

# ***ACE Ski & Board News***



## **General Membership Meeting September 11**

*Cortina, Italy, by Bryan Woods*



**Location:** The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **TUESDAY September 11** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA.

Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

**Meeting Highlights:** Charna Cummings from *Alphorn Tours* [www.alphorntours.com](http://www.alphorntours.com) will present information and take questions on our upcoming trip to *St Anton* and *Prague*.

For an **extra door prize ticket**, bring a **backpack** or any **school supplies** worth at least \$5!.

Only current **ACE Club members** are eligible for door prizes.



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**Pizza** will again be offered for **\$2 CASH** per slice on a first come, first served basis

## Important ACE Club Dates 2018–2019

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 11 (Tue)	August 28 (Tue)	January 5 (Sat)
October 30 (Tue)	October 16 (Tue)	January 26 (Sat)
December 18 (Tue)	December 4 (Tue)	February 9 (Sat)
February 19 (Tue)	January 29 (Tue)	March 3 (Sat)



## Meeting Location

The general meeting on **TUESDAY September 11** will be at the

### Elks Lodge in Chelmsford

300 Littleton Rd  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) - Lodge #2310

### Directions from the North:

Take 495 South to exit 34, and then merge onto Rte 110 West/Chelmsford St toward Rte 4. Turn right onto 110 West/ 4 North/Central Square. Continue to follow 110 West. The Elks Lodge will be on your left in about 4 minutes.

### From the South:

Take 495 North to exit 32 for Boston Rd. Turn right onto Boston Rd. After a few lights, turn left onto Rte 110/Littleton Rd (signs for Chelmsford/Lowell)

The Elks Lodge will be on your right after about 5 minutes.

### From the East or West:

Get to 495 and then follow the above directions, or use your GPS ☺

## ACE Club Executive Board

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Diamond	Vice-president and Acting Race Chair
<b>Open</b>	Race Chair
<b>Open</b>	Secretary
<b>Open</b>	Meetings
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Benefits Chair
Roscoe Diamond	Membership Chair
Chuck Riley	EICSL Co-chair
Bryan Woods	EICSL Co-chair
<b>Open</b>	Marketing
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

## President's Message

Welcome back! And welcome to our new members!

We've had some changes in roles on the Executive Board:

**Michèle Grenier**, who had been the Membership Chair, is now running *Benefits*.

**Roscoe Diamond**, who had been filling the Marketing Chair role, is the new *Membership Chair*.

Please congratulate them when you see them at a meeting! We still have openings for *Secretary*, *Meetings*, and *Marketing*.

There's a big announcement concerning **discounted lift tickets**, which will be announced at the General Meeting. Those not in attendance will be notified via email.

Let's hope for a cold and snowy Winter!



*Ullr: Old Norse god Patron Saint of skiers*

## Benefits Update

Stay tuned for a big announcement concerning **discounted lift tickets** at the General Meeting on September 11, 2018!

*Michèle Grenier, Benefits Chair*  
[mgrenier444@gmail.com](mailto:mgrenier444@gmail.com)

## Bring Backpacks or School Supplies

For an **extra chance door prize** ticket, please bring new, not used, school supplies to the September 11 meeting, especially **backpacks**, or items for older children such as pocket dictionaries, calculators or three-ring binders



## Thanks for the Food!



Thanks to all who brought food to the February meeting! Roscoe Diamond took your donations to his favorite food pantry in **Derry, NH**, which was very happy to receive your contributions.

## ACE Logo Wear

There are still a few cool items with the ACE logo left over from last season, including **zippered totes** and **baseball cap**. Come to the September 11 meeting to see what's available.

**Totes or B-Caps: \$15 each**  
**Check or PayPal – no cash**

Want Something Special?  
We can get it (4pc min.)  
See **Roscoe** with questions.



## Trips

### St Anton and Prague

Feb 1-12, 2019

**\$2,625 / person, double occupancy**

**Single supplement \$700**

- Nonstop flight between BOS & Zurich on SWISS
- One free checked bag plus ski gear flies free
- Group transfers between airport and hotel
- 7 nights 3-star [Hotel Nassereiner Hof](#) in St. Anton. 2 minute walk to the lift.
- 4-course Dinner each evening at Hotel Nassereiner Hof in St Anton
- Wine and cheese party upon arrival in St. Anton
- European Buffet breakfast daily in St. Anton and Prague
- Optional day trip to Innsbruck
- ½-day city tour in Prague
- 3-nights lodging at 4-star [Hotel Grand Majestic Plaza](#) in the Old Town of Prague
- Int'l Departure Taxes, Fuel Surcharge & Security Fees totaling \$380\*\* Currently \$250 fuel & \$130 Taxes are subject to change
- A 7-night, ground-only option for St Anton only is available for \$1588 / person, double occupancy. You'll be responsible for arranging your own flights, and can join us on the group bus.



