo Bulk Ticket Policy for specific return instructions.**

Please note: Policies apply to both Southern and Northern tiers. There may be modifications in Northern tier policies; please contact those coordinators for details.

Please note: All membership card information also applies to all CSC Awareness days.

CHANGE IN BULK TICKET PROCEDURE FROM SUGARBUSH:

There is a change in the Sugarbush bulk ticket program this season. As in the past clubs will receive Sugarbush vouchers as ordered and may be redeemed by the member at the ticket window by presenting the voucher, member club card and a photo ID. The voucher will be exchanged for a RFID card - the Sugar Xpress Card. The card should be placed in the ski coat pocket and will be scanned before getting on the lift for a day of skiing or boarding.

Similar to the process at Okemo, please be sure to have one RFID card in your pocket at one time.



Manchester Ski Club Bulk 2017 – 2018 Ticket Voucher Purchase Form
ORDER DEADLINE: I must receive them by September 30, 2017

MAIL FORMS TO:

**MSC BULK TICKETS
c/o Mary Sylvestre
302 Olde Stage Road,
Glastonbury, CT 06033**

Any questions or to check on the amount you returned, contact Mary via email:
mjsylvestre@snet.net **and/or phone: 860-633-2261**

- The MSC Board of Director's reserves the right to refuse any 2017-2018 ticket orders received after September 30, 2017. The timing is again tight this year and late ticket orders cannot be accommodated. During the ski season, there will be a minimal amount of tickets available for sale at the Lodge in Ludlow. We received 100% credit for all vouchers, except for Killington Adult returns. All Okemo credits reflect the \$1 per ticket return fee per Okemo Mt. policy. See order form for credit amounts. Ticket Vouchers ordered are only to be used during the 2017-2018 ski season. Tickets are valid on all holidays, weekdays and weekends. **Tickets are for club member use only and shall not be sold or given to non-club or non-CT Ski Council individuals. Order appropriately; this is the only order this year. There will not be a second order as in previous years.**
- Do not submit an order if your membership is not paid for the 2017-2018 season. If not renewing, any outstanding returned ticket credits will be lost.
- Fill in this form and sign. Mail or deliver to address above and include check or money order made out to Manchester Ski Club. Do not send cash. Do **not** mail to MSC P.O. Box. Mail sent with insufficient postage will be refused and returned to sender.
- Under no circumstances will the Club be refunding money for 2016-2017 returned tickets or if less tickets are ordered for the 2017-2018 season than were returned from the previous 2016-2017 season. The number of Purchased tickets must be equal to or greater than the number of Returned tickets. This applies separately for each ticket type. If the number Purchased is less than the number of Returned, credit is only given for the number of tickets equivalent to what you decide to purchase.
- This form is **not** to be used for address changes, e-mail updates, etc. All updates must be done directly with the Membership Chairperson.
- **All ticket vouchers will be distributed at the MSC Holiday party on December 14th.** Another member can pick up your ticket vouchers for you at the party with either a signature stating so below, or written authorization delivered to the Holiday party. If you absolutely cannot have them picked up at the party or want them before the party, please send a stamped or postage-paid return mailer that can be dropped off at the US Post Office. The Club is not responsible for guaranteeing safe delivery, so plan appropriately for insurance and/or envelope tracking.



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c/o Mary Sylvestre
 302 Olde Stage Road,
 Glastonbury, CT 06033

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT MARY VIA EMAIL: mjsylvestre@snet.net AND/OR PHONE: 860-633-2261

AREA	Purchases 2017/18				Credits 2016/17			TOTAL
	Qty	Cost	Total \$		Qty	Cost	Credit \$	Net DUE
Okemo Adult (19-64)		\$69		-		\$66		
Okemo YoungAd (13-18)		\$58		-		\$55		
Okemo Jr (7-12)		\$50		-		*		
Okemo Senior (65-69)		\$58		-		\$55		
Okemo Super Sr. (70+)		\$50		-		\$47		
Sugarbush		\$64		-		*		
Bromley Adult (13+)		\$54		-		\$50		
Bromley Jr (6-12)		\$44		-		*		
Mt. Snow		\$66		-		\$64		
Stratton Adult (18+)		\$59		-		\$59		
Stratton YoungAd (<17)		\$49		-		*		
Sunapee Adult (19-64)		TBD		-		*		
Sunapee YoungAd/Sr. (13-18/65-69)		TBD		-		*		
Sunapee Jr./Super Sr. (7-12 / 70+)		TBD		-		*		
Killington Adult (19+)		\$65		-		\$46		
Killington YoungAd (6-18)		\$52		-		*		
Pico Adult (19+)		\$42		-		*		
Pico YoungAd (6-18)		\$35		-		*		
TOTALS				-				

TBD=\$ to be determined; contact Mary for purchase

(* = none returned by MSC)

NO REFUNDS ARE GIVEN

PLEASE: SEND ORIGINAL AND KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM

Name:		Mandatory Signature:	
Address:		Phone:	
City/State/ Zip:		E-mail:	
<i>In my absence, I give permission for this person(s) to pick up my vouchers at the December Holiday party:</i>			



MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

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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