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Ski Club

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LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

October 21, 2025	7:30 PM	Octoberfest Meeting	Belmont Hill School - Chapel
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LEXSKI EVENTS

October 24-26, 2025		Fall Hiking & JAMfest	Nichols/Gelfand
November 5/6, 2025	7:30 PM	Warren Miller's "Sno-Society"	Somerville Theatre: MORE INFO
November 6, 2025	6:30 PM	Teton Gravity "Pressure Drop"	HOB Boston: MORE INFO
November 8-9, 2025		November Wk Weekend	Host: Tubman/Reece
December 16, 2025	6:00 PM	LexSki Holiday Party	Location TBD

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the Fall air getting crisper (there was frost on the cars at the Club this past Friday morning) it can only mean one thing, SKIING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

October Membership Meeting – We'll be at the Belmont Hill Chapel Basement this month starting at 7:30 pm for our meeting and Octoberfest.

Renovations - The bathroom project in 11/12 is coming along fabulously, thank you to Steve Jahnes for spearheading this project. Thank you to everyone who has been able to give extra time to keep on schedule.

Work Weekends - For those who have not participated in a work weekend this year, there is one more work weekend left, November 8th-9th (or you can pay the buyout of \$250 per adult).

Kitchen Committee - Patrick is returning as our cook for another season! Thank you to those who have volunteered to be on the Kitchen Committee to work with Dan Butler this coming year.

Kristen Butler (President@LexSki.org)

PRESIDENT



LODGE REPORT

2025 Work Weekend - Season Recap

After a slow start, we hit stride this fall with work weekends every month since June. We also added extra weekends to keep Project 11/12 on track for ski-season reservations. Thank you to everyone who pitched in. Some members went well beyond the one-weekend requirement this year. If you learn who they are, please thank them.



Final work weekend: November 8–9



This is the last official work weekend of the year. If you haven't worked yet, please reserve a spot or be prepared to submit the opt-out payment. We still have repairs and deep cleaning to finish before prime season. Can't make it that weekend? I have an alternative assignment suitable for a couple. [Email me.](#)

Off-Cycle Lodge Repairs:

Several members have asked for easier access to open repair tickets so they can help with repairs between weekends. We are working on shared access to the master list in the office and online. For now, continue to report issues by email to lodgechair@leski.org or via the member portal: <https://www.lexski.org/repair-log>



Lodge Committee

We met a few months ago and will meet again in November to regroup and improve how the committee operates now that newer members have work-weekend experience. Look for an invite.

Fire Safety



We have new service providers: Birchall Electric and its affiliate Patriot Fire Group. The fire alarm inspection is scheduled soon. Charlie Birchall will review the system for enhancements. After the alarm test, Patriot's sprinkler team will replace all older sprinkler heads. This 50-year service resets the system for the next 50 years of club safety.

Expect additional safety work: kitchen-stove improvements, more frequent inspections, fire drills, updated evacuation diagrams, and clear communication.

Thank you to Kevin Baker and Stephen Jahnes for scouting providers, and to Kevin for driving this effort by literally almost lighting a fire under me and the eBoard. For this reason, I've decided Kevin is our new Safety Officer. He has big shoes to fill after Mike Fahy.

Calendar

Upcoming Work Weekends:

- [November 8–9 — Hosts: Erica Tubman and Hugh Reece](#)

Large-Group Weekends

- [October 24–26 — Fall Hiking and JAMfest — Hosts: Jennifer Nichols and Jerold Gelfand](#) (see Jennifer's email for details)



Christian Ehrbar (lodgechair@lexski.org)

LODGE CHAIR

SOCIAL REPORT

The 60th Anniversary Party was a huge success! Special thanks again to Betsy Stanford, Susan Gardner, Sarah Kmetz, Irena Gravina, and Jeanne Sebell!

Upcoming Dates:

October 21: The first LexSki club meeting of the year will also celebrate Oktoberfest! Belmont Hill School Chapel at 7:30 PM.

Oct. 24-26: Hiking weekend at the Lodge (and bring musical instruments for a jam).

Nov. 5: Somerville Theatre is showing the 2025 Warren Miller movie “SNO-SIETY” on Nov. 5 and 6. The Tubman/Reece family is going on Nov. 5

Nov. 6: Marc Garrigus has expressed an interest in watching Teton Gravity Research’s “Pressure Drop” at the House of Blues (15 Lansdown St, Boston) at 6:30. If interested in joining Marc, check in with him.

Dec. 16: LexSki Holiday party (location to be determined).

Gant Redmon and Bill Hilton (social@lexski.org)

SOCIAL CO-CHAIRS

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

It’s been a fantastic summer, but like many of you, I’m counting down the days until we’re back on the mountain. The off-season has been a productive one – we’ve made some exciting improvements. If you haven’t visited the club recently, you’re really in for a treat!

Prospective Members:

I’m thrilled to welcome a flurry of new prospective members, and I look forward to meeting each of you. If you’re a prospective member, please ensure you’ve signed up for our email distribution list and created a LexSki account to access the members-only section of our website.

If your sponsors haven’t walked you through this process, feel free to send me a quick [email](#)—I’ll get you set up in no time. It’s a simple, one-time set-up.

Once inside our website’s members area, you’ll find a wealth of information to help you make reservations and understand the finer details of our club’s membership.

