



MERIDEN SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Letter

November 2006

At last the snow guns are fired up in the northeast, even Woodbury Ski area is in operation with limited snow cover. In another three weeks many of us will have our first runs in for the season. Our first Sunday bus trip will leave Meriden for Stratton on December 10th. Sign up with Karl early or be left behind. The Meriden Ski Club just completed its annual Open House in grand style. Attendance was unprecedented and donations contributed by ski shops, ski areas/resorts and casino's were over the top. While many donations were distributed by lottery, including a very nice pair of skis, no tickets had to be purchased to qualify for the drawings. In spite of the dozens of items given away, there are still over a score of lift ticket packages and another pair of ski's to be given away at meetings and the Christmas party before the first of the year. All this was accomplished by 1st VP, Bob Fowler and his staff. The C.S.C. Snow Ball is next Saturday, Nov 11th, followed by the Spaghetti Supper on Nov 16th and our first bus trip to Vermont all in less than four weeks. In closing, I want to give special thanks to Linda Magrath, chairwoman of the Tea Cup auction and her many contributors, possibly the most popular event at the Open House. A big "Thank You" to all the vendors for their participation and donations, without them the Open House would not have been the successful program that it was. Last, but not least, "Thanks" to our members for supporting the MSC and the many new members who have joined us this year. We are looking forward to their input and contributions to the betterment of the MSC. I extend an open invitation to these new members to present ideas to better meet their needs and join us in leadership positions to carry them out. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Festive Holidays!! Russ

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Anyone interested in submitting an article, announcement or ad for the newsletter, please contact Tanya Marks @ corsecretary@meridenski.com.

Trips for 2006-2007 Season

Anyone interested in running a trip or event for the 2006-2007 season, please contact President Russ Hayden. You will need to get as much detail as possible and complete a trip proposal form obtainable from Russ. The board will review your request at the board meetings throughout the year.

Calendar of Events		
Nov	2	Reg Meeting 7:30PM AOH
	7	BOD Meeting 7:00 PM - Ken's
	9	Reg Meeting 7:30PM AOH
	11	Snow Ball -Trumbull Marriott
	16	Spagetti Dinner 6:30PM AOH
	23	No Meeting—Happy Turkey!
	30	Reg Meeting 7:30PM AOH
Dec	5	BOD Mtg 7:00 PM Sandy M's
	7	Reg Meeting 7:30PM AOH
	10	Stratton Bus Trip
	14	Christmas Party 7:00 PM
	17	Okemo Bus Trip
	21	Reg Meeting 7:30PM AOH
	25	Happy Holidays HO HO HO!
	28	Reg Meeting 7:30PM AOH
Jan	2	BOD Meeting 7:00 PM
	4	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	7	Mt Snow Bus Trip
	11	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	18	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	25	Member's Night - Snow Gods

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.

Disclaimer: Any opinions contained in this newsletter are those of the writer or author and those opinions do not necessarily reflect the views of the officers and directors of the Meriden Ski Club. Information contained in this newsletter is accurate and current on the published date, and is subject to change at any time.

What we are working on....

...Watch for **Member's Nights** to be scheduled soon, including ski clinics and social hour...
 ...Annual **Holiday Party** will be held Dec. 14, 2006
 ...Mark your calendar...**Annual Dinner Dance** to be held on 4/28/06....
 ...**Club Races** are tentatively set for Okemo 2/4/07
 ...the **Snow Gods** are coming....Jan 25th....

Skier's Corner

Condo for Rent: Presidents week in Wilmington, VT near Mt Snow. 1 BR, sleeps 4, full kitchen, incl linens & towels. Sauna, hot tub, indoor pool, racketball, pingpong. Walking distance to fine dining. Check-in Sat Feb 17 4pm, check out 10 AM Feb 24. \$1150.00 Call **Rick** @ 860-628-7638

Kids equipment for sale: Elan skis size 118, Dalbello Boots size 12. Contact **Lori Inman** at 203-265-7794

Mount Southington Tickets

Lori Inman will be selling Mt Southington Lift Tickets again this year. Like everything else, the price has gone up a bit this year, but the MSC board has agreed to cushion the blow.

