

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

February 2004

from the President . . .

Very interesting. Thanks to Ray Backus (Blind Skier Instructor) and Cindy Cromack (Blind Skier). Their presentation was truly an awakening experience. What an appreciation I now have for this type of handicapped skier. Unbelievable. Glad to see Ray Backus is doing great after his surgery. Our new year has started off great with a spectacular New Year's Eve party. It was well attended and all had a great time. Thanks Maureen and Peter for your efforts. Monday Night Racing is off to a good start. Pat would like some more participation. We are hovering in the top spots and it will be over in early February. Next we have On Snow weekend at Bromley. This is the first weekend in March (5-7) and those interested in participating in any of the events please see Penny Trick or Pat Moore. Our Elections are coming up and we need volunteers for all positions on the board. Please see Ann Alden and/or Susan Forsdick.

Eric Ardolino

**NO Regular Meeting
04 February due to
Zabbara's remodeling.
Private End of Year
Sale hosted by
Alpine Haus
for MTL Only
7-9:30pm.**

**942 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield CT
860-563-2244
Refreshments will be served
from 7-9:30pm.**

Susan Forsdick, Board Member •

Susan joined Mt Laurel in 1991 when she took her first ski lesson and test with encouragement from her beau, John Pappalardo. She enjoyed skiing for over 10 years and has been on many of the club trips in the U.S. and Switzerland. She has served on the board several times as board member and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Susan has been responsible for Okemo Discount ticket orders, sales, and distribution for the last 5 years. She has been the Cheer or Celebrations and Concerns person responsible for sending greeting cards and putting articles in the newsletters. Summer tennis, she has run for the past 20 years. She has co-chaired and chaired many committees including fashion show, Zabbara Appreciation Night, several dances, and the Annual Banquet. Susan has assisted with the Snowball, Lobster Cookout, and Open House in past years.

Susan has enjoyed being employed as an Administrative Assistant at Aetna Financial, now ING, in Hartford for the past 18 years. Susan is the mother of three children and six grandchildren, several who love to ski. Summer biking is one of her favorite activities.



Eric Ardolino



Okemo Discount Tickets...

Okemo Discount Tickets are still available and the snow is good. See me at the meetings to get yours and pay the difference on returns or to buy new ones.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Mt Laurel Club Race • 28 February 2004

Pico Ski Area on B slope. Competitive classes for all abilities, from the serious contender for the Club Championship to the just for fun novice.

Preregister by mail using the form in this newsletter, or download the form at the 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: Tom Knudsen, Race Chairman, (tfk2004@comcast.net).

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)**

CSC February 2004 Ski/Rate Schedule •

CSC Awareness Days. You need Club Card for I.D.

01 Feb	Magic	\$20	02 Feb	Jiminy Peak	\$15
06 Feb	Mt Snow	\$25	07 Feb	Haystack	\$25
08 Feb	Haystack	\$25	14 Feb	Bolton Valley	\$25
15 Feb	Bolton Valley	\$25	18 Feb	Ragged	\$20
19 Feb	Ragged	\$20	20 Feb	Ragged	\$20
21 Feb	Magic	\$20	22 Feb	Magic	\$20
23 Feb	Pico	\$20	27 Feb	Bromley	\$25
28 Feb	Sugarbush	\$25	29 Feb	Sugarbush	\$25

Where to Obtain Tickets:

Sunapee and Stratton - Any Open Ticket Window

Mt. Snow - Sundance Lodge - Group Sales Trailer

Haystack - Group Counter - Upper Base Lodge

Okemo - Group Sales Trailer, Bus Parking Lot

Jiminy Peak - Any Ticket Window Crane Lodge (Bring Photo I.D.)

Ascutney - Upper Level - Mountainside Lodge

Pico - Group Sales Desk in Pico Administrator's Office



On Snow...

On Snow, the Connecticut Ski Council's annual winter carnival will take place this year at Bromley. Dates are March 5-7. We are the defending champions and have every intention of retaining our crown.

