

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

December 2003



## from the President . . .

Go Mandy! congratulations to Mandy Lavallee for being the first Ski Council Ambassador. You did us proud. Thanks to all those who helped with the event. We had over 170 in attendance or 1/3 of the entire group and the band was spectacular. Also, congratulations to Penny Trick who got the prestigious Member Recognition Award from the Connecticut Ski Council. One down and two to go!

The lodge is now open and ready for the upcoming season. Last night for vouchers is now December 10th, not the 3rd as originally announced.

Thank you, to Milli Arnold and Charlotte LeClair for the magnificent job they did with our fashion show. Thanks also to Alpine Haus and their usual spectacular job. Thanks to Neal Fisher and his presentation on Fire Prevention. Our Open House was another spectacular success. Over 200 people were in attendance. Thanks to Milli Arnold and Charlie Luckhardt for their hard work. Also thank you to our sponsors for the evening, especially Alpine Haus for the grand prize. (Anyone losing glasses on that evening, we have them).

Let's all attend Charity Night and our Holiday Party. Let's not forget about Monday Night Racing. **Eric Ardolino**

## Tina Oswald, Board Member •

Self employed for 24 years as a hairdresser, being independent has made her a detailed, organized person presently challenged with the task of chairing this November's "Crystal Forest" Snowball, and she is the Connecticut Ski Council's final Queen. Tina enjoys the "cruising" kind of skiing on her new Volants, (Mondays with the gang is the best!). Partying at the VT lodge, hiking, a dirty martini, biking, golfing, and dancing are her favorites. The ham in her comes out during Lip Sync.



When Tina attended MTL's Open House 12 years ago, the very first member she met was Jack McManus. She joined anyhow. Her advice to prospective members and guests? Join our club and attend often! You'll also be thanking MTL for enhancing your life with many good friendships and activities. With this enthusiasm and background, Tina is obviously a huge asset to Mountain Laurel's Board.

## Woodstock Wassail Celebration 12-14 December

2:00pm Parade of Riders  
Horses and Carriages on the Green

Lodge will have a holiday Polish-style  
dinner on Saturday.

Jack Uhrynowski

## New Years in Proctorsville •

Celebrate New Year's Eve with old and new friends at the lodge. Tentative menu includes spoon roast (roast beef), spiral ham, stuffed shells, Chef Peter's-to-die-for-garlic-mashed potatoes, assorted side dishes and a champagne toast at midnight. (BYOB for happy hour/dinner).

Cost: \$20 for members/guests or \$15 if you sign up in advance to bring a specific appetizer or dessert (not a bag of chips!) See Moe Gaherty for dinner reservations and Lisa for your lodge reservations (they'll go quickly!) Tell your boss that you're taking Jan 2nd off and make it a nice long weekend.

Your Hosts: Maureen & Chef Peter

## Western Ski Trip, Telluride CO • 31 Jan - 7 Feb '04

The Western Ski trip is set and is to Telluride Colorado on January 31, 2004 - February 7th 2004. Pricing is \$1099 per person in an efficiency hotel unit (includes kitchenette). The Mountainside Inn is located at the Base of Lift 7 and is a ski-in hotel. Ski pass is only \$39 per day; posted rates are \$69. This pass is \$195 based on a 5 out of six day pass. There will also be a sponsored (Free) NASTAR Race for the trip as well as a private mountain tour. There are already 65 deposits in and room for just 3 more. Please do not delay, send it in today or see me at the meetings or call 203-265-9293 for further details.

Eric Ardolino

## Important Numbers •

Membership • Tom Knudsen  
203-281-6769

Reservations • Lisa Durland  
860-644-8564 (new number)

Lodge Chair • Ray Taksar  
860-647-9168 (h) 860-247-0191 (w)

## CCMC Seeks Volunteers for Ski Program •



Skier's Unlimited is a program at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. We are looking for volunteers every Friday during the months of January and February.

