

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

May 2003



## from the President . . .

This will be my last message. Lucky for you. We had our Annual Meeting on April 9th. Election results are as follows: President, Eric Ardolino; Vice President, Tom Knudsen; Treasurer, Erica Walz; Secretary, Bob Wallace; Asst. Secretary, Kate Robertson; Board Member, Tina Oswald; Board Member, Ray Taksar. Congratulations to all.

Remaining on the Board, Penny Trick, Jason Frechette, and Stan Wasel - Past President. Leaving the Board, Pat Moore VP; Nancy Winkler, Secy; Ray Gasecki, Treasurer; Brian Hunter, Past President; Barbara Wysocki, Kathy Augustyn, Steven Kempe, Board Members.

As near as I can tell, MTL had a pretty good year. We won the CSC Triple Crown (Queen, Monday Night Racing, On Snow). Our balance sheet is close to 2002. We had a great Club Race and our membership is over 400. We had a full winter season. The Lodge did well. We revised Club Race Rules and will revise our By-laws this month. Last May I put a lot on the plate. Our Board and members took the challenge and surpassed my goals. Thanks MTL. It's been a great two years.

Stan

## Important Numbers •

Membership • Pat Moore  
860-666-7885

Biking Chair • Andy LeClair  
860-283-4889

Hiking Chair • Gordon Gaulin  
860-688-2934

## Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner • Thanks.

Thanks to each Mt Laurel member who attended the Appreciation Dinner on April 2nd, 2003. Ninety members came out to show appreciation and support to the staff at Zabbara's. We are really grateful that they let us use their facility to hold our Wednesday Night Meetings! Also, a Special Thank You to my helpers: Ron Scardacchi, Diane Purcell, Joe Mangione, and Angie Testa. So, Thank You, Thank You, and Thank You.

Polly Chamberlain

## Cycling Shirts • 26 May

The new Mt Laurel cycling shirt will cost \$50. It is a four color, micro-sensor, 20" hidden zipper, custom design shirt. Sizing garments will be at the first two Monday Night rides.

Vests are available, also. Make checks out to Mt Laurel Skiers, give to Bob Arthur or Neal Fisher. **Last Date for orders is May 26.** Mid-July delivery.

Thanks to our sponsors, Suburban Bike and Long Trail Brewery.

Neal Fisher

## Block Island Annual Bike Ride • 14 June

Keeping with tradition hold June 14, 2003 on your calendar for a Block Island Annual Bike Ride. Everyone on their own. Make your reservations to leave from Point Judith. We'll meet about 1pm in front of Ballards for our ride. See you all there.

Thanks, John Pappalardo

## MTL Bylaws Revisions•

Proposed MTL Bylaws revisions will be presented to the membership at our Wednesday night meetings on May 7, May 14, and, if necessary, on May 21, 2003. Plan to attend these very important meetings to present any ideas and to place your vote.

The proposed revisions are available on the MTL website. A few copies will be available for review at the Club meetings through mid-May.

Bylaws Revision Committee

## From the Vice President •

Congratulations to our new regular members!!! You now have full voting privileges. Spring is here, summer's not far behind, and we have a very busy schedule with biking, tennis, golf, and hiking. This is the time of year to bring your friends to these activities and introduce them to Mt. Laurel.

This month sees the installment of the new officers. Tom Knudsen will be assuming the duties of membership director. Help him by recruiting some new members!

Pat Moore • VP  
Membership • [pmoore@snet.net](mailto:pmoore@snet.net)

Spring



## Wednesday Night Program •

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank those who chaired programs, participated, and helped make the year successful. Thank you to all.

**07 May** Board/Membership Meeting/Bylaw Revision  
**14 May** Membership Meeting/Bylaw Revision  
**21 May** Membership Meeting/Bylaw Revision  
**28 May** Membership Meeting

Eileen Clyne 860-675-9742

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## Ski OKEMO Discount Tickets •

Deadline was April 30th for final return of unused Okemo vouchers back to Susan Forsdick. We will return these to the mountain and get new ones in the fall.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

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## Monday Night Biking

May has arrived and so have all the Mountain Laurel Skiers who join us every Monday night for a leisurely, or macho, ride. Helmets and water are a must. Also, remember to sign-in and out so we are assured that everyone has ridden safely and then on to the pizza and beer!