Each evening ticket will be \$17.00 for members, a \$27 value. These are evening tickets and can be used toward a daytime ticket.

Amateur Ski Instructors Association

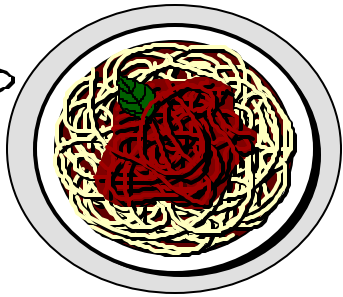
ASIA Ski and Snowboard Instructors are needed to help with the club's free instruction program. The club will sponsor the ASIA course in exchange for your time with the instruction program. Please see Lori Inman or any other Board member if interested.

WANTED:

Ski & Snow Board Instructors

I am looking for some volunteers to help teach on Tuesday nights at Mt. Southington. If interested please contact me at (203)265-7794

Thanks,
Lori Inman



MERIDEN SKI CLUB SPAGHETTI SUPPER

THURSDAY, November 16th

5:30 – 7:00pm

AOH HALL
MELVILLE AVE
MERIDEN

Price:

12-Adult \$10.00
6 to 11 - \$5.00
(5 and under free)

Raffle

50/50
Door Prize



*CSC and MSC invite you and your dancing partner to our
SnowBall “White Mountain Powder”*

Saturday, November 11, 2006

8:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Trumbull Marriot

Trumbull, CT

A Semi-Formal Dance

\$20 per person in advance, \$25 after Nov 7th

Reserve your room now by calling 800-682-4095

Mention CSC for special rate of \$89.00 plus tax

Raffles galore! Skis, snowboard, lift tickets, vacation packages and much more!

Come and support the CT Ski Council's only fund raiser of the year.

Your attendance and enjoyment is vital to our organization's continued success.

For further info contact your **Ambassador Linda Morasutti**

Directions: Rt 15 South to Exit 52 (Rt 8 South) Take Rt 108 exit toward Stratford. Turn left onto Rt 108/Nichols Avenue.
Turn left onto Hawley Lane.

Burke Mountain Weekend

January 26-28, 2007

Price: \$199.00 per person

- * 2 nights
- * 2 day Lift Ticket
- * Apres Ski party Saturday night
- * Condo lodging
- * Ski in and out

Deposit: \$75.00 pp

Balance due December 15th

Contact: Peggy @ 203-269-1571 to sign up

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

to sign up.

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Stowe Mountain, Vermont March 9-11, 2007

The package includes:

- 2 nights accommodations at Golden Eagle Resort
- 2 breakfasts at the Colonial Café
- Saturday dinner at the Partridge Inn
- Wine & Cheese Reception
- 3 day lift ticket (for price of 2!)
- Use of resort facilities
- Gratuities and taxes included

\$238 per person four persons per room

\$256 per person triple occupancy

\$294 per person double occupancy

\$408 for a single room

- Deduct \$90 for non-skiers
- Deduct \$28 for seniors (65+yrs)
- Juniors (Ages 12 and under) are \$87.00 (2-day lift ticket, breakfast, tax, and gratuity included)

\$100 PP Deposit starting 11/3/06

\$100 Second payment due Dec 1, 2006

Final payments due **before** Feb 2, 2007

For further information call

Ken Conrad at
(860) 426-0271
or email him at
Stowe@Meridenski.com



Ski Andorra/Visit Barcelona February 17-25, 2007

Package includes:

- Round Trip motorcoach between Meriden & JFK
- Nonstop RT air between JFK and Barcelona via Delta Airlines.
- Motorcoach transfers to and from Barcelona
- Airport with English speaking Assistant.
- 5 nights accommodations at the 4 star Hotel Art with breakfast & dinner. www.apsisarthotel.com
- 2 nights at 4 star Avenida Palace Hotel with breakfast daily. www.hotel-avenidapalace.com
- Welcome drink & reception upon arrival.
- Local guide and hospitality desk at hotel each evening.
- Optional day tour programs for non-skiers to Spain and France.
- Ski slopes 6km from hotel with daily tickets costing 32-37 euros. 3,000 ft verticals. More info at www.skiandorra.ad
- All taxes.

