



MERIDEN SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Letter

March / April 2007

In the closing weeks of my second term as your President, I look back to your Board of Directors and committee chairmen who have made my tasks so much easier than I could have expected. Their individual accomplishments have been exceptional, the membership support for me and the club sponsored activities has been outstanding.

We have completed the fiscal year without the need for any fund raisers and have returned to the members uncountable benefits at no cost to them, in large part due to the efforts of 1st Vice President Bob Fowler who had the foresight to see a way to accomplish the task. I cannot possibly recognize all of the Officers and Directors here and now but special notice must go to 2nd Vice president Don Comstock, Secretary Marge Hayden, and Treasurer David Riter who have been most faithful to their office with almost perfect attendance. Corresponding Secretary Tanya Marks possibly has the most time consuming task of all in getting the newsletter together and published on our web site with the help of computer guru Don Comstock. Working with your Board of Directors has been a rewarding experience, you could not have chosen a better group of officers and directors. No task has been beyond their individual or collective capabilities. It has been my pleasure to serve with them.

Winter finally arrived, a little late, but worth the wait. Spring skiing conditions are just around the corner, warmer temperatures and blue bird sky's, for our pleasure await, and pleasure it will be, just look at the activities scheduled for the month of March. We start out with the On Snow trip to Sunapee, March 2,3,4, chaired by Sandy Meyerhofer. The very next week end, March 9,10,11 is the trip to Stowe, chaired by Ken Conrad and the Spring Fling weekend at Sugarbush, chaired by Lori Inman, March 30,31 & April 1. Thanks to your Board of Directors, one lucky attendee on each trip will be reimbursed by drawing for the money paid to the club to take part.

Sandwiched in between all this skiing is the budget meeting, March 15, the election of officers, March 22 including the selection of members for club awards, the kid's racing awards and the Tail Gate party at Okemo March 25th. Karl Skwiot is chairman of the one day bus trips and with his support staff for this party, it is certainly his finest hour.

If all these activities aren't enough and you still crave for more, wait until you see the new program and location for the club annual dinner dance, April 28. Tickets will be available soon. Paul Cerreta and Anthony Santovasi have put together an event you won't want to miss out on. This will be the crowning glory to a very successful year for the Meriden Ski Club.

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		
March	1	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	2,3,4	On Snow Weekend – Sunapee
	8	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	8,9,10,11	Stowe Weekend Trip
	13	BOD Budget Mtg—Fowler’s
	15	Budget Meeting 7:30 AOH
	17	Mt Snow Bus Trip
	22	Elections - 7:30 PM AOH
	25	Bus Trip Tailgate Party
	29	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	30,31,1	Spring Fling - Sugarbush
April	3	BOD Mtg—TBD
	5	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	12	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	19	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	26	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
	28	Annual Dinner Dance
May	1	BOD Mtg—TBD
	17	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
June	5	BOD Mtg—TBD
	21	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH
July	3	BOD Mtg—TBD
	19	Reg Meeting 7:30 PM AOH

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.

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What’s going on....

...Mark your calendar...**Annual Dinner Dance** to be held on 4/28/07....

...For meeting cancellation due to **Snow / Ice** watch WFSB Channel 8

...**Linda Magrath** was the lucky winner of the Burke Trip refund drawing. The On Snow, Stowe, and Spring Fling Sugarbush Trips will also have drawings for refunds.

Deals & Steals...

Check out the CSC website for **discounts** at ski resorts and hotels. Go to: www.skiclub.com/Default.aspx?uc=MemberBenefits to see all the places you can stay wicked cheap!

...Many members have bulk tickets for sale. Watch for emails announcing who has what tickets and get some great ticket prices...

Mount Southington Tickets

Lori Inman is selling Mt Southington Lift Tickets and she has just a few left for this season.

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 Ski & Board Instructors to teach on Tuesday nights at Mt. Southington next year. If interested please contact me at (203)265-7794

Thanks,
Lori Inman



Meriden Ski Club 45th Annual Dinner Dance

Dancing all night, Raffles, and Digital Slide Show. You do not want to miss the fun!!

When: Saturday April 28, 2007

Where: Courtyard by Marriot
63 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT
203-596-1000

Time: 7PM to 12PM

Cost: \$25 Per Person

Antipasto Bar served from 7PM to 8PM, Dinner Served from 8PM-9PM, Dessert served after Dinner.

Beer and Wine served from 7PM-9PM (Cash Bar for all other drinks and Beer and Wine after 9PM.)

Discounted Room Rates for Meriden Ski Club Members for \$89.
Please call the hotel directly for special rate.

