

MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

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Presidents Message

Dear fellow members,

The leaves are falling and so are gas prices which will soon be followed by snow!

We've just held our first regular club meeting, bulk ticket orders are in and membership renewals are as well. That means we're getting that much closer to our favorite season. We had a very informative presentation by Nancy and Todd from REI of West Hartford, regarding layering and the different product lines available to help us enjoy being in the cold even more than we already do.

A successful work weekend was held in October that focused on closing in heating ducts in the lodge. Along with this the barn hatchway was scraped and painted, (thanks Bob J), the garbage bin was rebuilt and painted (Bob P., Peter Gung-ho Casey and Margaret K). Ducts were tackled by Bob K., Jon S. Aaron T & brother in law Enzo Pitagora, our newest lodge member. A big thank you !!

As I shared at last week's meeting we do continue to see an overall slip in membership. The board is taking active steps to try and increase the interest in membership. Our club flyers are being updated and we are going to actively post them or distribute at promotional opportunities. As an example the club will have a table at the Manchester Road Race health expo on Sat. Nov 22nd at Bennet Academy in Manchester. Thousands of runners will be going through picking up their Thanksgiving Day race materials.

If you have any ideas where the club could promote itself please be in touch with a board member. Again I ask you to refer someone to the club in some level of membership. If you know someone that only skis once or twice a year please suggest our Bronze membership.

President's Message Continued...

The CSC Snowball 'Steep and Deep' is Nov 22nd at the Windsor Marriott. It's a lot of fun so consider coming out. More details follow in the newsletter.

Please be in touch.

Regards,

Jon H.

REI Presentation at MSC Meeting



2014 CSC SNOWBALL, an event you don't want to miss!!

Please consider joining us for fun on the dance floor at this year's CSC Snowball!

The snowball is rapidly approaching....**November 15^h at The Hartford/Windsor Marriott, 28 Day Hill Rd Windsor CT.**

We will be sharing a hospitality suite with Sterling Ski Club this year, which promises to be a very fun time for all involved~

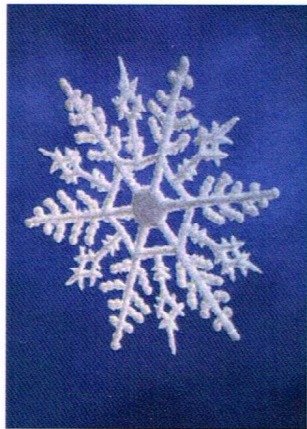
Tickets are \$20 a person in advance, or \$25 on the night of the dance, but be careful...tickets go fast!

Grab them now! Tickets are running out, please let Donna know ASAP!

Cheap rates are available at the Hotel if you would like to make a night of it. **Please contact Donna Jackman at [860 404 0018](tel:8604040018) or Jackman.Donna@sbcglobal.net to purchase tickets or get further information.**

We ask everyone who is coming to bring a dish to share with the crew. You can also BYOB and leave them safely in the room (Sharing is optional).

Last year our club won a bunch of fantastic trips and other prizes during the raffle, and danced the night away with the ski community at large. This is a fantastic event to kick off our season...you don't want to miss it!



The Connecticut Ski Council
Cordially invites you to
the 2014 Snowball



“Steep & Deep”

A semi-formal dance featuring live music

By Frantic City

Saturday, November 15, 2014

8:00pm – Midnight

Hartford Windsor Marriott Hotel

28 Day Hill Road, Windsor

860-688-7500

Tickets: \$20 advanced purchase
 \$25 at the door

Prizes: You could be the lucky winner of skis, lift tickets, gift certificates and much, much more!

Come for a great time, and you will be supporting the Connecticut Ski Council's only fundraiser of the year.

For more information contact your CSC Representative or the Connecticut Ski Council at:

www.skiclub.com



Check out a sneak peak of what's in store at Okemo this winter! Folks up there are hard at work building this highly anticipated ski treat!



Okemo's snapshots of their new six pack bubble chairs and one of multiple snow making compressors. Good signs for us!!

Looking to Save Money Using the Lodge This Winter?

If a member brings a guest(s) and their stay equals \$100.00 or more for the duration, the member will get a free night stay at the lodge!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OKEMO:

OMS Ski Sale and Swap—November 21-23rd

- a great opportunity to purchase new and pre-owned ski and snowboard equipment, clothing and accessories at great prices!