Because of Bromley's proximity to our lodge, (25-30 minute drive) we do not need a lodging coordinator this year. A few local hotels are offering discounts but they are still pricey. We will not be pre-purchasing our lift tickets. Buy your tickets at any window and tell them you are with CSC. It is **vital** that you have your membership card to get the discounted price. Contact Tom Knudsen if you don't have one. Bromley bulk discount tickets will be honored. See Ron Colaresi for tickets to the dinner and party Saturday night.

Helmets are mandatory for all Alpine events! If you've been procrastinating, now is the time to purchase one. Full details can be found at the On Snow information site. There is a link on the MTL Homepage: www.mtlski.com.

You will need to complete a waiver prior to the February 17th CSC meeting and let us know which teams you'd like to participate on. Bear in mind that we can't accommodate all requests, but will try our best. If you can't attend a meeting to sign a waiver, you can fax it to Pat Moore at 860-509-5592. Don't delay! **If you have any questions, contact Pat Moore at webmaster@mtlski.com or 860-666-7885.**

Deadline for March 2004 • Feb 18, 2004 • Third Wednesday •

February 18 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the March 2004 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 Ave, Middletown CT 06457

or email

mandylavallee@sbcglobal.net

h 860-638-3821 • w 860-636-2601

Lodge News from Ray Taksar •

Happy February! So, you think it's cold in VT? Myself and other MTL'ers are just back from Sugarloaf. How about 25 below zero with 40 mph winds? That brings the windchill to about 90 below!!! WOW!

Our VT Lodge now has a new TV room carpet with a new 27" flat screen TV and VCR. Thank Frank when you see him. Also, thanks to Chef Peter and Moe for a Great New Year's Feast. If you missed it, you missed a good one. Next party at the Lodge is in two weeks. Ya! It's Heart-On Weekend again and our King and Queen are in charge. That would be King Frankie and Queen Kathy. If you like a great party and even better food you better book this one. It's always been a blast. That's the weekend of 13-14-15 February. Get your costumes ready.

March will bring us the yearly St Pat Party. So, plan ahead for that one also, 12-13-14 March. Missing anything? The Lost and Found box is located in the TV room.

I'll close for now with two more thank you's. One for Mal-Sun for her DJ job at the New Year's Party and one for Lisa for her Great Job of taking all the Lodge Reservations.

Best Always To All of You, Ray

FOR SALE: Tule ski rack for sale. Was last used on a 1999 Pontiac Sunfire but can be adjusted to fit other vehicles. I have a new car which it doesn't fit. \$45 or best offer. Call Sheldon Lubin at 1-860-563-1654 at home in Rocky Hill.

from the Vice President •

Please continue to promote this great club to relatives, friends, and co-workers. To date we have 375 paid members, some of which are multiple member household memberships. Let's all welcome the following new Prospective Members:

David & Kathleen Swanson	15 Great Meadow Drive	North Haven CT 06473
203-234-8614	203-985-4444 (w)	david.swanson@msimortgage.com
Christine Lozano	37 Summerhill Road	Wallingford CT 06492
203-284-9994	203-785-5425 (w)	christine.lozano@yale.edu

The membership portion of the 2004 roster had some inadvertent omissions. A corrected member list is available in pdf format or as a Word Document. If you would like one, send an e-mail to webmaster@mtlski.com. This will only be sent to current members so be sure to identify who you are!

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

Wednesday Night Programs •

I'd like to thank Cindy Cromack and Ray Backus for the Blind Skier video and discussion, Pat Moore for the on Snow presentation, and Tom Knudsen for the New Member Social (I loved those Bingo prizes).

04 Feb	NO MEETING - Come to Alpine Haus in Wethersfield
11 Feb	Valentine's Dance
18 Feb	Racing Rules Presentation
25 Feb	Regular Meeting
03 Mar	Regular Meeting
10 Mar	Ambassador Information presentation
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day & Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner



Penny L. Trick, Chairperson

The Queen's Corner •

The CSC is in the midst of getting preparations ready for this year's On Snow Winter Carnival which will be held at Bromley March 5, 6, and 7th. Be sure to make accommodations so you can participate and represent MTL in the CSC event which is the third leg of the triple crown. The second leg being Monday Night Racing, which started at the end of December. Racers are desperately needed to help support MTL in their pursuit of victory!!! For those who don't know, the first leg is winning the CSC Ambassador position. MTL has a shot at the triple crown ... **Go Mountain Laurel!!!**

Bromley will be selling discounted tickets at the ticket booth for the On Snow Weekend. Each club member, both adults and children, will be required to present their valid membership card. Please remember to bring your membership cards to receive the CSC discount for the On Snow weekend. **It will be a strict policy, no card, no discount. In addition, Bromley will also be accepting the CSC bulk tickets that weekend.** Dinner and a party, as always, is planned for Saturday night. I need people to assist with scorekeeping for the races for Saturday. Please contact me at 860-638-3821 if you are available to help.

