

MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

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Presidents Message



Hello everyone,

Do you know the saying 'it starts at the top'? Well I just got a dose.

I typically write this over the previous month's message. As I scanned the old one I saw that I advertised the Dec meeting as the 18th which caused some confusion. My apologies.

OK, we had the meeting on December 14th with over 50 members in attendance for a fine meal catered by the Elks. A great looking cake and oodles of donated prizes for us to raffle off. The net result to the club was \$575 so thank you to all who supported the raffle by either soliciting items or buying raffle tickets.

Skiing is off to a flying start, a ton of snow and for a time, extremely cold temps to keep it on the hill. Please take note of the important upcoming events inside this news edition.

Julie is settled in at the lodge and has brought a lot of energy to its operation. She has fully aligned us with recycling and composting so please support her and the clubs efforts. She is awesome.

Have a great holiday season and we'll see you at #4 Pleasant St.

Jon H.

MSC President

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Important Upcoming MSC Events

The Inter-Club Ski Race - Feb 3rd 2018

The Manchester Ski Club participates in an inter-club race at Okemo. This race provides MSC an opportunity to race against other clubs such as Grumman Ski Club, Norwalk Ski Club and the Mt Laurel Ski club. . This race is known as the Jean Bloom-Lysobey Memorial Inter-Club Ski Race. The award ceremony and after party will be hosted by Beverly and Wayne Lysobey at their home 14 Ponus Road, Ludlow, Vt. Wayne will be making his wonderful Chili chowder and provide an assortment of clams. Please bring a pot luck item (appetizer or dessert) to share with the party. PLEASE be respectful of our party hosts. Bring slippers, socks or indoor shoes to wear in the house, and take your outdoor ski boots and winter shoes off at the door!

Please note that on **Friday February 2nd**, there will be a race clinic at 10am on the Nastar course. \$10 dollars per person (not including lift ticket). Please notify Lou Gaedt (lgaedt@atlanticbb.net) if you plan on attending this training and/or the race itself so we have an idea on how many will participate. The more participants, the higher our chance of winning as a team!

RSVP for these two events no later than 2/1/2018.

The Robert W. Blake Challenge Race - Feb 24, 2018

OPEN TO SKIERS AND RIDERS! Each season, the Club also sponsors it's own club race, The Robert W. Blake Challenge Race, in honor and memory of Bob Blake, one of the early members of the club and an excellent ski racer. The race usually takes place on Saturday beginning at 10:00 am. (exact time TBD) A post-race party is held at the Lodge where awards are distributed. All ages and levels welcome. Please contact Lou Gaedt (lgaedt@atlanticbb.net) if you plan on attending this quintessential MSC event. RSVP's must be received no later than 2/23/2018.

CSC Winter Carnival –March 2nd and 3rd, 2018

Participants must sign up for this event no later than February 13th. Please contact Lou Gaedt if you plan on participating. The event will take place back on our home turf, Okemo, this winter. The Super G will take place on Friday, and the GS races , volleyball and more will take place on Saturday. Stay tuned for more detail from the CSC on the official schedule. If you would rather not participate in the racing, we highly encourage you to come out and support your fellow club members as they charge down the hill. This is one event you don't want to miss!

MSC Holiday Party Raffle Winners

We would like to congratulate all those who won prizes at our December Holiday Party. The prize table was pretty full. We kicked off our winter season in style, thanks to all who attended!

Silent Auction:

- 1) Helmet- Bill Jones
- 2) Northern Ski Works Season Tune- Jon Orzolek

Raffle:

