

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

January 2003



from the President . . .

Happy New Year to all. First the good news, Monday Night Racing started on December 16th and MTL is in First Place. We had a great turn out. Let's keep it up all winter.

The Bad news, not enough days in January for all the events on the calendar: 12 CSC days, 4 Monday Night Races, 4 Wednesday Night Meetings, 1 Moonlight Cross Country Night. That's 21 days and nights. With all the activity, the Lodge is the place to be, so call Kathy Amenta, pick your days (see the CSC portion of the newsletter or the calendar for dates and details).

Thanks to Wendy Fitzsimons for Chairing the Christmas Dance and thanks for all the donations for the Kleenberg Center. Jack Uhrynowski outdid himself again. The Wassail Weekend was a big hit. The food was outstanding, thanks to Jack. Thanks to Ray Taksar for running the New Year's Eve Dinner and Party. As usual it was perfect. Ray is a good cook girls. He does windows and can change a flat bike tire, too.

Welcome to all our New Prospective Members. Take advantage of all MTL has to offer. We're glad you joined the Club.

The skiing has been one of the best Decembers ever. Okemo and Killington are wide open. Tons of snow. Jackson Gorge is open too.

A special thanks to Tom Knudsen, our Club Race Chairman, for all the time and effort he put in to give MTL a new set of race rules to govern the Club.

Last items - Prospective Members - race three (3) times - Monday Night Racing; attend meetings, and you're in the club. Ask Joe Bush. He raced the 16th and made 22 points. Ask Ray Backus. He made 8 points. Ask Harold Barenz. He made 8 points. Ask Colleen McLean. She raced and made 16 points. These are first time Monday Night Racers. It's fun. It's easy. Ask them!

We have some Fast Ladies in our Club: Carol Sweeney, 1st place - 25 points, Eila McCloskey, 3rd place - 20 points; Harriett Epstein, 3rd place - 20 points; Erika Walz, 1st place - 25 points; Kathy Amenta, 2nd place - 22 points; Lori Myrick, 3rd place - 20 points. Ask them just how much fun we have. You can just come out Monday Nights and help MTL to a First Place finish.

Stan

Stratton

**2 nights lodging,
2 days skiing for 2 people midweek,
worth \$300+.**

**Can't use due to injury.
Will sell for \$200.**

**Ginger Gorman
203-230-9160**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 57th Annual MTL Officers & Awards Banquet

When: Saturday, May 10, 2003

Where: Indian Hill Country Club
Newington, Connecticut

Time: Cocktails 6 - 6:45pm
Dinner 7:00pm

Entertainment following

Don't forget the Banquet Raffle. Please keep an eye out for potential donations as the after holiday sales progress. We need everyone's help!

Any questions?

Contact your Banquet Committee

Co-Chairs: Kathleen Seitz

(ardgroom@mindspring.com) and

Alison Reno (alireno12@hotmail.com)

Okemo Disc't Tickets

Let's get up there and enjoy that snow! Please be reminded your club dues need to be paid to receive tickets, and the tickets are for Club Members and their families only. See me, 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**

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 •

Happy New Year to All! Another year gone by and the start of 2003. How it flies by. Thanks to the Snow Gods for all the Nov and Dec snow. Big Difference from last year. Okemo was 70% open Dec 1 and 100% open Dec 15. Hope you didn't miss it. Thanks again to Jack for yet another Wassailing Weekend and his cooking for the Lodge. Be sure to check your CSC list for bargain lift tickets. There are 12 CSC days this month for 15-20 and 25 dollars. The 18th of Jan is the Ski Instruction that is free for members. See Marsha Baretta. Looking for something different to do in Ludlow? OK ... How about the Winter Festival? Friday, Jan 10 - Town Hall Lumberjack Ball 6:30 to 10pm. Live music, ski videos, and food. Saturday Jan 11 - Snow Sculpture Contest 1pm - Main St - Parade 7pm that ends at Dorsey Park with fireworks, hot chili, and a bonfire. Sunday 8am to 2pm, Scavenger Hunt at Okemo - 11am to 1pm Fun Race at Okemo. I know how to watch fireworks and I'm darn good at eating chili. Does anyone know how to Snow Sculpture?