RSVP: By April 5, 2007 with Dinner Choice and Payment. You can RSVP at any of the weekly meetings or at dinnerdance@meridenski.com

Note: There will be a \$3.00 Parking Fee located in the attached Hotel Garage.

Please return the portion below with your payment and dinner choices.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Dinner Choices: _____ Chicken Cape Cod (Boneless Chicken stuffed with a cranberry bread stuffing.)
_____ Roasted Prime Rib of Beef
_____ Baked Stuffed Sole (Sole Fillets stuffed with spinach and mozzarella cheese.)

Checks can be sent to: Meriden Ski Club
PO Box 862
Meriden, CT. 06450

Chairpersons: Paul Cerreta & Anthony Santovasi



Sue's Racing Corner

Our race season ended on Monday 2/26/07 with 6 out of 8 races completed (due to lack of snow in Dec & Jan). Our team had an average of 30 racers each Monday night (a total of 47 racers) and had a fun evening each night ending with pizza & beer in the lounge. The last night ended with a huge beach party and fun was had by all. Our team finished in 3rd place for the season and we had many 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishes every night. Please attend our Annual Dinner Dance on April 28 when awards are given out and see the exact finishes that took place.

My sincere "Congratulations!" go out to our team who had such terrific attitudes every night. We were shy of 2nd place only by 40 points, which is a little hard to believe, because so much effort was given each Monday. We had a record number of racers on the last evening which real helped.

Hope to see you all again next year and bring a friend, to up the odds at the winning 1st race. Let me know if you would like to be added to our race updates via email. Just send me your email address at racing@meridenski.com.

Have a Great rest of the ski season and please stay injury free. Keep in shape biking and hiking over the summer and please let me know if you are doing a group hike or bike and I can send it out to the list. Also remember to join the club early in the year and take advantage of all the great benefits they have to offer.

Your devoted Race Captain,
Sue Scheibenpflug



Club Races

Our club race was held February 4th at Okemo Mountain. We had almost 40 racers turn out and race. Awards for top three adult racers in each division, as well as for the fastest man and woman will be handed out at the Annual Dinner Dance on April 28th.

Junior award ceremony will be held on Thursday March 22nd at 7:00 pm. Pizza will be served followed by the award ceremony for all juniors who participated in the club race.

Be sure to attend both events and cheer on our club racers!

Please contact Sandy Meyerhofer for more information.



Club trips and events

The Meriden Ski Club is looking for members to step up and chair some events for the summer or next year's ski season. The club is only as good as the events it runs, and we are looking for some new and exciting events to keep the membership happy. Please consider chairing an event such as an evening at a Rock Cats baseball game, or an outing at Riverside Park. Being an active member of the club is rewarding and an opportunity to meet new people. Please contact Russ Hayden or any member of the Board, or attend the next BOD meeting.

**Election of Officers Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2007**

The nominating committee is compiling a slate of candidates for elective office for the 2007-2008 Ski Season. The positions of the Board are as follows.

President 1st Vice President
2nd Vice President Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary Treasurer
Ambassador Board of Directors (3 total+ past president)

If interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact Art Rivard or any current Board member. Nominations can be made from the floor the night of elections.

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.

Please attend the Annual Meeting and show your support for the officers, both those returning to office and those wishing to be elected. Your vote counts!!!

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.

Stowe Mountain, Vermont
March 9-11, 2007

This trip is underway this weekend.

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

Annual Budget Meeting
Thursday March 15, 2007

Please attend and help the club formulate its budget and planning for next year.
Your Vote Counts!!

MSC Bus Trips — Only Two Trips Left!!!

Stratton - Sunday 12/10/2006 \$8 Bus Special!

Sign-up starts 11/09/2006 \$30.00

Okemo Mountain - Sunday 12/17/2006

Kids Day -free ski & board lessons

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.

Bus Trip 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 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.

Member's Notes.....

Member Rob McGrath has information about Kirkwood resort as he has some connections there and traveled to Kirkwood with his wife in January. He says the mountain has a lot to offer for all levels. Check out their website...perhaps the club can run a trip there next year. Anyone interested, please see Rob or go to the links below.

<http://www.kirkwood.com/winter0607/groups.php>

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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
1/13/07	Sat	Jay Peak	\$25
1/14/07	Sun	Jay Peak	\$25
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1/16/07	Tue	Stowe*	\$62/2
1/17/06	Wed	Stowe*	\$88/3
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
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3/23/07	Fri	Stowe *	\$88/3
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3/25/07	Sun	Okemo	\$29
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/Waterville 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.