Safety Communications:

As Christian mentioned above, your current Executive Board has made fire safety in our lodge a top priority. This fall, we allocated funding to upgrade our existing safety infrastructure and have begun implementing a more rigorous inspection process to ensure all life-safety equipment in the lodge is always functioning properly.

Over the years, our membership has made significant investments in safety equipment, including modern fire alarms, 24/7 cellular alarm monitoring, fire sprinklers throughout the building, a commercial kitchen hood with ANSUL system, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, an AED, and more. By engaging licensed professionals to maintain and inspect this equipment, we are committed to ensuring that all systems operate reliably in the event of an emergency.

Given the number of guests visiting our lodge on weekends, we will begin including brief but important fire safety reminders in each week’s meal announcements. Please always remember to share key information with your guests, such as the location of all second-floor fire exits and our designated evacuation meeting point (by the dumpsters).

Once ski season begins, we will schedule one or more practice fire drills in coordination with the Woodstock Fire Department—a successful initiative we’ve conducted in the past.

Kevin Baker (info@lexski.org)

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Count:

We currently have 52 active families, 2 derivative members and 3 alumni families.

New Members:

No new members joined during the summer.

Wait-List:

We currently do not have a wait list. We have room for 3 more families until we are at capacity again.

Prospective Members

The following are the seven prospective member families in process:

- **Bennett family:** Andra, Matthew (15), Vlad (12), Madalina (7) from Lexington; Sponsors: Hardman, Forman
- **LaCroix/Lepionka family:** Jennifer and Franz, Helen (12) from Cambridge (referred by Tubman/Reece); Sponsors Tubman/Reece, Kmetz
- **Brodsky/Brune family:** Lasse and Sasha, Alec (8), Oskar (8), Esther (3 months) from Arlington , Sponsors: Garrigus, Spira
- **Norman family:** Anne and Chris, Mikayla (13), Adelaide (11), Claudia (9) and Benny (3) from Lexington, Sponsors: Jahnes, TBD
- **Pastel family:** Gabe and Amanda, Raea (4) and Atley (3) from Beverly. Gabe's family was a member in the early '00s. Sponsors: Curtin, Schopp
- **Wendt-Harrison:** Troy and Tina, Kai (6) and Mia (4) from Arlington, MA. Sponsors: TBD
- **Sapkota-Buduri:** Archana and Arun, Aria (8) and Asha (5), from Lexington. Sponsors: TBD

Prospective families on hold are Barnes-Furutani, Wang, and Doyle

Pablo and Ramona Filipi-Acosta membership@lexski.org

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

TREASURER REPORT

TDBank Checking:	\$ 16,697.06
TDBank Savings:	
Capital Improvement (>10K)	\$ 61,687.07
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 2,403.00
Emergency Fund (>35K)	\$ 43,500.00
Operating MM Account	\$ 87,814.94
Total TDBank Savings	<u>\$195,405.01</u>
Total All TDBank Accounts	<u>\$212,102.07</u>

Annual Membership Collection

We have completed collection of membership dues having collected \$114,669, this is slightly above/below our budgeted amount of \$119,313. The reduction was due to an above average amount of attrition in the Club through resignations and families moving to inactive status.

Tax Filing:

The prior fiscal year has been finalized, and appropriate information has been forwarded to our accountant to meet the November 15th filing deadline (6 months post completion of the fiscal year).

Dumpster:

Reminder, please notify me if you are at the Club and observe either, or both, dumpsters are near full. We have unfortunately had two instances through the offseason of nearly overflowing dumpsters. Given our location it can take up to a week for a pickup to take place, please keep this in mind when assessing whether to reach out to me. I can be notified by e-mail at treasurer@lexski.org, or by text message at 781-535-2930.

Upcoming Major Expenses:

First, a huge thank you to Steve and Sandy Jahnes for managing the bathroom project in Rooms 11 & 12. We will have some additional ancillary expenses related to the project, but the bulk of the expenses are already accounted for in the above cash position figures. We did just recently pay a \$11,000 electrical expense as well as a \$4,400 deposit to replace the sprinkler heads in the building (additional \$4,400 due upon completion) which have not yet been reflected in our overall position. The electrical expense is a combination of work for 11 & 12 as well as ongoing upgrades to the electrical infrastructure of the building.

Chris White (treasurer@lexski.org)

TREASURER

SECRETARY REPORT

This year I, Cindy Darcy, had an extra-good time at one of the work weekends doing yard work, which I am much more skilled at than any type of construction work. I planted some young trees in the spring, and some of them made it through our unusually dry summer. I also surveyed all the “volunteer” trees near the fence, and discovered there are nice species in there – quite a few sugar maples (some already more than 12 feet high) and at least one balsam fir. (Love that smell!) I thinned out the “good” trees, so there are not trees 6” apart competing with each other. During the work weekend, the crew working with me removed all the undesirable woody stuff from the area along the fence, and also transplanted some of the hostas from the overcrowded beds in front of the lodge. The area has a nice mix of native plants and is quite attractive.

I plan to do some additional tree thinning in the spring. Please do not cut down any tree in the area along wooden fence or in the area of the EV chargers without first talking to Cindy Darcy and/or Christian Ehrbar.

Cindy Darcy (secretary@lexski.org)

SECRETARY

A sneak peek at Room 12's new bathroom:



And just wait 'til you see the new floors! They're silent! No more creaking noises in the room below.

