



MERIDEN SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Letter

March -April 2006

Our club has had a fantastic year with record membership and large meeting attendance throughout the season. The racing team, under the leadership of race captain Sue Scheibenflug, finished second in the CSC racing competition, our best showing ever.

We have a very happy group of skiers who just returned from a week long trip to Steamboat, Colorado. The accommodations, weather, mountain terrain and conditions were absolutely perfect. It was a fantastic week on snow and some of the group had the opportunity to ski with Olympic great Billy Kidd. A foot of new snow on our third day was just an extra bonus.

Now with the remaining two months of our fiscal year, we still have significant and very important business to conduct, starting with the election of officers and directors on March 23rd and the presentation of the club budget to the membership on April 13th. This also means membership dues will be due and payable May 1st. Those of you who are able to get your dues in early, are encouraged to do so. We do have summer programs to fund and will have very limited carry over funds available to work with.

Everyone I have spoken with is looking forward to our final bus trip to Okemo and the phenomenal tail gate party that closes out our organized ski season. We will have two buses available for this event and I encourage everyone planning to go to sign up with Karl Skwiot as early as possible. This will also allow for accurate food planning. There are also plans for a band at this event, finances permitting. Remember the date, Sunday March 19, 2006.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the club race will have been concluded, as well as the On Snow Carnival at Sugarbush, Vt., March 3, 4, 5. Lori Inman has done a super job chairing this program and has sold out the Garrison for the exclusive use of the Meriden Ski Club.

The annual Awards Dinner Dance is April 29th at George's II in Wallingford, a very nice conclusion for our 2005/2006 season. Janine Lehr is chairwoman of the event and always does a superb job.

In closing, I wish to thank the officers, directors, chairpersons of the Meriden Ski Club and all of the members who have contributed to the success of our organization. I have enjoyed the past year as your President and thank everyone for the understanding, cooperation and support I have received. I particularly want to thank the Board of Directors with whom I have worked most closely. I am proud to have served with them.

Russ Hayden

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

Feb	16	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	20	Monday Night Racing - Makeup date
	23	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	26	Mt Snow Bus Trip
	27	Monday Night Racing - Makeup date
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 - Don Comstock's
	9	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	12	Stratton Bus Trip
	16	Cake & Pie Auction - Member's Night
	19	Okemo Bus Trip and Annual Tailgate Party
	23	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH Election of Officers following
	30	Annual Jr Racing Awards & Pizza Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
April	4	BOD Meeting 7PM Tanya Mark's Budget Meeting
	6	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	13	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH Budget Meeting following
	20	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	27	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	29	Annual Dinner Dance —Georges' II
May	2	BOD Meeting 7PM - Hayden's Out with the old, in with the new Party

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.

Summer Activities

The club is looking for summer activities to fill our calendar. If you plan on running an activity, please submit details to the BOD ASAP. The dates need to be scheduled and any needed funds must be approved. We look forward to the off season filled with fun activities and to keep in touch with our skiing buddies!

This Space for Rent

Skier's Corner....

Your old skis could have been sold here...but you didn't submit your ad....better luck next year!

Notes...

The new **Fiscal Year** runs May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. Please renew your membership after May 1st.

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

Next **Member's Night** is Thursday March 16, 2006. This is also the Cake & Pie Auction. See ad next page...

The **Annual Budget Meeting** is Thursday April 13th. Please plan to attend and learn how the club's budget is compiled. Exercise your right to question and validate how your money is spent.

This is the last printed **newsletter**. Next issue will be posted on the website to be downloaded or printed. Please make sure your email address is up to date to receive notices and activity reminders. See Don Comstock at 1stvp@meridenski.com if any questions.

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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Sue's Racing Corner



Editor's note: At the time of press, the On Snow Carnival is just days away. But when you read this, the weekend may be over and you will soon be hearing how well the club competed and enjoyed the weekend!

CSC On Snow Winter Carnival Sugarbush Resort, VT

March 3, 4, & 5, 2006

Join in the fun and competition for one, two or all three days. Come and represent the Meriden Ski Club in various competitive and fun events, or cheer on your fellow clubmates!

For more information or to sign up for a race or activity, please see **Sue Scheibenpflug**, cell 860-919-2415. Waivers must be signed in order to participate in any activity.

