



MERIDEN SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Letter

December 2005

SEASONS GREETINGS

Our club committees have completed the first cycle of social events capped off by the Spaghetti Dinner and the first club Hayride/Bonfire. All of the events received excellent membership support and were a smashing success. Next up is the lift ticket auction and a personal visit by Santa Claus at our Christmas Party on December 15th.

Snow has started to fall up North with many resorts already in full operation. All indications point to a colder winter with heavier snow fall than normal in New England this season. The buses are ready to roll for our one day trips up North, there is also the week end trips to Stowe and Burke; a week trip to Steamboat, Colorado and another week trip to Smugglers Notch, Vermont in March for less than \$550.00. This is a bus trip with Smugglers Notch picking up the tab for the transportation. Five buses are planned, taking different interstate routes to accommodate the several clubs. This trip is sponsored by the CT Ski Council, let's help make it a success.

In closing, I wish all our members a safe and happy Holiday Season and let's keep our wonderful men and women in uniform in our thoughts that won't be home this Christmas to celebrate the holidays with their loved ones

RUSS

Trips for 2005-2006 Season

Anyone interested in running a trip or other activity for the 2005-2006 season, please contact Russ Hayden. You will need to get as much detail as possible and complete a trip proposal form obtainable from Russ. The board will be reviewing the trips and activities at the monthly board meetings.

Anyone interested in submitting an article, announcement or ad for the newsletter, **please email the information** to Tanya Marks at corsecretary@meridenski.com.

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Calendar of Events 2005 - 2006

December	1	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	6	BOD Meeting 7PM Don Comstock's
	8	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH Lift Ticket Auction to follow
	11	Stratton Bus Trip
	15	Christmas Party 7:00 Ho Ho Ho!
	17	Mount Snow Bus Trip
	19	Monday Night Racing Begins ?
	22	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	26	Monday Night Racing
	29	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
January	1	Okemo Bus Trip - Happy New Year!!
	2	Monday Night Racing
	3	BOD Meeting 7PM - Hayden's House
	5	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	8	Mount Snow Bus Trip
	9	Monday Night Racing
	12	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	14	Magic Bus Trip
	16	Monday Night Racing
	19	Reg Meeting 7:30 Member's Night
	23	Monday Night Racing
	26	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	27-29	Stowe Weekend Trip
	30	Monday Night Racing

Please note: Sign ups for MSC activities will take place during Member's Nights and during other activities held on Thursday nights throughout the year.

Member Conduct Responsibility

The MSC asks that its members act responsibly during club activities. Conduct on buses, lift lines, at ticket booths, at parties or on the slope is reflective of the club as a whole and is expected to be courteous, fair and respectful. Please be aware of other people and children that may observe our activities and please act accordingly. We want this club to be the best and we want its members to enjoy our activities and feel comfortable at all times. The MSC and the CSC puts forth rules for the safety and integrity of its members.

Disobeying these rules will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Skier's Corner....

"Swix" **Edge Conditioning Tool** for sale. Sharpens & bevels edges, trims side wall. 3 tools in one. Complete with detailed instructions. Used once, new cost was \$30, asking \$15. Contact Bob Smith at 203-265-3255

House for rent at Echo Lake in Vermont, 2000 sq feet, 2 bdr, loft, 3 baths, sleeps 8. 10 miles to Killington, 2 miles to Okemo. Contact Dennis Johnson at 203-238-4288.

2006 CT Senior Winter Games

At Ski Sundown

February 28, 2006

Downhill, Snowshoe, Cross Country & Giant Slalom Races. Male and Female, ages 50+ can participate.

Contact **CT Sports Management Group** at 860-528-4588 or go to www.seniorgamesct.org for times and registration information.

Bulk Ticket Pickup

John Moisuk will be distributing bulk lift ticket orders at the Dec 15, 2005 meeting.

Ascutney, Stratton & Sugarbush are scheduled to be distributed week of December 15. UPS shipments will be made on or before December 1, 2005.

To arrange pick up other than a meeting, contact John at (203) 237-9077 or e-mail, jmoisuk@aol.com.

Notes...

Membership registrations can be downloaded from our website or obtainable at regular meetings. Go to www.meridenski.com to download form.

Watch for **Member's Nights** coming in January. Hang out for coffee and dessert after the meeting.

Ski Tuning Demo slated for Jan 19th meeting..."stay tuned" for more info

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MSC Annual Holiday Party

Thurs December 15, 2004

7:00 pm (No Meeting)

Buffet Dinner and Desserts Galore

Bring a \$10.00 Grab Bag if you want to participate
in the gift giving.