Skier's Unlimited is a ski program that is designed for children with disabilities ages 6 to 18 years of age. This one-on-one, hands on support is given by experienced skiers to each child while they are skiing.

Program takes place at Mt. Southington on Fridays between 1 and 3pm. A two-hour orientation program is required on either January 7th or 8th between 6 and 8pm.

Contact Kristen Healey in Volunteer Services at 545-8504 or email [khealey@ccmekids.org](mailto:khealey@ccmekids.org)

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## Queen's Corner

The transition has taken place and by the time you receive this newsletter, the first CSC ambassador will have been determined. The CSC Ambassador Day was held on November 9th. This event determines who will be 'crowned' as the CSC Ambassador. Ten ambassador candidates were in attendance with three of the ten being male.

The Crystal Forest Snow Ball was held on November 22nd at "The Colony" with music by "Souled Out". Special thanks to Tina Oswald, the final CSC Queen, for all her hard work and dedication for organizing a wonderful evening for us. Mountain Laurel had an overwhelming attendance with over 160 tickets sold. Thanks to all those who attended to support the Connecticut Ski Council. Special thanks also go to Andy, Charlotte, Tom and Florence who coordinated the MTL hospitality suite as well as Penny and Karen who coordinated the ticket security for the two entrances.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season! Think Snow!!

Mandy Lavallee • MTL Queen • 860-638-3821

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## You are Invited!

### Annual MTL Holiday Dance and Gala • 17 Dec



Wednesday, December 17, 8:00PM  
Music by Kevin Neary



Zabbara's Restaurant • Stanley Golf Course  
New Britain, Connecticut • \$5.00 per person

We will again be supporting the Klingberg Family Center and would appreciate donations of children's clothes and toys. We will also be collecting no-perishable food items to be donated to Food Share.

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## Mt. Laurel • Lake Placid • Ski Trip

You may bring your dog. A signed conditions and agreement pet registration is required by The Hilton Lake Placid Resort.

Two-hour ski lessons are available at nearly half price when 10 or more sign up together.

\$100 deposit per person needed to reserve your space.

Registration Form is on the website and available at club meetings.

Give or Mail Checks and Registration Form to:

Mary Diviney, 8 Sycamore Lane, Avon CT 06001

For additional trip information, contact any committee member:

Dave England, Jr. 860-871-1257 (h); 860-614-1348 (cell)

Mary Diviney 860-675-7166 (h); [divineyme@ing-afs.com](mailto:divineyme@ing-afs.com) (email)

Jenny Ebner 860-243-0278 (h); 860-402-6232 (cell); [Jebner@bright.net](mailto:Jebner@bright.net) (email)



## Lodge News from Ray Taksar •

Ski Time!!! Here we go again. It's Dec and the Tops of Okemo and Killington are Open and were a few weeks ago. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have top to bottom conditions. Okemo now has the Jackson Gore Building open with multiple ??? and more lifts open when snow permits. Check it out on the Internet. Dec 7th Food Drive Day at Okemo with \$35 lift tickets. A new toy in a box also works. Christmas week family rooms for \$150 at the Lodge. The same for Feb School Week Vacation. Anyone wishing to be Innkeeper stays at the Lodge for FREE. If you are interested, let me know and I will put your name on the list. Dec 10th is the Last Day for Lodge Vouchers. Save \$\$\$\$. See Ernie Riley at the meeting. Here's to a great season. Ski safe. Wear a helmet.

Best Always To All of You, Ray

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## OKEMO disc't tickets are here! •

See me at the meetings to get yours and pay the difference on returns. I do have tickets for sale to prospective members. Think snow!

