

The Avalanche



MONTACHUSETT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

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40TH PUBLICATION YEAR

Bulletin Board

Friday November 4, 2011 7 PM

Wine, Cheese, Chicks and Skis

Wachusett Mountain Lodge Princeton

Sorry guys, this is just for the chicks. The Mountain is holding this yearly event and if you talk to some of the ladies of the club who have attended this in past years, it is a very good evening. A number of members have already reserved their spot for this event so if there are others interested please go to the Mountain Website or contact Sandy (sandy@wachusett.com or 978-464-2626).

Thursday November 17, 2011 6 PM

Club Introduction Seminar

Wachusett Mountain Lodge Princeton

We are holding an introduction seminar at the resort prior to our Membership Meeting. This seminar is for people who are interested in the club but are not sure who we are and what we do. Some of the Officers and BOD Members will be on hand to discuss the club and the club activities and present a reason why one would join this club. Members are welcomed to join in.

Thursday November 17, 2011 7 PM

November Membership Meeting

Wachusett Mountain Lodge Princeton

This is what has become our annual November Meeting at the Mountain. Mike Vlaas and Wachusett Mountain Resort hosts our club for this meeting. Mike Vlaas will speak and present to the club the new technologies and ski apparel that is being offered to the skiing public this year. This is always a great evening with loads of information being handed out and the question and answer period with Mike is fun. You should plan to attend this meeting.

Thursday December 15, 2011 7 PM

December Membership Meeting & Christmas Party

Border Bar & Grill Leominster, MA

Our annual Christmas Party and Yankee Swap at a new venue. More in the newsletter.

Saturday December 17, 2011

First Ski Day Trip of the Season

Okemo Mountain

For your planning purposes, this is the first ski day trip of the 2011 – 2012 Ski Season. The bus will leave from the usual place in at eh Intermodal Center in Fitchburg with a pickup in Winchendon. Cost is \$38. Sign-ups will begin at the November Meeting.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

This is a combined Newsletter for October and November. I must apologize; I did not publish one for October. The early Membership Meeting and my travels to visit grand children threw me off schedule that I decided to publish this newsletter as a combo newsletter for both months. I hope I have not inconvenienced anyone.

The 40th Anniversary Party went off without a hitch and it was a great time. It was good to see past members mingle with the present members and a lot of memories were shared. I enjoyed meeting everyone, talking with folks I haven't seen for a while and hearing some of the old stories. Here is one last **Thank You** to the ladies for the Committee for their hard work in making this party a success. Now we move on to making the stories for the next decade and start the Club's 41st Year.

I look forward to the 2011-2012 Ski Season. We have some wonderful get-away trips planned starting with the North Conway Trip in January with skiing a Attatah and Wildcat. The North Conway trip is followed up by the mid-week trip to Okemo and then the long weekend at Sugarloaf (one of my favorites). And I am extra excited about Alaska. I can't wait for things to get started.

The club's November Membership Meeting is being sponsored by Mike Vlaas, The Mountainside Ski Shop and Wachusett Mountain Resort again this year. This has become an annual event and you should really make an effort to be at this Membership Meeting. Mike does a great job in introducing any new technology in ski equipment, shows off new ski apparel and answers any and all questions. Thank you Wachusett and Mike for doing this again for the club.

If you come early to the Membership Meeting, bring a friend, we are going to have a "Introduction to the Ski Club" presentation starting a 6 PM where Officers and BOD members will highlight the club benefits and generally show off in an effort to increase membership. It should be great fun.

This year's club motto is the same as last year because it is a good one – so remember don't ski alone –
Get Out and Ski with Someone

DAY TRIP SCHEDULE

Here is the list of planned Day Trips for the upcoming 2011-2012 Ski Season. These trips were planned based on the Appreciation Day List from the CSC. These dates are also listed on the club's website. Blitzes will be sent out for each trip and to announce when sign-ups will begin for each day trip.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Dec 17, 2011	Saturday	Okemo Mountain	\$38
Jan 24, 2012	Sunday	Stratton Mountain	\$41
Feb 2, 2012	Saturday	Mount Snow	\$46
Feb 17, 2012	Friday	Loon Mountain	\$33
Feb 26, 2012	Sunday	Stratton Mountain	\$41
Mar 25, 2012	Sunday	Okemo Mountain	\$37 (Busgate Party)
Apr 7, 2012	Saturday	Mount Snow	\$38

GPS Wachusett Season Passes

The early deadline for purchase of your season pass at the best price is coming fast. The date is November 16, 2011. After that that, the cost for your pass will go up on all passes by \$100. So act now and get your season pass. Remember to use the Group Name: *Montachusett Ski Club* and coordinator: *Doris Clow*. You can do this online at www.wachusett.com.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE THANKS THE MEMBERSHIP

The 40th Anniversary Party is now part of the club's history and it was a fun trip down "memory slopes" to coin a phrase from the club's uber party planner, Julie Palioca. It was a great *run* and it had everything it needed to equal a blue-bird day on the slopes. There were loads of smiles, great stories of past trips, old friends catching up with old friends, new members enjoying the banter of members they will get to know and a wonderful review of the club's history from the club's founder Marie Bedard. Thank You once again – Marie.



And let us not forget the record breaking "Sabering of a Magnum of Champagne" by the *Saber Wielding Swede* wearing wacky wig and a plaid kilt!

Fun, Fun, Fun.

The 40th Celebration Committee thanks everyone for their support and for making this event the success it was. Let's get out there and start making more memories to celebrate at the 50th..60th..70th..... See you on the slopes.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Officers and Board of Directors has changed the venue for the December Membership Meeting / Christmas Party / Yankee Swap. This year's event will be held at the Border Bar & Grill in Leominster as opposed to the Pot-Luck dinner at the KOC as in past years. The cost will be \$12 per person which includes food/tax/tip and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar.

We will be holding the Yankee Swap so start looking for those unique and embarrassing gifts. Remember to get a gift with a value of \$10. As you all know, this activity is loads of fun.

CLUB Get-A-WAY TRIPS FOR NEXT SEASON 2011 – 2012

Here is the lineup of trips for this year. As always, go to www.montachusettsskiclub.com to get the particulars on the trip, answer any questions or get contact information.

January 6, 2012 – January 8, 2012

Attitash / Wildcat / North Conway

Contact: Art Pineseault pinson123@comcast.net

January 23, 2012 – January 25, 2012

Okemo Mid-week

Contact: Bill Cocci bcgoski@comcast.net

February 9, 2012 – February 12, 2012

Sugarloaf Mountain

Contact: Gary LaBell chutes1@verizon.com

March 10, 2012 – March 17, 2012

Alyeska, Alaska

Contact: Jack McCarthy yukonjax47@gmail.com



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