Cares and Shares Food Drive Day—December 7th

- Bring at least five non perishable food items, a child's toy or a new clothing item, and receive a coupon for a \$39 dollar lift ticket good for that day.

Sugar House Demo Day—December 13th

- Test-drive the latest ski and snowboard equipment for free at the new Sugar House Demo Center. Registration is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. A credit card imprint is required and snowboarders must provide their own bindings.

Warren Miller's No Turning Back—December 26th

- Located in the Jackson Gore Inn Cornerstone Room. Admission is \$20. An annual tradition, this year's film was shot in some exotic, international locations: Greece, Norway, France, Switzerland and Japan. U.S. footage includes Colorado, Montana and Alaska - and the film includes some vintage, comedic footage as well. This year there will be two movie showings. 6:00pm and 8:30pm

Print and pass the Bronze Membership app on the next page to a friend! Help us grow

BRONZE Membership Application The Manchester Ski Club (MSC)**2014-2015**

Send completed form to:

Jon Hiller

26 Pinelock Drive

Gales Ferry, CT 06335



renewal (stickers only)

Family Membership \$15

Individual \$10

Student \$5

NAME: _____ Membership \$5 \$10 \$15

ADDRESS: _____ # of Laminated Cards(*) _____ x \$1 ea. _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ Total _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

All personal information obtained by the MSC will be kept confidential. It will only be used for purposes related to the MSC. This personal information will not be shared with any other person or organization.

EVERY ADULT MEMBER (18 and older) MUST SIGN THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY. PARENTS MUST SIGN FOR THEIR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN. SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT COMPLETING THE LIABILITY WAIVER FORM.

Print the names of children that parents are signing for. Other family members can be listed here. Additional waiver sheets not needed.

(*)Every Member must have a valid membership card to receive benefits.

Please specify A for adult or C for child after each name listed. Ex. John Smith - A or John Smith jr - C

Check box if a new or replacement membership card is needed. Otherwise only CSC stickers will be sent.

1. _____

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Liability Release, Indemnity Agreement and Code of Conduct

1.) I acknowledge that skiing and its' related activities are HAZARDOUS and can result in damage, injury and/or death. I have considered these facts and make a voluntary choice to participate in these activities despite the risks that are present. In consideration for being permitted to participate, I agree to ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF DAMAGE, INJURY AND/OR DEATH that might be associated with or result from my participation in these activities.

2.) In consideration of my participation in these activities sponsored by the **MSC**, I hereby RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND TO FOREVER DISCHARGE the organizers and sponsors of these activities and the following parties:

The **MSC** Ski Club and it's Board of Directors (including it's affiliated organizations), their officers, agents and employees from any and all responsibility, liability, claims and demands whatsoever for any damage, loss, expense, delay, injury, sickness, accident, and/or death, whether caused by negligence, skiing conditions, weather or any other reason. This agreement applies to ALL activities that are in ANY WAY CONNECTED with any membership or participation in **MSC** activities.

3.) I have carefully read and understand this agreement and all of its terms. I understand that this agreement is a release of liability that will legally PREVENT me or any other person from filing suit or making any other legal claim arising out of or related to my membership or participation in **MSC** activities. I, nevertheless, enter into this agreement freely and voluntarily and agree that it is binding upon relatives, my heirs, administrators, executors, legal representatives and me.

4.) While it would be impossible to list all prohibited conduct, the following standards are reasonable and necessary for proper conduct for members and guests at any **MSC** activity. I acknowledge that the **MSC** will not tolerate the following actions and have the right to revoke my **MSC** membership if I do not comply with this code of conduct during **MSC** activities.

- a. Any act in violation of Federal, State, County or local, civil, or penal laws or statutes.
 - i. Any use or possession of narcotics or illegal drugs while attending an **MSC** activity
 - ii. Any act of providing alcoholic beverages to club members, family members, or guests under the legal drinking age in attendance at **MSC** activities.
 - iii. Any act that may create a dangerous situation, such as possessing a weapon at **MSC** activities or verbally, physically, or sexually assaulting another individual.
- b. Any act of dishonesty, theft, or misappropriation of the **MSC**, member or guest's property.
- c. Any issuance of a check to the **MSC** or its' agents, that is returned for insufficient funds that is not rectified within 30 days.
- d. Any use of the **MSC** name, logo, or reputation for personal gain.
- e. Any actions or behaviors that will in any way reflect poorly on the public image of the **MSC**.

Printed Name(s): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Make Checks Payable to MSC

Check No. _____ Amount _____



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