

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

January 2004

from the President . . .

What a Charity Night! Over \$6000 was raised for a variety of charities. Thanks to Barbara Wysocki and her team for their outrageous efforts. A special thanks to John Ewen and his beautiful donations to this event. Rob Dexter gave a wonderful presentation to the membership on the ski council and on racing. Rob is a member of our club and the president of the Connecticut Ski Council and your valuable time is appreciated. Who says our attendance at events is shrinking? You could fool me. Our attendance at our Holiday party was nothing short of spectacular. Thanks Wendy Fitzsimons and your committee for their efforts. Our new abbreviated roster will be at the first meeting in January. For those who paid for mailing; it will be mailed sometime in January. We have redesigned the roster to include space for information like emails under a person's name, so that you may write it in once the particular item becomes available. Again rosters will be available at the meetings only through Tom Knudsen unless you paid for delivery with your dues. Vermont is pounding with snow. Let's have a prosperous and safe ski season and new year. Happy holidays to everyone.

Eric Ardolino

Wedding • 10 Feb '04

Neal Fisher and Melanie-Dawn Belanger invite you to their wedding, February 10, 2004, at the Sunday River Ski Resort.

For Details and Lodging information, please visit this website:
www.aspirebydesign.com

Thanks, Neal

Ray Taksar, Board Member •

"Mr. Bicycle" who started racing bicycles at age 12 went on to be State Rep at the National Championships. As the year's passed, this hobby turned into a business but Ray still finds time to ride 2000-3000 miles per year.



Ray came to Mountain Laurel in 1996 as a nonskier. He likes midweek skiing the best. Favorite mountain is Sugarloaf.

Ray also enjoys mountain biking, hiking, camping, snowshoeing, and parties. Within the Club, Ray is the Lodge Manager and takes a great deal of pleasure doing the St. Patrick's Day Party and helping with cooking of the lobsters at our cookout. "Remember the secret hot dog chili." Also known by a handful of people; he is the President of Jack McManus Fan Club. Oh, Well.

Eric Ardolino

Vouchers •

Killington, Mt. Snow, Pico, Sugarbush, Bromley vouchers can be picked up at the meetings.

Call me to make sure I will be there or mail me \$1.00 to cover postage and I'll mail them.

Thanks,

Eila McCloskey • 203-235-8141



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

Ski Trip to Telluride is ready to go with 71 people going. It is wait list only. Call Eric for more info 203-265-9293.

Eric Ardolino

Calling All Queen Mums •

There will be a Queen Mum meeting on January 21st at Zabbara's. The meeting will start at 6:30pm in the small Board Meeting room.

The objective for this meeting will be to discuss how to incorporate the CSC Ambassador changes into Mountain Laurel. Please plan to attend this meeting to provide your ideas and input on this momentous change for Mountain Laurel.

Please contact me in advance with any issues or agenda items you would like to address at the meeting.

Mandy Lavallee 860-638-3821
MTL Queen & 2004 CSC Ambassador



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 January 2004 Ski/Rate Schedule •

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

3 Jan	Sunapee	\$20	19 Jan	Ascutney	\$25
4 Jan	Stratton	\$30	24 Jan	Loon/Waterville	\$25
9 Jan	Mt. Snow	\$25	25 Jan	Loon/Waterville	\$25
10 Jan	Haystack	\$25	26 Jan	Loon/Waterville	\$25
11 Jan	Okemo	\$27	30 Jan	Pico	\$20
16 Jan	Jiminy Peak	\$15	31 Jan	Magic	\$20
17 Jan	TBA				
18 Jan	TBA				

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



Connecticut Ski Council • www.skiclub.com

Monday Night Racing 2004 - Mt. Southington

January 05, 12, 19, 26, 2004

February 02, 09, 16, 23, 2004

Cost: \$23.00

Best of 8 races



State Races - 2004

G.S.	Jan 14	Mohawk	Makeup	01-21-04
Slalom	Feb 04	Southington	Makeup	02-11-04
D.H.	March 05	Bromley	"On Snow Weekend"	
X-C	March 07	Wild Wing	Peru	"On Snow Weekend"