**5 May • Bristol • St. Gregory's Church • Andy LeClair • 860-283-4889**

From Rt 84 take Rt 6 to Bristol. Turn Right onto Stafford Ave., just past Stephen's Auto Mall. St. Gregory's Church is on your left. Pizza follows the ride.

**12 May • Manchester • Joann Fabrics • Joe Mangione and Angie Testa • 860-646-7505**

Rt 84 east to exit 62. Buckland Hills Mall, end of exit, take left. 3rd light, take left. Exxon Station. Next right into Joann Fabrics (formerly Lechmere Plaza). Meet in parking lot in front of Joann's Fabrics.

**19 May • New Hartford • John Eason • 860-674-9348**

From Hartford take Rt 44 west to New Hartford. Ride starts at Maridino's grocery store parking lot, across the street from Satan's Kingdom State Park.

**Memorial Day • NO RIDE**

**2 June • Middletown • Mandy LaVallee & Neal Fisher • 378 Fowler Avenue • 860-638-3821**

Route 9 to Exit 11. Left off exit onto Randolph Road. Go through flashing light at the fire house. Go through next light at Millbrook Road. Next right on Fowler Ave., 8th house on the right, #378. Fabulous picnic to follow. Rain date is Tuesday.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to host rides, and in the event of rain, please call my machine to receive the message if there's a cancellation.

Andy LeClair • 860-283-4889

## MTL in NYC • 17 May Cancelled •

The New York City bus trip to NYC on May 17th is cancelled. Please plan on joining us in November in the Big Apple. Let me know if you want to go on November 8th. Thank you.

Kate Robertson 860-344-1292

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## Return Ski Tickets NOW •

All ski tickets must be returned by May 8th. WILL NOT ACCEPT any after. See Dan at Wednesday Night Meetings.

Daniel Giordano  
dfgiordano@hotmail.com

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## Race for the Cure • May 10, 2003

Our team has grown to 26 and we hope more members and friends will join us that date, May 10. Plan to arrive early to get parking and take advantage of the freebies from the Sponsor's Tents.

T-Shirts will be distributed at the first bike ride, May 5 or Wednesday May 7 at the meeting. In the event that you cannot get your shirt before the walk/run, meet me by the sponsor tent that morning.

Charlotte LeClair, 860-418-8236 work  
860-283-4889 home

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## Deadline for June • May 21, 2003 • Third Wednesday •

May 21 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the June 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@aetlus.com

or Fax 860-616-4613

h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389

## The Queen's Corner •



Planning for November seems absurd in May, but for those who *know* to plan ahead for the CSC's biggest party of the year, this year's Annual Snowball will be held Saturday, November 22nd at "the Colony" in Vernon, Ct. The ballroom has a huge dance floor and round tables for 600. Overnight accommodations are at the attached Quality Inn, which is offering us the special CSC member room rate of \$69 per night! Which includes access to their continental breakfast room, which is wonderfully stocked. Browse [www.qualityinnvernon.com](http://www.qualityinnvernon.com) to view this facility. Book now for the best room choices. FYI ... MTL's hospitality suite is on the first floor along with the CSC Queen's room. All others will be on the second. (There are only 2 floors at this hotel).

Last year's band was to play again, but they cancelled us. In the long run, I am thrilled they did. With Shirley LePage's help, we were able to book "Souled Out" for the evening. Take a look in [www.souledoutweb.com](http://www.souledoutweb.com) and watch the video. They are one of the best CT has to offer. Being the CSC's only fund-raiser of the year, please hip your friends and family to come enjoy a *great* evening. All is new this year ... let's surpass all previous ticket sales and have a real BALL.

Tina Oswald, MTL & CSC Queen

## Summer Tennis •

Starting with pizza on May 27th. All levels of play are welcome, even if you're not a member or have a friend who would like to play with us at the Newington Tennis Center, indoors, on Tuesday nights. The cost this year will be again approximately \$65 for the summer, includes several party nights and an hour of tennis each week 6:30 or 7:30 ... rain or shine, \$130 for both hours. Send me a check to reserve your time.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

## Celebrations & Concerns

Our sympathies to John Purcell in the death of his father last month and Lynn Vance for the death of her mother.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

## On-line Membership Directory •

We can now access the membership directory portion of the roster on-line. Obviously access to this will be restricted to members only and you will need to obtain a password. E-mail me at [pmoore@snet.net](mailto:pmoore@snet.net) and identify who you are in case I can't figure out your identity from the e-mail address. A big thanks to Harriett for creating this feature! The ROSTER button is located at the bottom of the column of buttons on the left of the website's home page ([mtlski.com](http://mtlski.com)).

