



MERIDEN SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Jan-Feb 2006

The Meriden Ski Club has been very successful over the years and especially this year. The membership rolls have reached the highest point ever, thanks to all the new members that have chosen to join our club. We must be doing something right, as a handful of people have tried to join twice, talk about excitement, anticipation and motivation. Of course their money will be refunded.

As with any highly successful organization, it takes a competent, dedicated staff, motivated committees, participation and volunteerism by the membership as a team to make things work. That has been the rule, rather than the exception with the Meriden Ski Club. Our social season has also been the best ever, now we get down to skiing and time on snow. The buses are rolling and the week end trips are filling up.

It is important, at this time, because of the scores of new members, to point out the rules of the club, namely the By-laws and Constitution that can be perused on our web site. I encourage everyone to set aside ten minutes to familiarize themselves with the working rules of the MSC, especially the sections dealing with club trips.

Skiing by its nature can be a dangerous activity and it is important, from a safety and liability perspective, that junior members (those under 18) must be accompanied on trips by a parent or guardian. Guests must sign a waiver of liability before embarking on any club trip and are not permitted to purchase discounted council day lift tickets, this is a member only benefit. Violation will mean loss of privileges for the offending club.

Lets all have a fun filled, safe ski season, climaxed by our annual tail gate party at Okemo in the spring. Lets play by the rules and be the best mannered, most courteous and co-operative ski club on the mountain.

My thanks to the officers, directors and chairpersons that makes this club so special.

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

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|---------|-------|---|
| January | 1 | Okemo Bus Trip - Happy New Year!! |
| | 2 | <i>Monday Night Racing</i> |
| | 3 | BOD Meeting 7PM - Hayden's House |
| | 5 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 8 | Mount Snow Bus Trip |
| | 9 | <i>Monday Night Racing</i> |
| | 11 | State GS Race—Powder Ridge |
| | 12 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 14 | Magic Bus Trip |
| | 16 | <i>Monday Night Racing</i> |
| | 19 | Reg Meeting 7:30 Member's Night |
| | 20-22 | Burke Weekend Trip |
| | 23 | <i>Monday Night Racing</i> |
| | 25 | State Snowboard Race |
| | 26 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 27-29 | Stowe Weekend Trip |
| | 30 | <i>Monday Night Racing</i> |
| Feb | 2 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 5 | Stratton Bus Trip |
| | 6 | <i>Monday Night Racing - Makeup date</i> |
| | 7 | BOD Meeting 7PM - TBD |
| | 8 | Slalom State Race - Mt Southington |
| | 9 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 11-18 | Steamboat Week Trip |
| | 18 | Magic Bus Trip |
| | 16 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 20 | <i>Monday Night Racing - Makeup date</i> |
| | 23 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 26 | Mt Snow Bus Trip |
| | 27 | <i>Monday Night Racing - Makeup date</i> |
| March | 2 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 3 | State Downhill - Sugarbush Mtn |
| | 3-4 | CSC On Snow Carnival Weekend |
| | 5 | State X- Country - Sugarbush Mtn |
| | 7 | BOD Meeting 7PM - TBD |
| | 9 | Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH |
| | 12 | Stratton Bus Trip |

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.

Skier's Corner....

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.

John Moisuk has ticket vouchers for Mt Snow on a first come, first serve basis. Contact him at jmoisuk@aol.com if you are interested. The cost per ticket is \$39.

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

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.

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.

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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

\$197.00 per person for skiers

\$TBD per person for non-skiers

\$50 Deposit due starting December 1, 2005

Final payment due **January 5th**

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

For further information contact
Peggy Fellego (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

CSC On Snow Winter Carnival

March 3, 4, & 5

Many events are planned throughout the weekend
both on and off skis, so please plan to attend and
support the Meriden Ski Club.

More details later in the season, so stay tuned.
Contact Sue Scheibenpflug at (203)879-9872 if
you want to race or if you wish to participate in
other On Snow activities.

Sign up for lodging with Lori Inman
(see ad above)



Sue's Racing Corner



Monday Night Racing

Mt. Southington
December through February, 2006.

Anyone 18 yrs or older is eligible
Registration starts at 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Racing starts at 8:00 p.m.

Ticket Price is \$24.00 incl racing & lift ticket 'til 10:00pm

Must bring membership card and sign waiver!!!!

Contact Sue Scheibenpflug, at (203)879-9872 or e-mail
Racing@meridenski.com.

MSC Annual Club Races

Feb 3, 2006
Mount Southington

Ski, have fun, and test your skills by racing in our
annual club race. All abilities and ages are
encouraged to race. This is a great way to see what rac-
ing is all about and the mountain is around the corner!
Contact Race Chairperson Sue Scheibenpflug at (203)
879-9872 or e-mail Racing@meridenski.com.

MSC Race Clinic

Friday Jan. 6th from 6:30 - 8:30 at Mt Southington.

Please meet upstairs in the ready room above the
restaurant. Clinic is free - however you must purchase a
voucher from Lori Inman for \$16.00 prior to Friday.
Afterward there will be a hot tub party at Sue's house -
BYOB. Bathing suit, towel/robe & flip flops are recom-
mended. Contact Sue at 203-879-9872

State Races...

Giant Slalom - January 11, 2006 at Powder Ridge

Snowboard - January 25, 2005 at Mt Southington

Slalom - February 08, 2006 at Mt Southington

Downhill - Friday, March 03, 2006 at Sugarbush - \$5

X-country - Sunday, March 05, 2006 at Sugarbush \$TBD
Races are \$24 unless otherwise listed. Contact Sue at
203-879-9872 or CSC website

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

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 accommodate different levels. You must sign up by the Sunday before lessons. If necessary, please cancel by 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday of your lesson. Contact **Lori Inman** at 860-829-1561 or Lessons@MeridenSki.com 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 6 people.

Contact Johnny at 203-627-2150 or Snowboard@MeridenSki.com

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

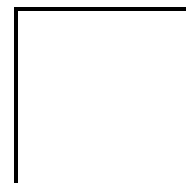
Ludlow, VT

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:

- Mt Snow & Magic Bus Trips
- Members Night - January 9
- Burke Weekend Trip - Jan 20 - 22
- Stowe Weekend Trip - Jan 27 - 29
- Steamboat, Colorado - Feb 11 - 18