TOUR COSTS

Per Person Double Occupancy : \$ 1,425

\$700 due at sign up, \$725 due by Thanksgiving
Cancellation penalties apply after November 1, 2006

Spring Fling at Sugarbush March 30 - April 1, 2006 At The Garrison

\$80.00 pp for 2 nights

\$155.00 per couple for 2 nights

Condo, motel and bunk room style accommodations
Indoor Pool, Ping Pong, Spring Conditions

Deposits \$40.00 for individual, \$80.00 for couples

This is a council Awareness weekend at Sugarbush, lift tickets are \$30 per day purchased at the mountain. See **Lori Inman** to sign up (203)265-7794.

Note to all skiers signing up for Whistler/Blackcomb, Banff, or Andorra/Barcelona trips

You must have a current passport to attend the countries on these trips. A new passport takes at least 6 weeks, so start applying now! If you have an current passport, it must be valid for at least 6 months after the time of visit to the foreign country. So if your current passport is due to expire before August of 2007, you must get a new passport now. Enjoy your trip and please leave your trays in the upright position.

Banff, Canada
February 10-17, 2007

The Connecticut Ski Council (CSC) is sponsoring a week ski trip to Banff, Canada. **Sue Schiebenflug** is the representative for The Meriden Ski Club.

The package includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Hartford, New York or Boston
- Roundtrip transfers from airport to the resort
- 7 nights of double occupancy accommodations
- 5 day lift ticket
- A Canadian Parks Pass
- taxes



\$1,299 at the Ptarmigan Inn or the Caribou Lodge
\$1,574 at the Banff Springs Hotel

\$250 deposit due upon sign-up
Final payment due on November 30, 2006

For further information contact **Sue** at 203-879-9872 or email Banff@MeridenSki.com

CSC On-Snow Winter Carnival
March 2 - 4, 2007 - Mount Sunapee

A weekend of racing and other events for everyone. Including Juniors, Women's, Club, Team, XC, Junior, Snowboard and Downhill races as well as Volleyball, Tug-of-War, Ski Rally, and Fun race.

The Meriden Ski Club had rented the entire **Lamp-lighter Inn** in New London, NH. It's 11 miles from Sunapee and a short walk to a variety of restaurants and shopping.

-14 spacious rooms, four studios w/ kitchens that sleeps 4 people ea. W/private bath, some with Jacuzzi tub combo

-Complimentary continental breakfast

<http://www.lamplightermotorinn.com/>

\$120 per night for Fri & Sat, \$86 for Thurs, regardless of the number of individuals staying in each room. A 50% deposit is required to reserve your room. Please contact **Sandy Meyerhofer** at meyerhofers@yahoo.com or 860-436-4353 for more information or to make a reservation.

Whistler/Blackcomb Ski Resort
February 17-24, 2007

Dave Riter is running a week ski trip to Whistler/Blackcomb Ski Resort in Whistler, BC, Canada The package includes:

- Round trip air between Bradley International and Vancouver
- 7 nights lodging at Stoney Creek Northstar, based on 4 person occupancy per 2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Condo
- Roundtrip private motor coach transfers
- 5 of 6 day lift ticket good at Whistler/Blackcomb
- 24 hour pager service
- Moguls On-Location Staff
- Taxes and Gratuities