Please remember the driveway at the Lodge is a loading and unloading zone. There is no parking in the driveway. Thanks. A mystery Club Member has donated a weather scanner to the Lodge which operates at the touch of a button. It is located on the bar. Well that's all for now kids. Hope to see you on the mountain.

Best Always, Ray

P.S. Almost Forgot - Grandchildren now can enjoy Club benefits on the family plan. CYA

From the Vice President •

We've had a great start for the year. Retention is right on track and we've been able to attract some new members.

Please welcome the following Prospective Members:

Bruce Kobles	115 Muir Ave	Bristol CT 06010
Raymond Backus	19 Quail Rd	Colchester CT 06415
Mary Beth Traynor	97 Ledgewood Dr	Glastonbury CT 06033

The new member orientation has been rescheduled for January 8th and will take place immediately following the regular meeting.

Please note that I have changed my home e-mail address to <pmoore@snet.net>

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

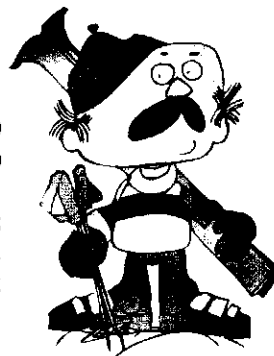
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January 03 Monday Night Race Schedule:

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

CSC Awareness Day - January 2003

Fri 03	Mt Snow	\$25	Sat 18	Magic	\$20
Sat 04	Haystack	\$20	Sun 19	Magic	\$20
Sun 05	Stratton	\$27	Mon 20	Ascutney	\$25
Fri 10	Jiminy Peak	\$15	Sat 25	Sunapee	\$18
Sat 11	Haystack	\$20	Sun 26	Okemo	\$25
Sun 12	Mt Snow	\$25	Fri 31	Mt Snow	\$25



State Race - Giant Slalom - Mohawk Mountain

Jan 15, 2003 (make-up 1-22-03) Price \$25.00
Registration 6-7:10 Race 7:15pm sharp
2 - Run Double Pole Race
Both runs count for your total time.

Next State Race - Feb 5, 2003 - Mt Southington

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

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ASIA - January 11-12, 2003

Mohawk Mountain Cornwall CT
Registration Deadline: 12-17-02
Contact: Paul Gilbert 203-746-7262
Email: skipro1252@aol.com

Kids Learn to Ski Day

Sunday Jan 5, 2003 Stratton Mountain
\$27.00 (lift, lesson, party, etc.)
Registration Forms on website
www.skiclub.com

Note: The Council needs Instructors to help on the day. Please contact Sue Poirier 203-488-6156.

On Snow Weekend • Okemo Mountain

March 7-9, 2003

"Details and Sign-Up during Jan/Feb meeting"

Senior Olympics - February 12, 2003

Ski Sundown

Details to follow after February Council Meeting. Promoted by Nutmeg Ski Club. Volunteers welcome and encouraged to help.



Deadline for February January 15, 2003 • Third Wednesday •

January 15 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the February 2003 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 - Augustynk@aet.us.com
or Fax 860-616-4613

h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389



The Queen's Corner

As of this deadline, I am negotiating to hire the same band, "Partyline," for next year's Snowball. How can I go wrong with a band that kept the dance floor packed all night long? I am still working on a closer location and one with a larger dance floor. What's your suggestions of a theme that transfers into beautiful centerpieces?

Ladies, now is the time to consider yourself for the position of our **2003 Mt Laurel Queen**. She will be crowned in May, so I need to know who is interested in becoming my successor. This is a tradition with Mt. Laurel since 1953 and a role to be taken seriously and cherished. The role of the queen is to chair the Hospitality Committee and in doing so, encourage and welcome new members to our club. You will then represent our club at the state level and compete with other club Queens for the honor of being the Connecticut Ski Council Queen. Don't be shy, our Mums are here to support and help you and you meet so many new friends. It's fun!