For full details and current updates go to:

[aceskiandboardclub.org/trips/st-anton-and-prague/](http://aceskiandboardclub.org/trips/st-anton-and-prague/)

### Notes:

Your passport must be valid a full 6-months after our return date.

Trip is open to all ACE Ski and Board Club or EICSL members.

### Lift tickets:

Based on last year's feedback, lift tickets are not included and will be left up to the individual. Prices range from 54.50 EUR for 1 day to 289 EUR for 6 days. For more info see:

<https://www.skiarlb.org/en/regions/tickets-en>

### EICSL Trips

See also [EICSL Trips](#) on page 8.



## Recap of February General Meeting

Jon Levy presented a slide show on the EICSL trip to **Cortina and Venice, Italy**, and he and **Bryan Woods** recounted stories of their adventures.

Jon Levy and Dana Blanchard



Here is one of Jon's more memorable stories:

*"Andrey Belov and I set off to reach the highest peak in the **Dolomite** ski region, **Marmolada**. It wasn't going to be easy, starting off from **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, and using only bus and lifts to get there.*

*We started early, and took the bus to **Falzarego**, and then a very old cable car up to **Lagazuoi**. This was the area of the **5 Torri**, named for the five towering peaks.*

*Skiing down, we encountered a sign which pointed to a bus to a connecting lift if we go right, or a "horse lift" if we went left.*

*We had to see what this horse lift was all about.*

The horse lift



*It was about 1 km further in traversing, but we came upon some horses, attached to carriages, with long ropes trailing behind. The skiers (us) would hold onto the ropes and the horses would pull us along, about 2km, mostly flat, but slightly uphill.*

*For this experience, we paid 2.50 EUR each. (The video is not to be missed)*

*Then through a combination of many lifts (most of which we learned of the day before doing the **Sella Ronda**), we finally reached **Marmolada** around 1:30 in the afternoon.*

*We soon realized we needed to head back to have any chance of catching a bus back to Cortina.*

*After many lifts and some help from the ski school office, we eventually made our way to the bus stop, with about a two-hour wait for the bus. Fortunately, there was a very nice hotel there, where we re-fortified with grappa and cake.*

*We finally returned to the hotel about 8:30 pm, about 12 hours after we started."*

The group then gave **Ilene and Rob Titus** a proper send-off for their 15 years of service to the Club running **Benefits**, with the obligatory cake, which was consumed and enjoyed by all.

Ilene and Rob Titus – yummy cake!



Ron O'Clair shows his Burke tickets



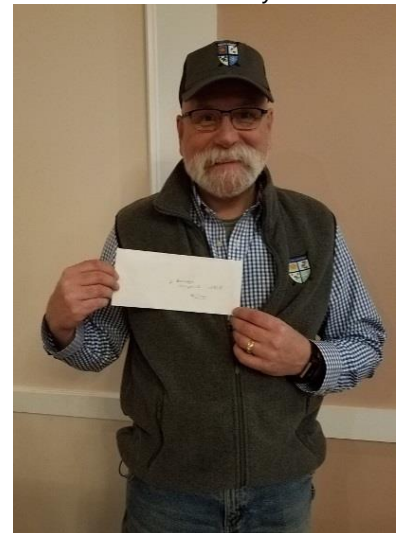
## February 2018 Door Prize Winners

Mary Mattock	2 Pico Tickets & ACE Club cap
Dana Blanchard	Gloves
Ron O'Clair	2 Burke tickets
Andrew Sage	2 Magic tickets
Bryan Woods	Goggles & ACE Club cap
Ken Morse	Base layer
Roscoe Diamond	2 Bromley tickets
Kelly Sage	ACE Club cap
Marian Melanson	Base layer
Vince Mattock	Sweatshirt
Ken Kozik	Socks
Kelly Gage	Boot bag
Carol Bower	Boot bag
Robin Diamond	Ski jacket

*Robin won a snazzy ski jacket!*



*Roscoe won Bromley tickets*



*Nice cap Mary!*



*Bryan shows off his ACE cap*

## Membership Update

Dear Members:

Now is the time to sign up or renew your **ACE Ski and Board** membership!