This trip has been canceled

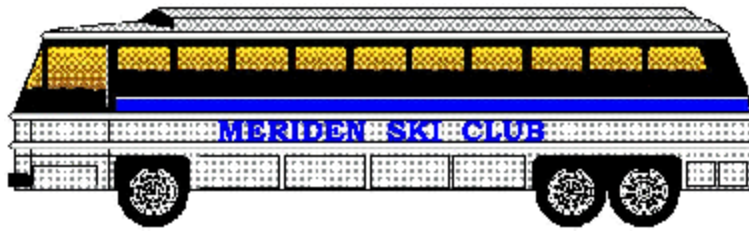
Final payment due November 02, 2007

NOTE: Due to new customs laws valid passports are now required for air and sea travel to or from Canada. Passports must be valid for six months after the return date of a trip. Check the dates on your passport and renew if necessary. If you do not have a passport you will need to apply for one.

Those paid in full by July 31, 2006 will be entered into a drawing for a free airline ticket voucher.

For further information contact **Dave Riter** at (203) 235-5547 or email Whistler@MeridenSki.com





Bus Trip Guidelines

Stratton - Sunday 12/10/2006

Sign-up starts 11/09/2006 **\$8 Special!**

Okemo Mountain - Sunday 12/17/2006

Sign-up starts 11/16/2006 \$29.

Mt Snow - Sunday 01/07/2007

Sign-up starts 12/07/2006 \$30.

Okemo Mountain - Sunday 02/04/2007

This will be the club race.

Sign-up starts 1/04/2007 \$34.

Stratton - Sunday 02/11/2007

Sign-up starts 1/11/2007 \$32.

Sunapee - Sunday 02/18/2007

Sign-up starts 01/18/2007 \$26.

Mount Snow - Sunday 02/25/2007

Sign-up starts 01/25/2007 \$30.

Mount Snow - Saturday 03/17/2007

Sign-up starts 02/15/2007 \$30.

Okemo Mountain - Sunday 03/25/2007

This is our annual tailgate trip!

Sign-up starts 02/22/2007 \$29.

- 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 incl). The bus fee must be paid at the time of sign-up. The lift ticket fee will be collected on the bus.
- 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 subject to change

Contact **Karl Skwiot**, chairman of the
Bus Trip program

Directions to Lewis Ave. Meriden

From Rt. 91 & Rt. 15 take Rt. 691 to exit 6 Lewis Ave. At the end of the ramp go straight through the light. The commuter lot is directly across from the end of the exit ramp.

From Rt. 84 take Rt.691 to exit 5 Kensington, Chamberlain hwy, Rt.71. At the end of the ramp turn left. At the 3rd light turn right, this is Kensington Ave. At the first light turn right. This is Lewis Ave. At the 2nd light turn left into the parking lot driveway.

NOTE: The Meriden Ski Club is giving back to its members!! Sign up for the Stratton Bus Trip and save \$7.00! This is our way of saying "Thanks for your patronage!!"

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL AWARENESS DAYS 2006-2007

Members MUST show valid CSC Club Membership card and can ONLY purchase one ticket for each CSC sticker on the membership card. Tickets are available at the listed pickup location ONLY and sales close at 1 PM.

John G Filakovsky jfilakovsky@microphase.com 203-831-2228 Revised: 8/7/06

Please extend every courtesy and a sincere thank you to the following ski areas and staff for their participation.

12/1/05	Fri	Stowe *	\$37/1
12/2/05	Sat	Stowe *	\$62/2
12/3/06	Sun	Stowe *	\$88/3
12/8/06	Fri	Killington*	\$30/1
12/9/06	Sat	Killington*	\$55/2
12/10/06	Sun	Stratton	\$30
12/15/06	Fri	Mt Snow	\$30
12/16/06	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30
12/17/06	Sun	Okemo	\$29
12/22/06	Fri	Ascutney	\$25
12/23/06	Sat	Ascutney	\$28
12/24/06	Sun	Sunapee	\$26
12/25/06	Mon	Ragged	\$20
12/26/06	Tue	Ragged	\$20
12/27/06	Wed	Ragged	\$20
12/28/06	Thur	Ragged	\$20
12/29/06	Fri	Ragged	\$20
12/30/06	Sat	Ragged	\$28
12/31/06	Sun	Ragged	\$28
1/1/07	Mon	Okemo	\$34
1/5/07	Fri	Mt Snow	\$30
1/6/07	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30
1/7/07	Sun	Mt Snow	\$30
1/8/07	Mon	Jay Peak	\$25
1/9/07	Tue	Jay Peak	\$25
1/10/07	Wed	Jay Peak	\$25
1/11/07	Thur	Jay Peak	\$25
1/12/07	Fri	Jay Peak	\$25
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1/18/06	Thur	Stowe*	\$114/4

