

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

February 2003



## from the President . . .

Is there such a thing as too much snow? Vermont is on a record setting course. If you're into powder, fresh, loose, or packed; head up to Vermont for your fill. Some say, "This will be the best year ever!" Go find out for yourself just how good it is!

With all the new snow, a word of caution. We've had too many injuries this year. It's very easy to get a Skier's High with all the powder. Slow down, Smell (the snow flowers). Look around and enjoy the view!

On February 1, it's ski instruction day at Okemo and on the 2nd, it's CSC Day at Mount Snow for \$25. On the Monday, Jan 3rd, our last CSC Monday Night Race. It's an early end to a great race season. "Did we make it to first again?" "I don't know right now. Come out and help MTL to a First Place club win!" "Our competition NAVA is very very close. This year we need all the help we can to ensure a win and the second part of the CSC Triple Crown. Help make History!" On the 7th our MTL members leave for Zermatt, Switzerland. Enjoy!

February is Club Race Month, so get your boards waxed, tighten up your boots, and get your butt up to Pico on the 22nd and go for the gold! Then pull out your cross-country skis, get your snowshoes out of the closet, and show up on the 23rd at Okemo Cross-Country and see if you're made of iron!

On Snow Okemo, On Snow Okemo, On Snow Okemo - this is the third part of the CSC Triple Crown! Again it's up to every member to support our club. "I believe

we're the Best Ski Club in the state with the Best Membership!" See Pat Moore, Penny Trick, Stan Wasel, Erika Waltz, Bob Arther, or Tina Oswald to sign up to prove we are that good!

Stan

**P.S. There is room at the Inn. See or call Kathy Amenta for help in booking your lodge stay. FOR MARCH ONLY • NEWSLETTER INFO GOES TO MANDY LAVALLEE - SEE PAGE 2.**

## LOST TREE SKIRT!



Has anyone found a French blue knitted tree skirt with white crochet snowflakes! It was accidentally left at Zabbara's from the Christmas dance. For that thoughtful person who picked it up, I am grateful. It was made for me many years ago and means a lot to me. If you could please return it or give me a call, I would be most grateful. My sincere appreciation.

**Aletta Chamberland • 860-747-3523**



## Valentine Dance 12 February



Get Ready for another wonderful MTL Party. February 12, 2003 - Music, Dancing, and Special Raffle Prize. A night of Fun and Friendship. Helpers Needed.

**Contact: Wendy 860-741-3343**

## Save the Date!

On Wed. 2 April, we will be having a Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner. Tickets will go on sale in March at the meetings. Stay tuned!!!

## On Snow Winter Carnival 7,8,9 March

It's that time again! After two years in Sugarbush, CSC's Annual Winter Carnival returns to Okemo. Make sure you have a place to stay for the weekend. If you've never attended before, you're in for a treat. On Friday, we'll run the state downhill race followed by alpine and nordic racing clinics. Saturday brings the club race, womens' race, junior races, team race, snowboard race, and volleyball. On Sunday plan on participating in the tug of war, fun race, and rally. Good news! Okemo has reduced the cost of the meal tickets: \$22 adults and \$20 kids for Saturday night.

We will NOT be able to use our discount vouchers but special pricing for the weekend is comparable. If you buy the 3 day ticket, one day can be used at Stratton. Erika Walz will be the coordinator of lift ticket sales and the tickets need to be purchased beforehand. The meal ticket coordinator is yet to be named.

The waiver form will be posted on the website. It needs to be signed and returned to me at your earliest convenience. You can fax it to 860-509-5592. We have it in our grasp to capture the elusive Triple Crown. Let's do it!!!

**Pat Moore**

## Important Numbers •

**Membership • Pat Moore •**  
860-666-7885

**Lodge Chair • Ray Taksar**  
H 860-647-9168 • W 860-247-0191

**Lodge Reservations • Kathy Amenta**  
H 860-878-6937

## Lodge News From Ray Taksar •

There's no business like snow business. Wow! What a year for it. I've never seen so much Powder. It certainly reminds you to balance over your bindings and lets you drive from the back seat just a bit.