For details, please don't hesitate to speak to me when you see me or call me at home anytime. **860-693-3967.** **Christina "Tina" Oswald, MTL Queen '02-03**

On Snow Winter Carnival • 7-9 March 2003

On Snow returns to Okemo!!! Mark your calendars for this important event as we endeavor to mount a successful defense of the crown that we won last year. To the best of my knowledge, no CSC club has ever won the Triple Crown - CSC Queen, Monday Night Racing, and On Snow. We've come close a few times (last year finished 2nd, 1st, and 1st). Thanks to Tina Oswald, we're the only club in the council that can complete the sweep this year (you can't win golf's Grand Slam without a victory at Augusta...). Monday Night Racing is off to a good start and we need a GREAT turnout for On Snow. New this year is the Snowboard Race with points awarded based on the combined times of the two fastest racers from each club. I strongly urge new members to participate in our Annual Winter Carnival. In addition to the alpine race events, there is cross country racing, tug-of-war and volleyball (both outdoors in ski/snowboard boots), and other fun events. More information will be presented at the January 8th meeting.



Wednesday Night Program • Jan & Feb 2003

I am still looking for someone to chair the following Programs: Valentine Dance - Feb 12, 2003; St. Patrick's Dinner, March 12, 2003; Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner, April 2, 2003. The holiday dance was postponed in December so we moved a couple of programs up.

- 01 Jan** NOMEETING
- 08 Jan** On Snow Presentation and New Member Orientation (Pat Moore)
- 15 Jan** Board/Member Meeting; MTL Ski Instruction, ASIA and CSC (Marsha Baretta, Penny Trick, Nancy Nolan)
- 22 Jan** Membership Meeting
- 29 Jan** Prospective Member Social (Pat Moore)
- 05 Feb** Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
- 12 Feb** Valentine Dance
- 26 Feb** Membership Meeting



Contact Eileen Clyne 860-675-9742, or Nancy Felix 203-458-7673, if you have any ideas for new programs, or if you would like to help with programs. **Remember, if we don't have a Chairperson, we don't have a program.**

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

Want to try Something New?

Why not join a group and go to the CT Ski Jumping Competition in Salisbury, CT on Feb 8th or 9th for the afternoon. This is something spectacular to watch. Contact Betsy Gaudian if interested @ 589-3611 or work 1-877-676-7700 x 319.

Celebrations and Concerns •

Congratulations to Jan Wallace on the birth of her new granddaughter. **Happy Healing wishes** to our ole friend Twiggy who broke his arm last month, to John Foscolos who after 2 beautiful days of skiing, slipped in his driveway, then had knee surgery, and to Kathy Colhane who suffered a heart attack while skiing at Killington last month. **Our sympathy** to Mandy Lavalley in the death of her uncle. Stay well.

Thanks, **Susan Forsdick**

Party of the Year •

I would like to invite Mountain Laurel members to my wife's 50th Birthday Party 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 8pm. Our guest performers, who will be Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge will start their show after dinner. 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 (no gifts please) per person, which is basically the cost of the meal and the facility. I am paying for the band. 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 at the meeting. Mountain Laurel tickets will be limited to 80 people. Do not miss this opportunity to be at this private event with this fantastic band.



Eric C. Ardolino

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
Happy New Year!			1	2	3	4
January 2003			NO MEETING		CSC Mt Snow	CSC Haystack
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CSC Stratton	Monday Night Racing		Member Mtnng New Member Orientation On Snow Presentation		CSC Jiminy Peak	CSC Haystack
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CSC Mt Snow	Monday Night Racing		Board Member Mtnng; Ski Instruction ASIA, CSC; news	Moonlight Cross- Country		Ski Instruction VT CSC Magic
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CSC Magic	Monday Night Racing		Membership Meeting			CSC Sunapee
26	27	28	29	30	31	
CSC Okemo	Monday Night Racing		Prospective Member Social		CSC Mt Snow	Happy New Year!

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

January

01	NO MEETING
03	CSC Mt Snow \$25
04	CSC Haystack \$20
05	CSC Stratton \$27
06	Monday Night Racing
08	Member Mtnng, New Member Orientation, On Snow Presentation
10	CSC Jiminy Peak \$15
11	CSC Haystack \$20
12	CSC Mt Snow \$25
13	Monday Night Racing
15	Bd/Mmbr Mtnng, Ski Instruc- tion ASIA/CSC, news deadline
16	Moonlight Cross Country
18	Ski Instruction VT CSC Magic \$20
19	CSC Magic \$20
20	Monday Night Racing CSC Ascutney \$25
22	Membership Meeting
25	CSC Sunapee \$18
26	CSC Okemo \$25
27	Monday Night Racing
29	Prospective Member Social
31	CSC Mt Snow \$25

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