Mom's Day Off February 6, 2004 "Friday" Bromley VT Breast Cancer

On Snow 2004 • March 5-7 • Bromley VT • Details to Follow - Pat Moore

See MTL Website www.mtlski.com for CSC Awareness Days

203-634-0626 (h) • 860-632-4537 (w) • Bob Arther

Deadline for Feb 04 • Jan 21, 2004 • Third Wednesday •

January 21 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the February 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 (NEW EMAIL)

or Fax 860-616-4613

h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389

Lodge News from Ray Taksar •

Early December Snow. Ya! Two feet at most of Okemo and at Killington even more. For those of us who stray off the path, Cannon Mountain had 52", yes, 52" of powder. That's to the top of my rib cage. You had to be there. So here we go into the New Year with everything open and a ton of CSC Days for half price or better. Don't forget our next free club lessons are Jan 17th. See Marsha Baretta for details. All our club info is on the Internet with way more info than I can possibly put here. CSC has 14 days this month alone.

Please remember a few simple Ski Lodge Rules: No Parking in the driveway except to unload/load your car. Do your dishes - wash, dry, put away. This includes your bar glasses! There is a sink behind the bar. Please remember that it is everyone's job/duty to clean up. There is no one there to clean up after you. Thank you.

Now on to more fun stuff. Get set for the "Heart On" Party at The Lodge next month. Always lots of fun at this one. Ask any member who's been there for details. Not for the bashful. Adults Only! Following this comes the St. Pat's Party and Food Fest in March. Always a great crowd and lots of food and fun. Dance the night away at both of these. That's it for now Boys and Girls. Until next time ... See you on the mountain.

Best Always To All of You, Ray

OKEMO disc't tickets are here! •

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

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

BARGAIN: Two 3-day lift passes at Steamboat ... good only this season ... contact Paula 860-267-6084 or 802-226-7061. The Price is Right.

from the Vice President •

At last! The skiing has begun and I've stayed twice at the club lodge already, and I urge all of you to take advantage of the savings and camaraderie it affords.

We have a large number of new members and many of them have jumped right in to participate in our many fun events. Please continue to promote MTL to those you feel would be a benefit to our group.

Please welcome the following new Prospective members:

Cindy Fenton	240 Grandview Terrace	Hartford CT 06114
860-956-8230 (h)	860-543-8690 (w)	cjfenton240@hotmail.com
Mary Tredennick Gould	47 Club Dr	Kensington CT
860-826-1230 (h)		spencemary@comcast.net
John & Susan Matthews	23 Woodland Dr	Canton CT
860-693-3828 (h)		
Mark & Gina Ohanesian	167 Kenwood Dr	New Britain CT 06052
860-826-1173 (h)	860-214-4994 (w)	ginao@snet.net

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

Wednesday Night Programs •

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
11 Feb	Valentine's Dance
18 Feb	Racing Rules Presentation
25 Feb	Regular Meeting



I'd like to thank Barbara Wysocki for chairing the Charity Auction, Rob Dexter for the CT Ski Council and Racing presentation, Pat Moore for speaking on Monday Night Racing, John Bazzano and Stan Wasel for speaking about ASIA, and Wendy Fitzsimons for chairing the Holiday Dance.

Penny L. Trick, Chairperson

The Queen's Corner •

When I was writing last month's article, I had no idea it would be me who would be elected as the first Ambassador for the Connecticut Ski Council. It is an awesome honor to be able to represent Mountain Laurel and support the CSC in the position of Ambassador. I am looking forward to the new adventures and challenges that lie ahead of me as this new position is molded.