- 1) DJ's Restaurant- Bob Klapatch
- 2) 99 Restaurant- 25\$- Bob Johnson
- 3) Totem Pole- L. Shaughn Roman
- 4) Suburban ski tune- Lois Anne Sisson
- 5) Mt. Sunapee- Beth Raynor
- 6) Mt. Southington- 2-day pass- Sue Mears
- 7) Bolton Valley- Sean Murnane
- 8) Burke Mtn. - Pete Stanton
- 9) Powder Ridge 4 hour flex- Jeff Peck
- 10) Ski and Scuba 25\$- Chris Stoloff
- 11) Starbucks gift card- Deb Celani
- 12) Staples gift card- Deb Haas
- 13) Acupuncture- Donna Phelan
- 14) Pat's Peak- Sue Mears
- 15) Okemo- 2 Tickets- Tim Strelevitz
- 16) Mohawk Mtn- Sheila Klapatch
- 17) Gore Mtn 2 day- Skip Couture
- 18) Ski Sundown- Skip Couture
- 19) Ottis Ridge- 3 days- Sue Mears
- 20) Powder Ridge- 2 8 hour flex- Bill Celani
- 21) Max Restaurant 50\$ card- Skip Couture
- 22) Alpine House gift card- Lexi Jones
- 23) 2 Movie passes to Cinemark in Manchester- Kristen Orzolek
- 24) Boot Bag- Deb Celani



2018 Connecticut Senior Winter Games for ages 50+

Presented by the Connecticut Ski Council and Ski Sundown

If you are turning 50 in the 2018 Calendar Year you are eligible to compete in the Connecticut Senior Winter Games for ages 50+

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 (rain date Wednesday Feb. 28, 2018)

Location: Ski Sundown, 126 Ratlum Rd, New Hartford, CT

Events: Downhill, Giant Slalom, & Snow Shoe Race – fun event of a speed trap (radar gun)- how fast can you go?

Pre-registration Deadline: Thursday 2/22/18

Register online at www.skisundown.com (click on “buy online,” then click on “Special Events”)

Note: If you register online, you will need to complete a waiver at check-in

OR

Mail your application (must be postmarked by 2/22/18) to:

Ski Sundown, Senior Winter Games for 50+, P.O. Box 208, New Hartford, CT 06057

If you are pre-registered and cannot attend the event, only the Event Fee is refundable. Lunch fee(s) paid are non-refundable.

Directions to Ski Sundown:

Greater Hartford Area: Rt. 44W to Rt. 219 in New Hartford. Turn right on Rt. 219N. Go 1.5 miles, turn right on Ratlum Rd. Sundown is .5 miles on right.

Driving Time: 25 minutes from bottom of Avon Mt.

Alternate: (East of Hartford): I-84W to Exit 39 (Rt. 4 W), to Rt. 10 N , right on Rt. 10N for about 5 miles. Left on Rt. 44 W to Rt. 219 in New Hartford. Right on Rt. 219N for 1.5 miles to Ratlum Rd. Right on Ratlum Rd. Sundown is .5 miles on the right. **(West of Hartford):** I-84E to Exit 39 (Rt. 4W), to Rt. 10N , right on Rt. 10N for about 5 miles. Left on Rt. 44W to Rt. 219 in New Hartford. Right on Rt. 219N for 1.5 miles to Ratlum Rd. Right on Ratlum Rd. Sundown is .5 miles on the right.

Event Schedule:

(Times subject to change based on number of participants)

8:00 – 9:00 am	Event Registration & Ski Bib Pick-up
8:30	Opening Ceremonies
8:45	Lifts open
8:45 – 9:30	Downhill Course Inspection
9:30	Downhill Event Start (speed trap during downhill)
11:00	Giant Slalom Start, Snowboard follows (start after DH end)
12:00	Snowshoe Race Start (start after GS end)
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch
2:00	Awards Ceremony

Downhill

Course Inspection **8:45 to 9:30 a.m.**

Race Start Time: **9:30 a.m.** Run Order will be by bib number.

Pre-registration entry determines the order in age bracket. Bib number will be pre-assigned. The bib number assigned will be used for the whole day. Oldest age runs first, women and men; then the next younger age bracket, women and men and so on. All racers registering on race day run at the end on a first come basis.

Course: Start top of Canyon down Canyon all the way to the finish on Exhibition by Chair #1.

Rules: All control gates must be completed, one single run time. If a racer falls, he/she can only complete the course if both skis stay on. **Helmets are required.** Fastest time wins.

Giant Slalom (please note: only the GS will qualify as a NASTAR event)

Race Start Time: **11:00** Run Order will be by bib number.

Course: Start mid-station racing hut on Gunbarrel. Terrain and length of course is similar to NASTAR course. The race will be the best run of two runs on the course.

Rules: All gates must be completed. If a ski falls off a racer can complete the course at most two gates from the finish. Racer has to have one ski on to cross the finish. Fastest single run wins.