You can download membership forms from the ACE website at [www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership) and then mail your completed form and dues (checks, no cash) to:

Roscoe Diamond  
ACE Ski and Board Club  
50 Hillside Ave  
Derry NH 03038

If you are a **PayPal** user, just send your payment to [payments@aceskiandboardclub.org](mailto:payments@aceskiandboardclub.org).

If you are paying by PayPal **you will still need to complete the membership process by sending your signed form to the above address**, or you may **scan and email** it to [nhskidog@gmail.com](mailto:nhskidog@gmail.com) or bring it in person to any general meeting. I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application.

You may also sign up or renew your membership at every general meeting.

**NOTE:** If your email has changed, please put a note on your membership form that **“my email has changed.”** Thank you!

***Let it Snow!!!!!!!!***

*Roscoe Diamond, Membership Chair*  
[nhskidog@gmail.com](mailto:nhskidog@gmail.com)

**New and renewing members** will be automatically added to the club's **“Members Only” Google Group** unless they explicitly request not to be included. This email list will be used to disseminate club news and announcements to ACE Club members.

### What the ACE Ski & Board Club Does

- Encourages camaraderie and enjoyment of skiing and riding
- Encourages and promotes an active recreational race program

- Provides availability of reasonably priced tickets
- Encourages participation in skiing in new and exotic places
- Promotes a greater knowledge of ski/board techniques, ski resorts, and technical knowledge of skiing and snowboarding

### Brief History of the Club

- 25+ years old – the former Digital Ski Club
- Became the ACE Ski & Board Club, a Compaq employee club, in 1998
- Became a MA Chapter 180 nonprofit corporation, and an IRS 501(c) 7 organization in 2003
- Members are adult fans of skiing and snowboarding in the greater New England area including some former Digital, Compaq, Intel, Cabletron, and Hewlett Packard employees
- An original EICSL club (Eastern Inter Club Ski League)

### Benefits of Membership

- Newsletter published four times a year
- Discount lift tickets
- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Eligibility to win gear worth over \$ 2,000 at general meetings
- Active race program
- Occasional ski trips to the west or Europe and to Northern New England
- Member organized day trips to New Hampshire / Vermont
- Some shop discounts
- Timely information on coupons, special discount days and other deals
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: cycling, hiking, camping trips
- Google Groups and Yahoo!Groups lists; see [details](#)
- Optional EICSL membership
- Opportunities for family member racing

*For details on winter trips, tickets, EICSL, racing, meetings and membership, see the club's website:*

**[www.aceskiandboardclub.org](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org)**



# Groups

## Members-only Google Group

New and renewing members are *automatically added* to the club's "Members Only" **Google Group**, unless they explicitly request not to be included.

Family/Associate members will also be included automatically, assuming an email address was provided on their membership form.

If you are **not** receiving emails, please contact the Membership Chair at [membership@aceskiandboardclub.org](mailto:membership@aceskiandboardclub.org).

To **post** to this group, send email to [aceskiandboardmembers@googlegroups.com](mailto:aceskiandboardmembers@googlegroups.com)

To **unsubscribe** from the Google Group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to [aceskiandboardmembers+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:aceskiandboardmembers+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com)

It is necessary that you be on this "Members Only" list to hear about **benefits**, **newsletters** and late breaking **deals** that the club offers.

The club's Google Group is **private** and not listed in the Google Groups directory. Membership to this group is **restricted** - all group members must be approved and must be members of the ACE Ski and Board Club.

As a member of this group you can send out messages to the whole group – see email address above for posting. However - to avoid spam - all messages are approved by a **moderator** before they are released.

### Updating your Email Address

Please let Membership know ASAP if your email address changes from when you filled out your Membership form, so that you continue to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

## Old Yahoo! Groups

The **general Yahoo!Groups** is still around for general discussions related to the club. It may include current members as well as past members who still hold an interest in the club. However, it does not necessarily include all current club members, since signing up for it is optional. This group, like the members-only Google Group, is also a moderated group. Yahoo!Groups requires that participants send an acknowledgment when they are being signed up.

## Links and Forms

Check out the club's public website at [www.aceskiandboardclub.org](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org).

In addition, look for news about coupons, special discount days and deals available only to club members in your members-only email.