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

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## Concerns & Celebrations

Our Sympathy to those who knew Carolyn Tetsloff, as she died Friday, Nov 14 of a heart attack. Services will be held at the Newington Memorial Funeral Home on December 5th at 4pm.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

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## Many Thanks •

It is difficult for me to find words for uncountable phone calls, the pile of Get Well Cards, 148 emails, food gifts, and one can of date expired chicken soup (Bobby LeDoux). Healing is going slow, but I'll be back by the time you read this. So, many many thanks ... to all of you for your support and help in my healing process. Wear a Helmet. They Work!!!

Best Always, Ray Taksar

## from the Vice President •

The Open House was a huge success thanks to co-chairpersons Charlie Luckhardt and Milli Arnold, and their many helpers. Keep recruiting among your family, friends and co-workers, and **please welcome the following new Prospective Members, all who joined at the Open House.**

<b>Joan Burke</b> 203-775-5900 (h)	2 Kimberly Dr. 203-852-3534 (w)	Brookfield CT 06804 joan.burke@ngc.com
<b>Wade Cowles</b> 860-793-2375 (h)	61 Whiting St. #4 860-402-7740 (w)	Plainville CT 06062 bladebreath1@aol.com
<b>Bob &amp; Katy Fressola</b> 860-206-6975 (h)	61 White Ave.	West Hartford CT 06119 rmf2@bryant.edu
<b>Janet Heath</b> 860-582-0545 (h)	221 Dino Rd 860-214-3619 (w)	Bristol CT 06010-7890 jaz60rn@sbcglobal.net
<b>Barbara Jarzyna</b> 860-702-3366 (h)	47 Allen St	Winsted CT 06098
<b>Peggy Koury</b> 860-561-2422 (h)	43 Westminster Dr 860-297-6710 (w)	West Hartford CT 06107-3353 pjkoury@comcast.net
<b>Ken Palmoski</b> 860-647-1881 (h)	21 Schoolbrook Lane	Vernon CT 06066 kwpalmoski@hotmail.com
<b>Michele Paquette</b>	105 Shadow Lane #B-2	West Hartford CT 06110
<b>Phil Roberts</b> 860-582-5740 (h)	34 French St	Forestville CT 06010
<b>Virginia M. Wallace</b>	PO Box 2138	Salem CT 06420

**Tom Knudsen, Vice President • 203.281.6769 • vicepresident@mtlski.com**

## Wednesday Night Programs •

03 Dec	Charity Auction
10 Dec	Monday Night Racing, A.S.I.A., CSC Presentation
17 Dec	Holiday Dance
24 Dec	NOMEETING
31 Dec	NOMEETING
07 Jan	Presentation by Blind Skier, Cindy Cromack, and her guide, Ray Backus
14 Jan	New Member Orientation
21 Jan	On Snow Presentation
28 Jan	New Member Social
04 Feb	NOMEETING

I'd like to extend a special thanks to everyone who has chaired a Wednesday night program so far: Jason Frechette for the Harvest Gala; Jan Bacon for Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner; Ron Colaresi for the Halloween Party; Neal Fisher for the Fire Safety presentation; Milli Arnold and charlotte LeClair for the Fashion Show; Pat Moore for the Web Site presentation, and Milli Arnold and Charlie Luckhardt for the Open House.

**Penny L. Trick, Chairperson**

## Lobster Cookout ...

Picture perfect is the best word to describe the lobster cookout. Everything ran very smoothly with the expert help of all our team captains. The weather was perfect, the food delicious (especially the desserts), the softball game fun with no injuries and it was great socializing with new and old friends. Aletta and Sharon think it is time for others to take over the organization of this event. They would like to thank all the wonderful people that helped to make this lobster cookout and the other four years of lobster cookouts so terrific. Without many people pitching in to help, this large event would not be such an overwhelming success.

We will be available to help the new leaders keep the lobster cookout a highlight of the Mountain Laurel Ski Club.

## Charity Auction •

In the mood for shopping? Well, take care of that "urge" and come to the "Silent" Charity Auction on December 3.