New Year's Eve and The Party was another big success - shrimp, scallops, wings, sirloin, ham, and the champagne flowed. Next Party is Heart On, Feb 14-15. Supper provided by King Jim and Queen Beverly. Time to get out all your funny valentine costumes for the party! Saturday the 15th is the Party. Nominal fee for food. Stay tuned. So what to do after skiing Sat March 1st? How about going back to the Okemo Base Lodge for "Vermont" Carlo Night? Ya, that's the deal - Roulette, Craps, Slots, Black Jack. Ten dollars gets you in and you will get \$500 in game chips plus food. What a deal! Benefits VT Children

Next time you want to go to Magic Mt, better call first to see if they have a rescue system in place yet. They didn't when the lift broke stranding people for 3-3 1/2 hours in freezing cold. Feb has many CSC days. Check the list or see me for info. Feb 1st is FREE instruction at Okemo Mt. See Marsha Baretta for details. OK boys and girls that about wraps it up for now. See you on the mountains.

**Best Always, Ray Taksar**

## From the Vice President •

We continue to grow! **Please welcome the following Prospective Members:**

<b>Grazyna Ledzion</b>	6 Locust Court	Cromwell CT 06416
<b>Teresa Koszut</b>	72 Willow Rd	Rocky Hill CT 06067
<b>Brian Piwarzyk</b>	100 Wells St Apt 806	Hartford CT 06103
<b>Susan Winkler</b>	82 Bar Gate Trail	Killingworth CT 06419
<b>Kathleen Golec</b>	8 Davison Rd	Moodus CT 06469
<b>James Iannone</b>	25 Longlane Rd	West Hartford CT 06117

**Pat Moore • VP Membership • 860-666-7885 • pmoore@snet.net**

## Connecticut Ski Council • February 2003

### February 2003 Monday Night Race Schedule:

Mt Southington	Registration	6-7:30pm
Price \$22.00	Race Starts	7:45pm

### CSC Awareness Days - February 2003

Sat 01	Haystack	\$20	Sun 09	Okemo	\$25
Sun 02	Mt Snow	\$25	Sat 22	Haystack	\$20
Fri 07	Jiminy Peak	\$15	Sun 23	Haystack	\$20
Sat 08	Ascutney	\$25	Fri 28	Bromley	\$20

- 1) Have your club card with you.
- 2) Obtain ticket at correct section of a ski area, also at the correct ticket window(s) or office.

### State Race • Slalom • Mt Southington

Feb 05

Price \$25.00 Registration 6-7:30pm Race 7:45pm

### 10th Annual Connecticut Senior Winter Games • February 12, 2003

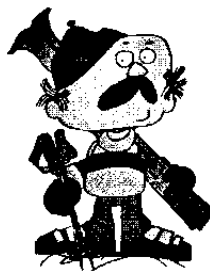
Ski Sundown, New Hartford, Connecticut

See Pat Moore or Bob Arther for registration forms. Registration Deadline Feb 7, 2003.

### On Snow Weekend • Okemo Mountain

March 7-9, 2003

Details, Sign-Up, and Information during February Club Meeting. See Pat or Penny Moore, Bob Arther, Queen Tina, or Erika Walz.



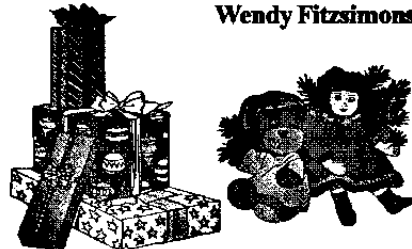
## Christmas Dance •

Well, another terrific and eventful year has come and gone. May I wish one and all a very happy and health 2003. No more ski accidents.