Please RSVP, we will need a head count.

Ho Ho Ho!

Please contact **Donna Fowler @ 203-235-0142** to
RSVP or volunteer to help out on this festive event

Burke Mountain Weekend Trip January 20 - 22, 2006

Trip includes:

- 2 nights accommodations at ski-in ski-out Powderhorn Condos
- 2 day lift ticket
- Après party Saturday night 4-6 PM in the base lodge bar

\$TBD per person for skiers -

\$TBD per person for non-skiers

\$50 Deposit due starting December 1, 2005
Final payment due later in December

This trip is limited to the first 60 people who
sign up! So sign up now!!

For further information contact
Peggy Fellegly (203) 269-1571

The Garrison at Sugarbush Mountain On Snow Carnival Weekend

March 3-5, 2006

Prices as follows for accommodations only,
lift tickets are not included:

\$95.00 per person for 2 nights (Fri, Sat)

\$140.00 per person for 3 nights (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

Accommodations available, first come first serve
basis, beds are filling up quickly!!

See **Lori Inman** or call (203) 265-7794 for details

Free Ski/Ride Lessons

Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
Mt. Southington starting in January

Any member and their children are welcome to come.
Ski lessons limited to 12 members per night to fairly accom-
modate different levels. You must sign up by the Sunday
before lessons. If you need to cancel, please cancel by 3:00
p.m. on the Tuesday of your lesson. Contact **Lori Inman**
at 860-829-1561 to sign up for ski lessons.

Learn to ride with **Johnny Naungayan**
Classes meet at the same time & place as ski lessons.

Class size limited to 4 people.

Call Johnny at 203-379-0036 to sign up.

MSC Bus Trips

Stratton - Sunday 12/11/2005

Sign-up starts 11/10/2005 \$28.

Mount Snow - Saturday 12/17/2005

Sign-up starts 11/17/2005 \$25.

Okemo Mountain - Sunday 01/01/2006

Sign-up starts 12/08/2005 \$32.

Mount Snow - Sunday 01/08/2006

Sign-up starts 12/15/2005 \$25.

Magic - Saturday 01/14/2006

Sign-up starts 12/22/2005 \$25.

Stratton - Sunday 02/05/2006

Sign-up starts 1/12/2006 \$30.

Sunapee Mountain - Saturday 2/11/2006

Sign-up starts 01/19/2006 \$24.

Magic - Saturday 02/18/2006

Sign-up starts 01/26/2006 \$25.

Mount Snow - Sunday 02/26/2006

Sign-up starts 02/02/2006 \$25.

Stratton - Sunday 03/12/2006

Sign-up starts 02/16/2006 \$30.

Okemo Mountain - Sunday 03/19/2006

Sign-up starts 02/23/2006 \$28.

****This is our annual tailgate trip!****

General Guidelines

- Deposits will only be taken for bus trips on or after the dates listed, from 7:00-7:30 or after the meeting.
- **No money will be collected during the meeting -- NO EXCEPTIONS**
- The bus price will be \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members (\$1 driver tip included). The bus fee must be paid at the time of sign-up. The lift ticket fee will be collected on the bus.
- All **members must bring membership card** with CSC sticker adhered to back, (keep on self, do not pack away).
- Non-members may sign up only if space is available at the Thursday meeting before the trip. Non-members are not guaranteed a ticket at CSC rates.
- No refunds or cancellations allowed after the **start of the business meeting one week prior to the trip.**
- The bus committee must approve any video played on the bus. The committee member in charge of the bus has final say.
- Buses will leave from the Lewis street commuter parking lot in Meriden at 6:00 am sharp.
- Trip dates and destinations subject to change

Contact **Karl Skwiot**, chairman of the
Bus Trip program 860-829-1561

Notice: The bus trip cancellation policy has been changed this year due to the policy set forth by the bus company we have contracted with. If a trip is cancelled within one week prior to the scheduled date, the club loses 100% of the cost of the bus, with no exceptions such as weather. Any decision to cancel a trip will be decided prior to the cancellation window and only under extreme circumstances. Likewise, no member shall cancel or receive a refund after the start of the business meeting **one week** prior to the trip. In the past, cancellations were accepted up to the start of the meeting just before the trip, but this will no longer be an option. The time period for sign ups for these trips has been extended to allow adequate time to sign up at the meetings. See sign up start dates on the schedule above.