1/19/07	Fri	Stratton	\$30
1/20/07	Sat	Sugarbush	\$30
1/21/07	Sun	Sugarbush	\$30
1/22/07	Mon	Sugarbush	\$30
1/26/07	Fri	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25
1/27/07	Sat	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25
1/28/07	Sun	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25
1/29/07	Mon	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25
1/30/07	Tue	Bolton Valley	\$26
1/31/07	Wed	Bolton Valley	\$26
2/1/07	Thur	Bolton Valley	\$26
2/2/07	Fri	Bolton Valley	\$26
2/3/07	Sat	Bolton Valley	\$26
2/4/07	Sun	Okemo	\$34
2/5/07	Mon	Magic	\$20
2/6/07	Tue	Magic	\$20
2/7/07	Wed	Magic	\$20
2/8/07	Thur	Magic	\$20
2/9/07	Fri	Magic	\$20
2/10/07	Sat	Magic	\$25
2/11/07	Sun	Stratton	\$32
2/12/07	Mon	Smugglers	\$29
2/13/07	Tue	Smugglers	\$29
2/14/07	Wed	Smugglers	\$29
2/15/07	Thur	Smugglers	\$29
2/16/07	Fri	Smugglers	\$29
2/17/07	Sat	Smugglers	\$29
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3/3/07	Sat	Sunapee	\$ **
3/4/07	Sun	Sunapee	\$ **
3/5/07	Mon	Burke	\$26
3/6/07	Tue	Burke	\$26
3/7/07	Wed	Burke	\$26
3/8/07	Thur	Burke	\$26
3/9/07	Fri	Burke	\$26
3/10/07	Sat	Burke	\$26
3/11/07	Sun	Stratton	\$32
3/12/07	Mon	Bromley	\$23
3/16/07	Fri	Ascutney	\$25
3/17/07	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30
3/18/07	Sun	Mt Snow	\$30
3/21/07	Wed	Stowe*	\$37/1
3/22/07	Thur	Stowe *	\$62/2
3/23/07	Fri	Stowe *	\$88/3
3/24/07	Sat	Okemo	\$29
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3/30/07	Fri	Killington	\$30
3/31/07	Sat	Sugarbush	\$30
4/1/07	Sun	Sugarbush	\$30
4/2/07	Mon	Sugarbush	\$30
4/6/07	Fri	Killington	\$25

* Multiday tickets are not refundable

Prices are for consecutive days

For example any 3 consecutive

days Stowe Ticket is \$88

** ON SNOW Special Pricing

Get Awareness Days tickets at:

Ascutney: Base Lodge main floor ticket counter

Bolton Valley: Base Lodge inside @ Guest Services counter

Bromley: Any open ticket window

Burke: Sherburne Base Lodge (Lower) Main ticket window

Jay Peak: Hotel building Customer Services office

Killington: Snowshed Base Lodge

Magic: Base Lodge look for CSC sign at ticket office

Loon/Waterbury Valley/Cranmore: Any open ticket window

Mt Snow: Sundance Base Lodge Group Sales Office

Okemo: Group Services Trailer on right before the LOFT Bar.

Ragged: Elmwood Lodge Guest Services Desk

Smugglers Notch: Any open ticket window

Stowe: Spruce Peak Lodge ticket desk

Stratton: Any open ticket window

Sugarbush: Any open ticket window

Sunapee: Group Sales Office in the Spruce Lodge