This year the Christmas Dance was a great success. We had a huge turn out and with all the wonderful donations, we gathered food, clothing and toys for our charities. Thank you all for your generosity. What dance would be successful without a well-tuned team of players. Thank you Aletta (co-chair) for all your work. Best raffle we have seen in ages.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who made our job easy. You guys were great. I have your names and numbers for next year. And who could forget the music guy Kevin who created the mood and had everyone up on the dance floor? Great job! Special thanks to Maria from Zabbara's who allowed us to cancel the first date because of rotten weather and re-schedule for the following week. See you all on the slopes.

**Wendy Fitzsimons**



**FOR MARCH ONLY!**  
**Deadline for March**  
**February 19, 2003**  
**• Third Wednesday •**

February 19 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the March 2003 newsletter.

All information should be to **MANDY LAVALLEE** by that date.

If you do not see Mandy at a meeting, please mail to:

**378 Fowler Avenue**  
**Middletown CT 06457**

**or email - phantom378@aol.com**  
**or Fax/home 860-638-3821**  
**w 860-636-2601**

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The King and Queen of Heart-On Weekend Invite you to This Year's Ball



### Friday, February 14

You might want to ski at Bromley: it's 2 for 1 if you prove you're a couple at the ticket window with a kiss. Then come to the lodge for some You're-a-Knockout punch and formal sweetheart portraits. Bring red or pink appetizers to share.

### Saturday, February 15



Ski Okemo with a heart on. Boxers over your bibs? Hearts on your helmet? Tassels on your tatas? Meet at the summit at noon for the group portrait. And then, Frank Molnar will create a feast: roast sirloin, shrimp jambalaya, chicken paprikash, and all the sides (BYOB). And then: WE PARTY! Our objective is to reach a new moral low, and for Mountain Laurel, that's a challenge! The royal couple will choose a new king and queen: any and all bribes are encouraged. A collection will be taken up for bail, Lodge-Lizard Ray will take his pack of hounddogs out to bay at the moon, and prizes will be awarded to the couple with the most creative solution to the lodge romance challenge.

### Sunday, February 16

There will be a pancake - + - singleton's - bacon breakfast before we hit the slopes. Survivors will meet at 11:30am sharp at Gables at Solitude for the Annual Hush-Money Extortion Brunch: be there or be afraid. Be very afraid.

**Party Cost: \$15 per person**

**Lodging is separate. Sign up with Jim or Bev.  
NO ONE UNDER 21.**



Your beloved sovereigns,  
Jim Mays and Beverly Wise

## X-C Skiing in Vermont •



During the weekends of 1/31-2/1; 2/7+8; 2/28-3/1; and 3/21+22, Jeri Jaminet will be up at the lodge and will be cross country skiing one or both weekend days. New members, if you'd like to get started cross country skiing, Jeri will be going to the Okemo Valley Nordic Center and other touring centers within an hour's drive of the lodge. For more info, email [jeri-joy@cox.net](mailto:jeri-joy@cox.net). (Hyphen in the email address - NOT an underscore)

## Club Race • Cross Country and Snowshoe Event •

Club X-C Race and Snowshoe Event: Sunday, February 23 at Okemo Valley Nordic Center. OK Team, no excuses. The snow has been phenomenal and the weather great. Want some laughs, exercise, competition, bragging rights? This is the event for you! Our cross country event will be outstanding and the snowshoe event will be even more fun/crazy than last year. Pre-register for the X-C event (please) by sending your registration form to Sue Poirier, 399 Sea Hill Rd., N. Branford, CT 06471. You don't have to pre-register for the snowshoe event but it helps with the planning. Registration is from 8-9:00 Sunday am with the Snowshoe event right afterwards. I want to double our participation this year so no excuses. You can rent equipment right at the site. I'm negotiating prices right now (Yes, I'm late. Sorry.) but all info will be on our website by Jan. 21 (Thanks, Pat. He never sleeps!). Call me if you have questions or could volunteer to help out with scoring, 'gate keeping' for the X-C race, logistics. See you there!