The Garrison at Sugarbush Mountain On Snow Carnival Weekend

March 3-5, 2006

Accommodations are complete but beds may still be available.
See **Lori Inman** asap

A Note from Sue....

Thank you! to all who came out faithfully and to those who came for the last push to make our Monday Night Race Series a Success! Unofficially - We got the Silver (2nd Place). Let's keep it going and push more next year for the #1 spot. I expect to see you ALL next year and please bring a Buddy. Numbers do count!!

Our Club Race was held February 24th at Mt Southington and was also a great success. We had racers from 3 years old to 72 years old!

Kid's Award Night (trophies for Club Race)
March 30 - 7:00 pm - Pizza Party
AOH Hall

Please come and support our Junior Racers

Adult Awards for Club Race and fastest Male & Female will be given out at our Annual Dinner Dance on April 29th George's II in Wallingford. Look for details and ticket prices. Don't miss this fun event!

Cake & Pie Auction

Thursday March 16 2006

Please show off your culinary skills and bring a tasty treat to be auctioned off. This is a great fundraiser that helps to pay for club activities throughout the year. This is also a Member's Night so there will not be a formal meeting.

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

Meriden Ski club Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Bash

George's II Restaurant ~ Wallingford, CT
Saturday, April 29, 2006

6:30 Appetizers and Cocktails
7:30 -11:00 Dinner and Dancing

Members & Guests prices TBD

Dinner Choices

Prime Rib
Baked Stuffed Shrimp
Baked Chicken
Pasta, Salad & Dessert

Awards will be presented for the following: Racing, Schussboomer, Sportsperson,
Purple Heart and Fun Awards
Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle

Please see Janine Lehr to sign up, she will need dinner choices. Please plan to
attend this fun dinner and reminisce about the past ski season.
Put on your party shoes and kick it up a notch!!



MSC Bus Trips

General Guidelines

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!****

**Note: Prices listed above are for single lift ticket only.
See Karl regarding cancellation and sign-up policies.**

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

- 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

Election of Officers Annual Meeting Thursday, March 23, 2006

The nominating committee is compiling the following slate of candidates for elective office for the 2006-2007 Ski Season.

President - *Russ Hayden*
1st Vice President - **Bob Fowler**
2nd Vice President - *Don Comstock*
Recording Secretary - *Marge Hayden*
Corresponding Secretary - *Tanya Marks*
Treasurer - *Dave Riter*
Board of Directors (3 total + 1 past president)
-*Ken Conrad* - final year of a three year term
-*Lori Inman* - Past President
-*Bob Smith*
-Open

Ambassador - *Open*

The following awards will also be voted at the annual election:

1. Schussboomer Award
 - a. This award is to be presented to the member who has done the most for the club during the past year.
 - b. This award may not be presented to the same person in consecutive years.
 - c. Voting for this award shall be at the Annual Meeting.
 - d. The current holder shall accept nominations from the floor, conduct the elections and present the award at the Awards Night.
2. Sportsperson Award
 - a. This award is to be presented to the member who has participated in most of the winter activities and the one who is considered the best sportsperson in the club.
 - b. This award may not be presented to the same person in consecutive years.
 - c. Voting for this award shall be at the Annual Meeting.
 - d. The current holder shall accept nominations from the floor, conduct the elections and present the award at the Awards Night.

Note: Anyone making nominations for the above awards must give detailed qualifications of the nominee.

MSC Annual Tailgate Party March 19, 2006 Okemo Mountain Bus Trip

Please bring your favorite side dish for this fun end of the season bash. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs (and fixin's), you provide the fun!! Please don't miss this once a year opportunity!!

Please sign up for this bus trip with Karl Skwiot

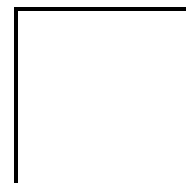
Mountain Laurel Lodge Ludlow, VT

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:

- On snow Carnival Weekend, Mar 3-5
- Stratton Bus Trip Mar 12
- Cake & Pie Auction Mar 16
- Okemo Bus Trip and Tailgate Party Mar 19
- Election of Officers Mar 23
- Jr Racing Awards & Pizza Party Mar 30
- Budget Meeting Apr 13