



Eastern Slope Ski Club

2016-2017 Newsletter

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46th Annual

ESSC

Ski Sale

at the NEW North Conway Community Center

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Fri., Nov. 11th 3pm to 8pm & Sat., Nov. 12th 9am to 12pm
Find incredible deals on new and used equipment and clothing!
Whether you are in need of Alpine, Nordic, or Snowboard equipment or
just something to keep you warm through the winter you are sure to
find it at the 46th Annual Ski Sale!



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Wed., Nov. 9th & Thu., Nov. 10th 6pm to 8pm

Bring your clean, new or used ski or snowboard equipment and
clothing for consignment sale to the NEW North Conway Community
Center during the times above. Each item will require a tag, available
for purchase for \$1.00 per item at the event or in advance at Bob &
Terry's Sports Outlet. In addition, a 15% commission will be earned by
the ESSC. All unsold gear and earnings must be picked up Saturday,
Nov. 12th, 4pm - 6pm or both gear and earnings will be forfeited
unconditionally without exception.

The Eastern Slope Ski Club is a non-profit organization which has been helping grow and support local skiers
and riders for over 75 years. Proceeds from the sale go to support the programs offered by the Eastern Slope
Ski Club. For more information or to become a member please visit our website www.easternslopeskiclub.org or
check us out on Facebook.

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Herbert Schneider, Honorary Director
Emeritus (1920-2012)

Visit our New Website!

We knew our website was outdated and it was time to update...so we did. Now when you visit easternslopeskiclub.org you will find a clean, mobile friendly, user friendly website with all the information you are looking for! After more than 10 months of development, the Eastern Slope Ski Club has unveiled a new site. Parents, you can now learn about what each junior program level works on during the year and access forms for participating, rentals and volunteering in one easy location. Volunteers, you can now access the volunteer registration form, find your school rep, and apply for background reimbursement via online submission. Scholarship Applicants, we have made it easier for you too; your application is now online! If you want to learn about our history, visit our website for our story and great historical photos. If you are looking for upcoming events, they will be posted on our new website and our Facebook page. Thank you for everyone's continuous support and we hope you enjoy our new site. Think snow!

A Message from ESSC President, Craig Niiler

As we enter our 78th year, the Eastern Slope Ski Club continues to thrive by filling an important role within the communities of the Mount Washington Valley. People come from all over the world to enjoy our mountains, especially the valley's offerings of alpine skiing, snowboarding and Nordic skiing. As a club we enable elementary school children to participate in the mountain culture that makes our community special. Snowsports enable children to develop independence, problem solving skills, become physically fit, and learn to deal with adversity by dealing with the realities of winter weather. For many of these children, this will become a defining aspect of their young lives, while for others it will be a learning experience that allows them to discover that challenges they thought were insurmountable can be overcome. For all the participants it is a way to make winter a season to enjoy and look forward to.

We are fortunate to have strong partners in SAU 9, SAU 13 and the alpine and Nordic ski areas of the Mount Washington Valley. It is these partnerships that enable us to provide the unique and important opportunity of Junior Program to the school children.

We are grateful for the folks who volunteer their time to teach our kids each week. The 1032 kids who participate each week depend on people like you who are willing to help at so many levels in so many ways. Looking forward we continue to need adults who are willing to come out and support our Junior Program. There are many benefits to joining the ranks of our Junior Program Volunteers, not the least of which is the opportunity to support our valley's mountain culture and make a difference for the youth of the Eastern Slope.

Winter is coming, it's going to be great, we can all feel the anticipation! Thank you to all who have supported us for so many years! Welcome to all who want to be part of ESSC!



Snowboarders Get Ready!

Time To Ride!

If you are a 4th, 5th or 6th grader you can now try snowboarding! Visit the ESSC website - Junior Programs to learn more about each level and the skills that will be taught!

First Timers: Practice putting on your boots, this includes tying them tightly. Next, practice strapping your boots to your board with your bindings; and then loosening the straps and stepping out. Need equipment? We can provide snowboard equipment for the first time rider so you can try the sport out!

