

Northern Worcester County's Ski Club Since 1971

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MONTACHUSETT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

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Thursday September 15, 2011 7 PM

September Membership Meeting

Wachusett Village Inn Westminster

This is the traditional start of the club's ski season. Sign-up for the trips will be taken, final information on the Anniversary Party will be shared and CSC information to be given. Come get together with your ski buddies that you haven't seen all summer.

Saturday September 24, 2011 5 PM

40th Anniversary Party

1761 Old Mill Restaurant Westminster

This is the big event of the year. You don't want to miss this party. Make sure you have sent in your RSVP.

Thursday October 6, 2011 7 PM

October Membership Meeting

Wachusett Village Inn Westminster

Please note this meeting is not on our traditional third Thursday of the month. This is due to the CSC Bulk ticket sales and bulk ticket money collection.

Trip sign-ups will continue to be taken as well as trip payments. Christine from Andy's Sport Shop will be presenting new equipment, apparel and shop services that her store is offering. These show-n-tell meetings are always informative and we look forward to Christine's presentation.



2011 Annual Summer Outing

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

It is hard to believe that September is here. September is the traditional start of the club's ski season even though we won't be on the snow for another couple of months. But it is the time of year where we begin the transition from warm weather activities and start to think about those cold weather things.

This September is no exception. It is time for you to start thinking about skiing and about those great adventures that have been researched, planned and organized for you by some hardy club volunteers. Take some time to review the brochures on the club's website (www.montachusetskiclub.com) and become familiar with the trip offerings. It is a great way to begin your September transition. Sign-ups will continue at the September Membership Meeting so if you're interested in any trip, be sure to be at this meeting to sign-up for that trip of interest.

The year's September is a very special September. As you all know, this year is the club's 40th Anniversary Year and a special group of ladies have planned a very special evening for us. There is more on the celebration later in this newsletter. But take a moment and reflect on what it takes to make anything work for 40 years and you will realize how special it is for this club to be forty!

We have had another stellar summer of off-snow activities starting with what has become an annual event, Jack & Kathy's Kayak Adventure on the Connecticut River in Vermont. It was next followed by the annual Club Outing on Wyman's Lake and the annual Essex Basin Sea Kayak Adventure. A bicycle ride around Rockport, MA has been re-scheduled from July to this Saturday September 10, 2011. All in all an excellent year, maybe with some more off-snow activities to come before the skiing starts, so stay tuned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David, Jack, Kathy and a slew of others (you know who you are) that have made this summer fun.

See you at the Membership Meetings starting with the September Meeting on September 15, 2011 at 7 PM at the Wachusett Village Inn in Westminster.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Here is the Membership Meeting Schedule for the 2011-2012 Ski Season for your planning purposes.

September 15, 2011 – 7PM – Wachusett Village Inn Westminster, MA – Great Adventures
October 6, 2011 – 7 PM – Wachusett Village Inn Westminster, MA – Andy's Ski Shop
November 17, 2011 – 7 PM – Wachusett Mountain Lodge Princeton, MA – Mike Vlaas
December 15, 2011 – 7 PM – To Be Announced – Christmas Party Meeting
January 19, 2011 – 7 PM – Wachusett Village Inn Westminster, MA
February 16, 2011 – 7 PM – Wachusett Village Inn Westminster, MA – Ski 93
March, 2011 – To Be Announced due to Alyeska Trip
April 19, 2011 – 7 PM – Wachusett Village Inn Westminster, MA - Elections

ESSEX RIVER KAYAK TRIP

We had another successful sea kayak adventure with 21 folks participating. This makes three years now for this activity and the crowds keep growing. The weather stayed perfect although the guides kept watch on a thunder storm that kept circling but never struck.

Again, the folks went to Woodman's and enjoyed some Essex Basin seafood, which also is becoming an annual event. They then topped it off with a little ice cream to complete the day.

Thanks David for another great day on the Essex River. We don't know how you do it, but the weather is always perfect for this event.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

We're almost ready to celebrate! Saturday, September 24th is right around the corner...only 14 days away. The Committee is working on the finishing touches to make sure everyone has a great time.

The guest list is at 100 and there's still a little room left and a sliver of a chance to join us. We will take reservations at the September 15th membership meeting and that is the **LAST** day. Our final count goes into the Old Mill on the 16th.

Please remember to bring your pictures, albums and posters or other memorabilia that you have from the last 40 years to the Old Mill. We will have tables and places to display these items for all to enjoy. (Please make sure your name is on whatever you bring.)

One last reminder (and appeal): We will be drawing the winner of the 3 month Orchard Hills Health Club membership at the September 15th meeting. We still need to sell more tickets. If you haven't bought one yet please do! You might win!

Get ready to PAARRRTTTTYYYYYY!?

BULK TICKET SALES

Jack McCarthy will be discussing bulk ticket sales at the Membership Meeting. He will have attended the CSC Meeting on September 13, 2011 where he will have got the complete details on this year's offerings. So you may want to make the September Membership Meeting for the Bulk Sales information or watch for some blitzes on this program.

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

Here is the lineup of trips for this year. As always, go to www.montachusettskiclub.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 Pinsoneault 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

The CSC Appreciation Days list will be used by the BOD to determine the day trips for this year. This schedule is usually released by the council sometime in September and will be announced when it is official.

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