**Sue Poirier • 203-488-6156**

## Tremblant Trip March 2003 •

We have 48 people going. The bus is full. There is a waiting list of five. All reports are that the skiing is Great.

Bills are on the way and the condos are assigned according to the requests.

Contact Brian Hunter for the bus.

All things look great. Let's have a great time.

**Paul Volovski**

## MTL Club Race • 22 Feb 2003



Pico Ski Area on B Slope. Competitive classes for all abilities. Pre-register by mail using form in this newsletter, or download form at Club website. Club provides free lift ticket for all children and grandchildren of members and prospective members (age 17 and under). Discount tickets at sign-in for adults (cash/check only). Free pizza/soda awards party follows in the Base Lodge. Sign-in 7:30-8:30am. Race starts at 10am sharp.

Questions ([tfk2004@comcast.net](mailto:tfk2004@comcast.net)).

## OKEMO Discount Tickets

Let's get up there and enjoy that super snow! We'll have to turn in what we don't use in April. Tickets are for Club Members and their families use. See me or John Pappalardo, or mail me a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check (additional \$1.50 each) and I'll mail'em to you. We do have some set aside for new member purchases.

**Thanks, Susan Forsdick.**



## The Queen's Corner



What a great ski season we are rewarded with this year! I hope all of you get out and enjoy it safely.

I am asking all of you to participate in this year's CSC ON SNOW WINTER CARNIVAL being held at our "home" mountain of Okemo - March 7, 8, and 9. There are many events to join in from serious racing to fun volleyball in ski boots! You don't have to come for the entire 3 days but MTL's support and participation is necessary to win the Triple Crown. Soon there will be discounted tickets sold for the event at the meetings (even lower than our bulk!) and more information. The Snow Ball and On Snow are the CSC's major annual "get together" events. Make your reservations and come join in the fun!

The Queen Mums and I are ready to begin grooming MTL's newest Queen. Who will she be? Please contact me.

**Tina Oswald, MTL & CSC Queen**

## Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner • 12 March

Always a fun club event. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, 12 March and find something green to wear. The dinner choices are corned beef and cabbage or chicken francaise. All meals include bread, vegetable, potatoes, dessert, and coffee. We are in the process of lining up some Irish entertainment. Tickets are \$12 and are available from Mary Diviney or other team members (to be announced) at club meeting up to the March 5th deadline or call me at 860-675-7166 (eve) 860-723-3146 (day). **Thanks, Mary Diviney.**

## Lip Sync • 24 April



This is the first announcement of this year's Lip Sync Contest. It will be on April 24th. And this year it will be great as usual. If you have an act you would like to do either alone or with others let me know. Can't wait...



**John Ewen**

## Wednesday Night Program • Feb & March 2003

Many thanks to Marsha, Penny, and Nancy for the Jan 15 program on ASIA, CSC, and Ski Instruction. I would like to also thank the members who volunteered to chair future events. Wendy Fitzsimons, Valentine Dance; Mary Diviney, St. Patrick's Dinner; Polly Chamberlain, Zabbara's Appreciation. Your help is needed to make these special programs a success. Prospective members - this is a way to complete your requirements for membership.

- 05 Feb** Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
- 12 Feb** Valentine Dance - Wendy Fitzsimons - 860-741-3343
- 19 Feb** Membership Meeting - On Snow meeting
- 26 Feb** Membership Meeting
- 05 Mar** Board Meeting/Membership Meeting - Ski Patrol Safety
- 12 Mar** St Patrick's Dinner - Mary Diviney - 860-723-3146
- 19 Mar** New Member Installation - Pat Moore
- 26 Mar** Membership Meeting
- 02 Apr** Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner - Polly Chamberlain - 860-292-1920

**Eileen Clyne 860-675-9742 or Nancy Felix 203-458-7673**



## Culture Corner • MTL in NYC in the Spring?

A number of people have asked about getting a bus to go into the City in the Spring. (I still plan to go again in November.) That sounds like a terrific idea.... except .... I won't be able to go. I need a "volunteer" to be "bus captain" for the day. I'll make arrangements to get the bus. I just need someone to run the trip that day. If you are interested, please let me know. I'll fill you in on the details. Thank you.