Great items to be auctioned, great deals, camaraderie, music & food. Bring a friend.  
**Starts at 7:30pm SHARP!**

**Shop Happy - Leave Happy!**  
**Barbara Wysocki - 860-563-9066**

## Deadline for Jan 04 • Dec 17, 2003 • Third Wednesday •

Dec 17 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the January 2004 newsletter.

All information should be to **Kathy Augustyn** by that date. If you do not see Kathy at a meeting, please mail to:

**17 Rising Trail Drive  
Middletown CT 06457**

or email

**kathleen.augustyn@inginvestment.com  
or Fax 860-616-4613**

**h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389**



## Monday Night Racing

Weather permitting, we begin defense of our crown at Mt. Southington on Monday, December 15th. The Racing Information phone number at Southington is 860-628-7669 ext 243. We'll try to get last-minute info in the website as well.... We've come out on top three years running; let's make it four! Note to Prospective Members: Race three times and we'll waive the committee requirements for full membership.... We hope to have weekly e-mail report on standings, significant performances, and maybe some tips on running gates.

**Pat Moore - Race Captain  
Racing@mtlski.com**

**Cannodale R300 Blue**, 54cm, over \$1,400.00 invested - many upgrades. Excellent condition. Sell for \$650.00 firm. **Call Steve Repko 203-574-2996 or email srepeko2001@yahoo.com**

**Never used new ski boots. Dalbello Mx72 Lady Profile.** USA size 8 - 4 buckle. All kinds of adjustments. Power strap system. Reg \$400. Price \$250. Terri Tabshey 860-563-2777.

# CSC December 2003 • Ski/Race Schedule



## CSC Awareness Days. You Need Club Card for I.D.

Sat	Dec 6	Mt. Snow	\$25	Sat	Dec 20	Sugarbush	\$25
Sun	Dec 7	Okemo	\$27	Sun	Dec 21	Sunapee	\$20
Sat	Dec 13	Bromley	\$25	Sat	Dec 27	Ragged	\$25
Sun	Dec 14	Stratton	\$30	Sun	Dec 28	Ragged	\$25
Fri	Dec 19	Jiminy Peak	\$15				

## Where to Obtain Tickets:

<b>Mt. Snow</b>	Sundance Lodge Area, Group Sales Trailer	<b>Okemo</b>	Group Sales Trailer, Bus Parking Lot
<b>Bromley</b>	Main Lodge - Upper Level - Look for Sign	<b>Stratton</b>	Any open window
<b>Jiminy Peak</b>	Any window ?????? Lodge (Club Card and Picture I.D.)	<b>Sunapee</b>	Any open ticket window
<b>Sugarbush</b>	At Season Pass Office, Right of Gate House Lodge		

## No "State Race" in December

## Monday Night Racing - Mt. Southington - December 15, 22, 29, 2003 - \$23.00 - Best of 8 Races

These discounts are available all season at the following areas. Members must show a valid CSC club membership card and can only purchase tickets for those named on the card.

<b>BUTTERNUT</b>	413-528-2000	Club Sundays	\$25 lift ticket: \$18 rentals: \$10 group lesson
			Ticket pickup: drive to Group Ticket booth on left near Cruiser Sun Deck
<b>MOHAWK</b>	860-672-6100	Club Tuesday Nights 6-10PM	\$15 ticket. Photo ID also, please.
<b>SKISUNDOWN</b>	860-379-7669	Club Wednesday Nights 6-10PM	\$18 adults, \$15 jr. 14 and under
			Ski Sundown Savings card \$39 (\$59)
<b>MAGIC</b>	802-824-5645	Third lift added this season	
			\$10 off full rate non-discounted ticket (reg \$46 wknd/\$36 wkdy)
			All season except Tuesdays when the regular ticket is \$20 for all.
<b>CATAMOUNT</b>	518-325-3200	New Magic Carpet for beginners!	Club Sundays \$24. Photo ID also, please.
			\$10 off reg. ticket price all season except Wed. and Thurs. when tickets are \$15 for all.
			CT days are Dec 20/21 - \$15 ticket with CT driver's license.