### Membership:

[www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/)

### Tickets:

[www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/tickets/](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/tickets/)

### Racing:

[www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/)

### Newsletters:

[www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletters/](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletters/)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/aceskis](http://www.facebook.com/aceskis)

### EICSL:

[www.eicsl.org](http://www.eicsl.org)



## ACE/EICSL Update

*Chuck Riley, Bryan Woods*  
*ACE EICSL Representatives*

Haven't skied in the last couple of years? Last couple of decades? Never skied at all? What's your excuse? No money? No time? No skis? Whatever your reasons, we've got an answer.

The **Eastern Inter-Club Ski League (EICSL)**, which began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs, is an organization comprised of clubs with over 1,200 members. Don't let those numbers scare you. Each of the clubs has anywhere from 25 to 150 members and likes to keep things as intimate and family-like as possible.

Each individual club has its own elected board of directors and numerous committees to take care of the needs of its members. EICSL binds all clubs together. EICSL's most important function, according to **John Bycina**, Past President (1998-2000) of EICSL, is *"to help clubs communicate and to obtain benefits for a large group such as a race program, social activities and discount tickets."*

Once a member, perks like 10% off purchases from certain merchants and restaurants in the North Conway area plus - the important thing - discounted lift tickets are organized by EICSL.

Because the clubs are centrally located in the **Mount Washington Valley**, mountains like Wildcat, Attitash and Sunday River in Maine are all within an hour from the clubs. Most people decide the night before where they'll be skiing and share rides the next morning.

Although ACE doesn't have a lodge, we have standing agreements with a few clubs if you are interested in staying at their house as a guest. Cost is very low (about \$25/night), so don't expect the Marriott.



The **ACE Ski & Board Club** would like to invite **YOU** - to join EICSL as well. For just \$10 per member in addition to your ACE Membership dues you can take advantage of all the discounts - but most important - the social atmosphere!



**Chuck Riley**



**Bryan Woods**

Join now! Email **Chuck Riley**, *ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair* @ [slohand53@gmail.com](mailto:slohand53@gmail.com) to inquire.

For more information about EICSL, go to [www.eicsl.org](http://www.eicsl.org).

### EICSL Guest Lodging

For EICSL Members interested in weekend lodging in the North Conway area, one option is to stay at the **Wedeln Ski Club**. Contact VP **Rob Murphy**, [robertmurphy.wedeln@gmail.com](mailto:robertmurphy.wedeln@gmail.com) by the Wednesday prior to the weekend you wish to stay. Cost is \$25/night, payable via **PayPal** in advance.

### 2018-2019 EICSL Applications

The EICSL signup or renewal **deadline for the 2018-2019 season is October 31, 2018.**

### EICSL Trips

Kick-Off is **December 8** at **Bretton Woods**.

This year's trip to **Jay Peak** is scheduled for **December 11-16, 2018.**

Check out [www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html](http://www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html) for further details and updates on this season's EICSL trips.



# ACE/EICSL Racing 2018–2019

*Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair*

## Race Program Details

- Four races per year.
- Participate in two races to qualify for championship.
- \$20.00 to register for the year (make check payable to **ACE Ski & Board Club**).
- Discounted lift tickets available at each race.
- You must be an active member of EICSL and the ACE Ski & Board Club.

If you are interested in racing, please contact **Robin Diamond** at: [NHSkiDog@gmail.com](mailto:NHSkiDog@gmail.com) with Subject: ACE RACING 2018-19 INQUIRY *or see Robin at the meeting!*

You must be an **ACE Ski & Board Club Member** and **EICSL Member** to race. The EICSL membership payment and signed form must be submitted to the **ACE Ski & Board Club Membership Chair**.

You can get forms at the upcoming General Meeting or by visiting the Club's website at [www.aceskiandboardclub.org](http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org).

## 2018-2019 Race Dates and Locations

1 <sup>st</sup>	January 5, 2018	Bretton Woods
2 <sup>nd</sup>	January 26, 2018	Attitash or Wildcat
3 <sup>rd</sup>	February 9, 2018	Attitash or Wildcat
Champ.	March 3, 2018	Attitash or Wildcat

**Note:** Locations are tentative, stay tuned.



*Robin Diamond - Acting Race Chair*

## Racing On-Line Registration

Stay tuned for instructions on how to **sign up online** for the ACE/EICSL race season 2018-2019.

## 2017-2018 Race Season

Congratulations, **Brenden**, on another successful race season!



*Brenden Hughes with last season's trophy*