All Riders: Take your board to a local shop to get tuned and waxed. Tighten all screws on your bindings. Make sure you have a complete set of clothing that fits (helmet, goggles, gloves, snow pants, and jacket). Watch some snowboarding videos to refresh your memory on riding skills.

Nordic News

Nordic! Nordic! Nordic! This is what we are chanting deep in the heart of Whitaker Woods. No lines, no crowds, no pressure. Our instructors are here for you to grow as a skier and as a person. Helping each other on the trail is a great way to spend the afternoon. Join ESSC Nordic for the most fun you'll have at school this winter.

We have a great rental fleet with sizing to fit everyone, small group sizes, and tons to learn on the snow this winter. We play games, work on technique, drink hot drinks, and even do some fun racing. The "Snow Day" event on the last day of program is said to be the highlight of the whole School-wide Program! Awards are day of the event and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Head coach for Kennett Nordic and ESSC Nordic Director Steve Vosburgh invites you to play on the snow this winter. He has upgraded the equipment to include skate skis for everyone too! Come cruise through the trails looking for wildlife and chatting it up with your friends. Talk to your School Rep about the program if you have questions. Hope you can make it.



ESSC Scholarships

The Eastern Slope Ski Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce this year's recipient, **Maya Bernier**. Last season at CVA, and as a former member of the Mount Washington Valley Ski Team, she qualified to the U18 National Championship at Copper Mountain Colorado. She competed there in Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G and Downhill. The expenses from this event qualified her to receive this year's scholarship. Maya is an excellent student, an outgoing young lady, and a highly motivated athlete. We wish her the best this season.

The Eastern Slope Ski Club has scholarship programs available for on snow athletes competing in Alpine, Nordic and Snowboarding disciplines. These scholarships are available every season and we encourage members to apply. The deadline for submission every year is August 31st for the season prior. For further qualifications and other information please visit the ESSC website.

Do you have outgrown or used equipment and winter gear you no longer want?

BRING IT TO THE ESSC SKI SALE!

You can purchase item tickets in advance at Bob & Terry's Sports Outlet or when you bring your items to the sale! Tickets are \$1.00 per item, ESSC gets 15% of the sale price and you take home the rest. Equipment & goods need to be conditioned for resale, we reserve the right to refuse any equipment.

Coming Full Circle

There is a familiar name behind the scenes for the ESSC Equipment Committee. ESSC alum and lifelong supporter, Ben Drummond (Ben was the Palmer trophy winner in both 5th and 6th grades), moved from Head to Rossignol in 2016 and as the New England Sales Rep he facilitates the clubs equipment purchases and warranty claims for Rossignol and Lorpen.

Through our continued partnerships with Rossignol and Lorpen, we were able to update a significant portion of our boot inventory as well as continue the ski sock program for our participants who rent from the club. The students, parents, and teachers all raved about this addition to our rental program 3 seasons ago, but the ones who continue to be the happiest, are our volunteer boot fitters.

These volunteers fit more than 400 pairs of boots and socks in 1 week every December, and are getting ready to do it again this year, with smiles knowing that there will be clean, dry socks for everyone.



Red Parka Challenge Cup

New Records, New Gates and New Goals

The 43rd annual Red Parka Pub Challenge Cup was a major success, combining with "Skier Appreciation Night" to raise over \$11,000 for ESSC, and become the clubs top fundraiser in 2016. It is hard to believe that there was discussion of making the 40th annual Challenge Cup the last due to decreasing participation. Luckily for the club the resurgence of racer interest has driven a commitment to continue the race indefinitely, and the return of The World Pro Skiing Tour in 2017 has provided the committee with the opportunity to update our battered starting gates.

In 2015 Doug MacDonald, a Jr. Program alum and Challenge Cup legend, dealt the 30-year old, custom made, starting gates their final barge. Luckily in 2016, ESSC Board Member & USSA Timer Matt Howard was asked if he knew of a Race that would be able to test the prototype of the new starting gates for The World Pro Skiing Tour, and the race he suggested was The Challenge Cup. After the race this year, the participants and race workers all agreed that the new gates were far more reliable and started a separate fund raising effort at the awards party to purchase a set of new start gates. Matt Howard and Terry O'Brien have raised more than half of the funds needed for these new gates and are continuing to work to raise the rest of the funds.