R. W. Arthur - CSC Representative

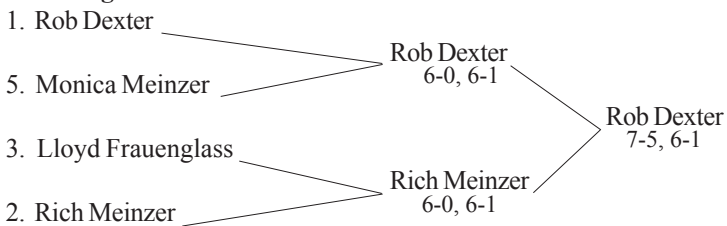
## 2003 Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladder Tournament Results

The 2003 Mt. Laurel singles ladder champion is Rob Dexter; the mixed doubles team champions are Lloyd Frauenglass and Gloria Parent. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who played in the tennis ladders this year. Competition was good with several close matches. All of the mixed doubles matches went three sets. For 2004, the Third Annual Tennis Ladder Kickoff Day will be scheduled and an additional tennis ladder day(s) may also be scheduled during the middle and/or end of the ladder season. Also, Tuesday Night Tennis may include more opportunities and encourage ladder match play at the Newington Tennis Center.

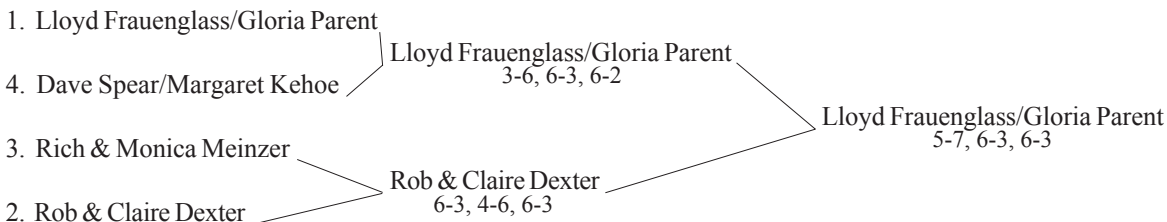
The tournament results follow. The numbers at left indicate the final ladder standings at the end of 2003. These standings will be retained at the start of the 2004 ladder season if the player or team plays a match by the end of June.

Recorded and submitted by **Dave Spear**











### 2003 Singles Tournament:



### 2003 Mixed Doubles Tournament:



# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3 Bd Mtng/ Charity Auction	4	5	6  CSC Day Mt Snow
7	8	9	10 Monday Night Racing Presentation & A.S.I.A. and CSC	11	12	13  CSC Day Bromley
14  CSC day Stratton	15  Monday Night Racing	16	17  Holiday Party News Deadline	18	19	20  CSC Day Sugarbush
21	22  Monday Night Racing	23	24 NO MEETING	25	26	27
28	29  Monday Night Racing	30	31 Party at Lodge NO MEETING 	<b>December 2003</b> 		

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December Meetings •  
Zabbara's Restaurant  
Stanley Golf Course  
245 Hartford Road  
New Britain CT  
Wednesdays, 8:00pm

Save These Dates

## December

- 03 Charity Auction
- 06 CSC Mt Snow \$25
- 10 Monday Night Racing  
Presentation, A.S.I.A., CSC
- 13 CSC Bromley \$25
- 14 CSC Stratton \$30
- 15 Monday Night Racing
- 17 Holiday Party, News Deadline
- 20 CSC Sugarbush \$25
- 22 Monday Night Racing
- 24 NO MEETING
- 29 Monday Night Racing
- 31 NO MEETING
- 31 Party at the Lodge - VT

## January

- 07 Bd Mtng/Presentation by Blind  
Skier Cheryl Cormack
- 14 New Member Orientation
- 21 On Snow Presentation
- 28 New Member Social

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