The Queen's Committee met on January 21st to transition MTL from Queen to Ambassador to follow suit with the CSC. The committee will present the results of the meeting to the board on February 11th and the membership on February 18th. In addition, look for more details in next month's newsletter regarding the transition. The Ambassador Nominating Committee will be looking for potential candidates to fill this role.

Mandy Lavalley • MTL Queen & CSC Ambassador

Concerns & Celebrations

Our **get well wishes** to Bob Zawacki for his severely sprained ankle. Our **sympathies** to Bob Arther in the death of his mother last month, also to Kim and John Foscolos in the death of her 53 year old brother Mike Procop in January. Our **congratulations** to Janice Bacon on the birth of her first grandchild. Her daughter Robin had a baby boy named Isaac, about 9 1/2 lbs, middle of January. Any other news, let me know.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Lodge Reservation Info Update •

The 2004 printed MTL Roster has incorrect contact information for me. Please note my home phone number is 860-644-8564. I handle all reservations from home; please do not call me at work, or after 9pm at home. Please do not rely on e-mail as a method of contacting me at this time. My current address is 345 Buckland Hills Dr. #15214; Manchester, CT 06040. My contact information on the website is current. Beware! I will be moving ... yes, again ... at the end of February (last time for a while I hope!). My phone number will **not** change; I will update my mailing address when my move is complete.












Please remember that **cancellations of weekend reservations must be received by Tuesday night @ 9pm** of that week for the upcoming weekend. This policy has been in effect since last year and was announced and posted at the beginning of this Lodge season. The 2004 Roster Lodge information page incorrectly lists the cancellation deadline as Wednesday night.

Midweek reservations should be called in to me prior to your stay. This is necessary to help ensure the safety rules that do not allow anyone to stay at the lodge alone are followed. There is also a new Midweek reservation sheet. Please acknowledge your stay on the sheet for record keeping purposes.

Thanks. Have Fun ... and ... Stay warm!

**Lisa Durland, 860-644-8564,
MTL Lodge Reservations**

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2  Monday Night Racing	3	4 No Reg Mtng Alpine Haus Open House 6-9pm	5	6  CSC Day Mt. Snow	7  CSC Day Haystack
8  CSC Day Haystack	9  Monday Night Racing	10	11  Bd Mtng/ Valentine Dance	12	13	14
15	16  Monday Night Racing (if needed)	17	18 Racing Rules Presentation news deadline	19	20	21 Instruction Day at Pico Lucy & Steve Snowshoe Hike
22	23  Monday Night Racing (if needed)	24	25 Reg Mtng	26	27	28  Club Race at Pico
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February 2004

Zabbara's Restaurant
Stanley Golf Course
245 Hartford Road
New Britain CT

Wednesdays, 8:00pm
Save These Dates
February

- 02 Monday Night Racing
 - 04 No Regular Meeting.
(Zabarra's is Closed.) Private
Clearance Sale at Alpine Haus
in Wethersfield. Open House
for MTL only 7-9:30 pm.
 - 06 CSC Day - Mt Snow \$25
 - 07 CSC Day - Haystack \$25
 - 08 CSC Day - Haystack \$25
 - 09 Monday Night Racing
 - 11 Board Meeting/Valentine Dance
 - 16 Monday Night Racing
(if needed)
 - 18 Racing Rules Presentation -
news deadline
 - 21 Instruction Day at Pico
Lucy and Steve Snowshoe Hike
 - 23 Monday Night Racing
(if needed)
 - 25 Regular Meeting
 - 28 Club Race at Pico
- March**
05-07 On Snow at Bromley

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