Snowshoe

Race Start Time: **12:00** Run Order on first come first serve basis.

Course: Two people run at one time. Course 100 feet down and 100 feet back, flat terrain, one run.

Rules: Snowshoes will be provided. Fastest time wins.

Speed Trap

A radar gun/speed trap will be set up on the side of the Downhill, so when the downhill race is run, your speed will be clocked by radar. For bragging rights only – no medals!

Lunch (if not pre-registered, only a limited number of lunch tickets may be available)

Time: **1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** (tickets handed out at registration for lunch)

Menu: Chicken, stuffing, cranberry sauce, salad, rice pilaf or potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls with butter, and cake/cookies.

Coffee, soda, bottled water. Bar will be open if needed.

Awards Ceremony

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in each age bracket per each event.

Application

2018 Connecticut Senior Winter Games for ages 50+

Ski Sundown, 126 Ratlum Rd., New Hartford, CT Tuesday, February 27, 2018
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. – Registration

Age Classifications apply to both Male and Female Participants:
50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+

Last Name:	First:
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Address:	City:	State:	Zip
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Phone #:	Age on 12/31/18:	Date of Birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ski <input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard
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<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female:	Email: (print so that we may read it)
NASTAR number (if known)		#

Please check the Events you are participating in:

☐ Downhill ☐ Giant Slalom ☐ Snowshoe

☐ \$33 Event fee for any and all events (includes lift and/or area usage ticket)

☐ \$28 Event fee for any and all events (for Ski Sundown Season Passholders)

☐ \$25 Lunch

☐ \$25 Please check this box and include an **additional \$25** if you will be bringing a non-participating guest for Lunch

\$	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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Please make check payable to Ski Sundown, Inc., and mail this application (WITH SIGNED WAIVER BELOW) to:

ATTN: Senior Winter Games for ages 50+, Ski Sundown, P.O. Box 208, New Hartford, CT 06057

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **2/22/18**. IF YOU PRE-REGISTER AND ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE EVENT, ONLY THE EVENT FEE IS REFUNDABLE. LUNCH FEE(S) PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Registrations will be accepted on the day of the event:

\$43 Event fee for any and all events (includes lift and/or area usage ticket)

\$38 Event fee for any and all events (for Ski Sundown Season Passholders)

\$30 Lunch (if available)

Release and Waiver of Claims
(CONT'D ON REVERSE SIDE)

SKI SUNDOWN, INC.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EQUIPMENT RENTAL, AND ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Skiing and snowboarding involve risk of serious injury, including death, caused by hazards inherent in the sport of skiing. Participation in the sport of skiing, no matter what type equipment you are using or the event or program that you have chosen to participate in, is a voluntary act on the part of the Participant and where applicable the Participant's parent(s) or guardian(s).

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S): Only allow your child to participate in the sport of skiing if he/she:

- Appreciates the risks involved in the sport;
- Knows his/her own capabilities and limitations regarding the sport of skiing;
- Is capable of exercising common sense.

The use of helmets is strongly recommended. If you and/or your child decide not to use a helmet, you do so at your own risk.

Release and Waiver of Claims: In consideration of being allowed to participate in the sport of skiing at Ski Sundown, Inc. (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 arising out of the inherent risks of the sport of skiing;

2) **TO ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN THE SPORT OF SKIING;** and

3) **TO RELEASE** Ski Sundown, Inc., the facility, its owners, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and shareholders, and all manufacturers and distributors of equipment 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 sport of skiing.

The Participant acknowledges and agrees that the inherent hazards and risks of participating in the sport of skiing are in addition to those referenced in *Connecticut General Statutes § 29-212*. The Participant also acknowledges that this agreement does not, in any way, change the rights or obligations of the Facility or the Participant, as set forth in *Connecticut General Statutes § 29-211, et. seq.*, other than as set forth in this agreement.

Acknowledgement of Equipment Instructions: I will not use any equipment until I have received instructions on its use and I fully understand its use and function. I agree to verify the visual indicator settings to be recorded on any rental forms agree with the number appearing in the visual indicator windows of any equipment listed on the form.