**Kate Robertson • 860-344-1292**

## Celebrations & Concerns

**Congratulations** to Jen and Dave Scollo on the birth of their daughter Sara Nicole; and, to Bill Gutermuth and Nancy Pearce on their engagement. **Sympathy** wishes to Arlene Terrier in the death of her Great-aunt. **Happy healing wishes** to Barbara Wysocki for her knee tibia injury, Hank Berger for his skiing injury, Tim Lee for his stay in the hospital, Paul Fehrenbach for his recent surgery, and Bob Morell for his broken arm and leg, with surgery, from a skiing fall. Let's be careful on those slopes. **Thanks, Susan Forsdick**

## Party of the Year • 16 March 2003

I would like to thank the 30 plus people who have already signed up and I would like to invite all other Mountain Laurel members and their friends to MTL's Night Out on Sunday March 16th, 2003. It will be held at Zandri's Stillwood Inn in Wallingford. Cocktails will be from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Dinner 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Our guest performers, Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge (they sold out 4 nights the first week in January in Atlantic City at the Tropicana), will start their show after dinner (dancing is also permitted). They are truly the hottest band on the oldies circuit with 8 gold records (16 Candles, The Worst That Could Happen, Blessed is the Rain, etc.). Choice of meal is Prime Rib or Stuffed Filet of Sole. Cost is \$50 per person, which is basically the cost of the meal (4 courses) and the facility. I am paying for the band as a gift to MTL and my wife for her birthday. The band will be around afterwards for pictures and autographs. For tickets and further information, please contact me 203-265-9648 home, 203-265-9293 office, or see me or Barbara Wysocki at the meetings. Do not miss this opportunity to be at this private event with these fantastic recording stars. It is truly going to be the party of the year.

**Eric C. Ardolino**



# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday    monday    tuesday    wednesday    thursday    friday    saturday

## February 2003

2 CSC Mt Snow	3 Monday Night Racing	4	5 Board/ Member Meeting	6	7 CSC Jiminy Peak Zermatt Trip	8 CSC Ascutney
9 CSC Okemo	10	11	12 Sr. Winter Games Valentine Dance	13 Moonlight Cross- Country	14 Heart-On Weekend Vermont	15
16 Heart-On Vermont	17	18	19 Membership Meeting On-Snow Meeting News	20	21	22 CSC Haystack Club Race Pico VT
23 CSC Haystack Club Cross- Country Okemo VT	24	25	26 Membership Meeting	27	28 CSC Bromley	

February Meetings ·  
Zabbara's Restaurant  
Stanley Golf Course  
245 Hartford Road  
New Britain CT  
Wednesdays, 8:00pm  
Save These Dates  
February

- 01 CSC Haystack \$20  
Ski Instruction VT
- 02 CSC Mt Snow \$25
- 03 Monday Night Racing
- 05 Board/Member Meeting
- 07 CSC Jiminy Peak \$15  
Zermatt Trip
- 08 CSC Ascutney \$25
- 09 CSC Okemo \$25
- 12 Senior Winter Games  
Valentine Dance
- 13 Moonlight Cross-Country
- 14-16 Heart-On Weekend VT
- 19 Membership Meeting  
On-Snow Meeting  
news deadline
- 22 CSC Haystack \$20  
Club Race, Pico VT
- 23 CSC Haystack \$20  
Club Cross Country Race  
Okemo VT
- 26 Membership Meeting
- 28 CSC Bromley \$20
- March
- 01-02 CSC Waterville Valley \$22

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