Pat Moore, MTL Webmaster

## Wednesday Night Golfers •

Golfers for 9 holes, Wednesdays before MTL meetings, call John Dutkeiwicz @ 860-632-1858.

For 18 holes on Saturdays, call Jodi Neuman @ 860-674-0173.

No calls after 9am.



## Sunday Hike •

Continue hiking with fellow MTL members on Sunday through June. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty, and begin at 12:30pm followed by beer & pizza after, of course. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and sturdy hiking shoes. I am looking for leaders to help me in leading hikes this spring. For more info call individual hike leader or Gordon Gaulin 860-688-2934.

**4 May • Middletown • Wadsworth Falls •**

**Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015**

From the junction of Rt 66 and Rt 157 in Middletown, take Rt 157 southwest, following signs to Wadsworth State Park. You will reach the park entrance on your left in 1.6 miles. This is a very easy hike with a vertical rise of 200 feet and approximately 3 miles in length. There will be a picnic after the hike in the park. Bring something to share and BYOB.

**11 May • Union • Bigelow Hollow State Park • Gordon Gaulin • 860-688-2934**

Take Rt 84 east to exit 73, (Union). Turn right onto Rt 190 east. Follow 2 miles to Rt 171. Turn right, 1.3 miles to entrance of park, right past the pond on left. Park in the first large parking lot on the left.

**18 May • Simsbury • Penwood • Steve Trombeta and Sue Lang • 860-956-9647**

Meet at Penwood State Park. The park entrance is on the north side of Rt 185, one mile west on Rt 185 and Rt 178 in Bloomfield. There is a large paved parking lot just to the right of the entrance.

**25 May • NO HIKE • Memorial Day**

**1 June • Bolton • Valley Falls • Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015**

Take Rt 84 east to exit 66. At the end of the exit take a left. Then take a right onto Bolton Rd., then take a right onto Broad and Milk Rd. At the end of the road take a left. Valley Falls Park is on the right for parking. This will be a hike to see the blooming mountain laurel.

Gordon Gaulin • Hike Chairman

# mt laurel skier's calendar

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













## Save These Dates

### May

- 04 Sunday Hike - Middletown
- 05 Monday Night Biking - Bristol
- 07 Board/Membership Meeting, Bylaws, Golf
- 10 57th Annual Banquet Race for the Cure
- 11 Sunday Hike - Union
- 12 Monday Night Biking - Manchester
- 14 Membership Meeting, Bylaws, Golf
- 18 Sunday Hike - Simsbury
- 19 Monday Night Biking - New Hartford
- 21 Membership Meeting, Possible Bylaws, Golf
- 25 NO HIKE, Memorial Day
- 26 Memorial Day, NO BIKING
- 27 Summer Tennis begins
- 28 Membership Meeting

### June

- 01 Sunday Hike - Bolton
- 02 Monday Night Biking - Middletown

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 <b>May 2003</b> 			1	2	3	
4  Sunday Hike Middletown	5  Monday Night Biking Bristol	6	7 Bd/Member Meeting, Bylaws, Golf 	8	9	10 Annual Banquet Race for the Cure
11  Sunday Hike Union	12  Monday Night Biking Manchester	13	14 Member MtnG By-Laws Golf 	15	16	17
18  Sunday Hike Simsbury	19  Monday Night Biking New Hartford	20	21 Member MtnG Golf news deadline 	22	23	24
25 Memorial Day NO HIKE	26 Memorial Day NO BIKING	27  Summer Tennis Begins	28 Membership Meeting	29	30	31

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## 2002-2003 Officers

- President • Stan Wasel
- V President • Pat Moore
- Secretary • Nancy Winkler
- Treasurer • Ray Gasecki
- Asst Sec/Trea • Kate Robertson
- Past President • Brian Hunter

## Board Members

- Kathy Augustyn
- Jason Frechette
- Steve Kempe
- Tom Knudsen
- Ray Taksar
- Penny Trick-Moore
- Barbara Wysocki

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