Equipment Rental and Release from Liability and Waiver of Claims: I accept for use the equipment rented to me by Ski Sundown, Inc. (the "Equipment") and accept full responsibility for its care while it is in my possession. I will be responsible for the replacement, at full retail value, of any Equipment which is not returned, and I will be responsible for the costs of repairing any damage to the Equipment, other than normal wear and tear.

SKI EQUIPMENT: I understand that the ski-boot bindings system which I have rented will not release at all times nor under all circumstances, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release. I understand that the ski-boot bindings system is, therefore, no guarantee of my safety. I have accurately represented to Ski Sundown, Inc. my height, weight, age, and skiing ability, recognizing that some or all of these factors may affect the settings of the ski-boot bindings system.

SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT: I understand that the snowboard bindings system, which I have rented, is a non-release system. I understand that the snowboard bindings system is no guarantee of my safety.

I hereby agree to the fullest extent permitted by law, as follows:

1) **TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may have against Ski Sundown, Inc. and all manufacturers and distributors of the Equipment, caused by the use of the Equipment and/or the inherent risks of the sport of skiing, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 29-211, *et seq.*;

2) **TO ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN SKIING;**

3) **TO RELEASE** Ski Sundown, Inc. and all manufacturers and distributors of the Equipment, from all liability for any loss, damage, injury, or expense I (or my next of kin) may suffer, caused by the use of the Equipment and/or the inherent risks of the sport of skiing.

4) **TO INDEMNIFY** and hold harmless Ski Sundown, Inc. and the manufacturers and distributors of the Equipment for any loss or damage including any that results from claims or lawsuits for personal injury, death, or property loss and damage arising from my use of the Equipment.

5) **I FURTHER AGREE** to submit all claims against the manufacturers or distributors of the rental Equipment used by me at Ski Sundown, Inc. to arbitration.

Arbitration: The Participant or his/her Parent(s) or Guardian(s) hereby agree(s) to submit any dispute arising from participation in the sport of skiing to arbitration, for the sole purpose of determining whether the alleged injury arises from a hazard inherent in the sport of skiing. 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. The neutral arbitrator shall be a current officer of a ski area located in Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine or Massachusetts. 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 a court of competent jurisdiction based on the criteria specified above. 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 West 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 Participant's alleged injury arises from a hazard inherent in the Participant's participation in the sport of skiing, Participant's claim shall be deemed barred, as a matter of law, and the Participant shall be barred from recovering any compensation from Ski Sundown, Inc.

In the event that the Panel determines that Participant's alleged injury did not arise from a hazard inherent in the sport of skiing, the Panel must next determine whether Ski Sundown, Inc. was negligent and if so, whether Ski Sundown, Inc.'s negligence was a proximate cause of Participant's injury. If the Panel determines that either Ski Sundown, Inc. was not negligent or that any negligence on its part was not a proximate cause of the Participant's injury, then the Panel must enter an award of no responsibility for Ski Sundown, Inc. & Participant shall be barred, as a matter of law, from any recovering any compensation from Ski Sundown, Inc.

However, if the Panel finds that negligence on the part of Ski Sundown, Inc. was a proximate cause of Participant's injury, the Panel must then determine whether Participant was negligent and whether Participant's negligence contributed to his/her injury. The Panel shall assign a percentage of negligence for both Ski Sundown, Inc. and Participant, which must equal 100%. If the Participant's allocation of negligence exceeds 50%, Participant's claim shall be deemed barred, as a matter of law, and the Participant shall be barred from recovering any compensation from Ski Sundown, Inc.

However, if Participant's allocation is less than 50%, then the Panel shall determine dollar amount for any damages that have been proven that will fairly compensate the Participant for his/her injury. The Panel shall then multiply the dollar amount of any such damages by the percentage of negligence found on the part of Ski Sundown, Inc. The resulting number shall be the Panel's compensation award for Participant's injury.

The Federal Rules of Evidence shall apply to the arbitration proceeding unless the parties otherwise agree.

Acknowledgement: I grant permission to Ski Sundown to use my photograph, video tape, motion picture recording or any other record of my use of its facilities for legitimate purposes.

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.

Parents or Guardians must also sign if the Participant is UNDER 18.

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant's Printed Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Printed Witness Name: _____



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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