The bus chairperson and/or the club board of directors may offer empty seats to other ski clubs one week prior to the bus trip to help fill the bus and alleviate cost to the club. The price per seat for other ski club members will be \$25.00, not including lift ticket.

Members only may sign up for Sat / Sun bus trips by sending a check at least two weeks prior to the trip of their choice, made out to the Meriden Ski Club in the amount of \$15.00 for each member reserving a seat on the bus. The mountain and the date of the trip must be written on the memo line on the face of the check. The member will be notified by E-mail when check is received to confirm the reservation. Money for lift tickets will be collected on the bus. Checks must be mailed to : President/Meriden Ski Club, 30 Knollwood Road, Southington, Ct. 06489

**Stowe Mountain, Vermont
Jan 27 - 29, 2006**

The package includes:

- 2 nights lodging at Golden Eagle Resort
- 2 breakfasts at the Colonial Café
- Saturday dinner at the Partridge Inn
- Wine & Cheese Reception Saturday night
- **3 day lift ticket** - Fri, Sat, Sun
- Use of resort facilities
- Gratuities and taxes included

\$209 per person four persons per room

\$225 per person triple occupancy

\$260 per person double occupancy

\$370 for a single room

Children and Senior rate will be \$27 less

No lift tickets will be \$87.00 less

\$100 PP Deposit due ASAP

Final payments due **before** December 22, 2005

For further information call **Ken Conrad** at (860) 426-0271 or email him at Stowe@Meridenski.com.

Space still available !!

****Rooms available for Thursday night as follows:**

Double \$82.00, Triple \$92.00, Quad \$102.00

Includes taxes and breakfast.

Contact Doug Kellogg at Golden Eagle Resort directly for Thursday night stay

Meriden Ski Club Racing Program

Monday Night Racing

Starts in late December at Mt Southington
More details next newsletter

Race Clinics

For adults and Kids
More details to follow

State Races

Slalom, Giant Slalom, Cross Country & Downhill
See schedule coming soon

On Snow Carnival Weekend

March 3-5, 2006
Compete to have fun!

**Steamboat, Colorado
Feb 11 - 18, 2006
CSC 1st Annual Western Trip**

The package includes:

- Round Trip Airfare: Your choice LaGuardia, Newark or Boston, on United, Northwest or Continental
- Roundtrip transfers from airport to Resort
- 7 nights lodging at Storm Meadows
- 5 day lift ticket
- Ski Week Special (Welcome Party, Mountain Tour, Pub Crawl & more!)

\$1,140.00 (base price, dbl occupancy)

\$30 cash/check discount

**\$250 deposit due now (plus \$25 late fee),
final payment due 12/1/05**

Contact **Marge Hayden** at

860-621-6047 or

secretary@meridenski.com for more info and to sign up for this fun filled trip

Mt Southington Lift Tickets

Discount Tickets will be available at the weekly meetings starting in December. These tickets are subsidized by the club and are for members and their children only.

Member's Only price is \$16.00 per ticket

Contact **Lori Inman** at (203) 265-7794 or purchase at any regular meeting.

Mountain Laurel Lodge

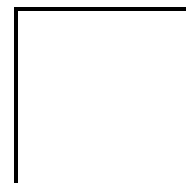
Ludlow, VT

The Appalachian Trail room has been reserved for the MSC Members, for up to 8 people (bunk beds), limited to weekends only – Friday, Saturday & Holidays. Other days/rooms available if space is available.

The rate is \$35.00 per night with a two-night minimum stay (Includes continental breakfast) and is payable by check, cash or voucher .

Contact **Lisa** at the reservation desk @ 860-533-1981 or email Lodge@mtlski.com. Visit <http://www.mtlski.com/lodge.html> for more details about the lodge.

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The Meriden Ski Club was established in 1962 to provide its members with skiing opportunities and skiing values. The Club sponsors a wide variety of activities which include Sunday bus trips to ski areas in Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire and Vermont. Weekend and week-long trips are also sponsored by the club. Free ski instruction is provided for all members and their children, and racing programs for adults and children are also available. Off season programs include the Annual Summer Picnic, bike trips, golf tournaments and other fun activities. The Meriden Ski Club meets on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm at the AOH Hall in Meriden, CT, from September to April.



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Upcoming Activities:

- * Dec 11 - 1st Bus Trip of year to Stratton
- * Dec 17 - Mount Snow Bus Trip
- * Dec 15 - Holiday Party -HoHoHo!