This season as we start to prepare to host the 44th Annual Challenge Cup and start to look towards the 50th, Terry set a new goal for the race: raise more than \$15,000 for ESSC. The race is restricted to the first 175 entries; in 2016 we had 122 racers, so make sure that you get your registration in early this year. If your racing days are behind you, there is always a need for volunteers and sponsors, and plenty of room at the bump for spectators. The 44th Annual Red Parka Pub Challenge Cup is slated for Saint Patrick's Day, Friday March 17, 2017 at Attitash.

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Upcoming Events

Sign Up for Junior Program

November 1st to 28th

Annual ESSC Ski Sale

November 9th - 12th

11/9 - Item Drop Off, 6-8pm

11/10 - Item Drop Off, 6-8pm

11/11 - Sale, 3-8pm

11/12- Sale, 9am-12pm

11/12 - Item & money pickup, 6pm-8pm

Indoor Volunteer Meetings

December 1st @ Cranmore

December 6th @ Attitash

December 13th @ King Pine

All meetings at 6:30pm

Nordic Volunteer Meetings

TBD

On Snow Volunteer Clinics

December-January

Junior Program Begins

January 3rd

Snow Day

March 7th

Red Parka Challenge Cup

March 17th

Volunteer Appreciation Event

March TBD

In Memorium

In the last year ESSC has lost several long time members, the Board wishes to extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of:

Jamie Skelton

Dave Pinder

Jim Westhall, Jr.

Nate Hounsell

ESSC Membership

Dear friends of Eastern Slope Ski Club,

Thank you for joining the thousands of ESSC members who have supported the club's mission over the past 80-years. To this day, we still strive to further Snow Sports by sharing it with the next generation. In 2016 we were able to facilitate a snow sports experience for over 1,000 students in grades 1 through 6 as part of the junior ski program. We recruited and trained over 400 volunteer instructors and provided rental equipment to more than 400 students. We hope you will continue to support the club and the future of our sport by mailing your membership fee to PO Box 348, North Conway NH 03860, or you can join by going to our web site www.easternslopeskiclub.org, select "Get Involved", "Become a Member".

Sincerely,
Ray S. Gilmore

Tax Exempt Status for ESSC: Eastern Slope Ski Club est. in 1935-36, operates under a non-profit 501(c)3 status by the IRS. This classification makes the club exempt from federal income tax, and allows donors to deduct contributions that support the club.



Seeking Community Minded People!

Personality:

Are you an energetic person?
Do you enjoy working with and helping young children learn a winter sport?
Did you hear it's going to snow a ton this winter?

Enjoy Volunteer Activities?

Then join the ESSC and volunteer as a Junior Program Instructor for Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Adaptive or Nordic skiing.
One afternoon a week, with free skiing or riding that morning.

Qualifications?

You can be a beginner, intermediate or expert; instructors of all skill levels are needed.
You bring your enthusiasm... we'll train you!
Complete a NH Criminal Background check.

Volunteer Benefits?

Take advantage of Free clinics with some of the Mount Washington Valley's top instructors.
You will enjoy Mid-Week ski benefits at 6 alpine and 5 Nordic areas, after completing required steps.

Please visit www.easternslopeskiclub.org

ESSC Junior Ski Program

PO Box 348, N. Conway, NH 03860
Eastern Slope Ski Club



Eastern Slope Ski Club Membership Application 2017

Family Name: _____

Parents names: _____

Children's names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Individual membership \$15: _____

Dual membership \$23: _____

Family membership \$30: _____

Donation: \$ _____

1 year total: \$ _____

2 year total: \$ _____

☐ Please send me information about volunteering for upcoming events

Please make checks payable to ESSC and mail to ESSC Membership, PO Box 348, North Conway, NH 03860

To join or donate online visit www.easternslopeskiclub.org