Thank you Mountain Laurel for your support! Thanks to the Queen Mums who worked with me to prepare me for the Ambassador Day competition: Marsha Baretta, Annie Alden, Barbara Wysocki, and Stacy Riley. Very special thanks go to Annie for all her guidance, encouragement and support as 'my' Queen Mum through the entire process.

The Queen Mums will be meeting on January 21st to discuss how to transition the CSC Ambassador changes into Mountain Laurel. Look for more information in the February newsletter. It's time for the men to consider supporting Mountain Laurel as an Ambassador as the women had done in the past as Queen.

Best wishes for a safe and Happy New Year filled with lots of SNOW11111

Mandy Lavalley • MTL Queen & CSC Ambassador

Concerns & Celebrations

Our **get well wishes** to Charlotte LeClair for her bout with pneumonia. Our **sympathies** to the family of charter members Ron and Mary Bolduc. Mary died in Dec after a short illness. She, and her husband Ron, joined MTL in 1946.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick



Boston Wine Expo • 31 Jan 2004

Happy New Year everyone. News of the Boston Wine Expo - Jan 31, 2004.

The bus will leave the commuter lot across from the Target store near West Farms Mall at 7:30am. I need the people who are booked at the Marriott to send me the balance of the money for the trip, which is \$90 per person, so I can pay for the bus and buy our tickets to the expo in advance. **The cut off date to book a room is 1/12/04.** There may not be any left at the time of this printing, the number at the Long Wharf Marriott is 800-228-9290. The rooms are under Mt. Laurel Ski Club.

If you reserve a room, please send me your confirmation number at 860-402-3209, and tell me who is staying with you in the room.

Make out your check to Ronald Colaresi and mail to 45 Plum Orchard Rd., Southington CT 06489. My email, octanehi5@aol.com. It's going to be an awesome trip.

Ciao Boys & Girls. Have a Happy One!
Ron (a.k.a. Roland)






















**"To All You
Wassailers,
A Merry
Merry
Thank You,
Santa."**

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

January 2004

				1	2 ASIA presentation at West Point 2-5 Jan.	3  CSC Day Sunapee
4  CSC Day Stratton	5  Monday Night Racing	6	7 Bd Mtng/ Presentation Cheryl Cormack	8	9  CSC Day Mt. Snow	10  CSC Day Haystack
11  CSC Day Okemo + Kid's Day	12  Monday Night Racing	13	14 Reg Mtng New Member Orientation	15	16  CSC Day Jiminy Peak	17  CSC TBA Free Club Lesson
18  CSC Day TBA	19  Monday Night Racing CSC Ascutney 	20	21 Reg Mtng On Snow Presentation news deadline	22	23	24  CSC Day Loon/Waterville
25  CSC Day Loon/Waterville	26  Monday Night Racing CSC Loon ... 	27	28  New Member Social	29	30  CSC Day Pico	31  CSC Day Magic

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

Wednesdays, 8:00pm
Save These Dates
January

- 02-05 ASIA presentation West Point
- 03 CSC Day - Sunapee \$20
- 04 CSC Day - Stratton \$30
- 05 Monday Night Racing
- 07 Bd Mtng/Presentation by Cheryl Cormack
- 09 CSC Mt. Snow \$25
- 10 CSC Haystack \$25
- 11 CSC Okemo \$27 plus Kid's Day
- 12 Monday Night Racing
- 14 New Member Orientation
- 16 CSC Jiminy Peak \$15
- 17 CSC TBA, Free Club Lesson
- 18 CSC TBA
- 19 Monday Night Racing, CSC Ascutney \$25
- 21 On Snow Presentation, news
- 24 CSC Loon/Waterville \$25
- 25 CSC Loon/Waterville \$25
- 26 Monday Night Racing, CSC Loon/Waterville \$25
- 28 New Member Social
- 30 CSC Pico \$20
- 31 CSC Magic \$20
Ski Trip to Telluride

February

- 04 No Meeting, Alpine Haus in Wethersfield hosting MTL at store

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