

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

September 2003



from the President . . .

Can you imagine if all this rain was snow? Regardless, it has been a great summer. We are now ready to move into our regular year. Enclosed please find your membership renewal form. It is due back no later than September 30th.

Thanks to Ned Mullin and his usual great job with tubing down the Farmington River. The weather held out and all had a great time. Our next major event is the Lobster Cookout and it will be on September 21st at Winding Trails. This is our most heavily attended event so please do not miss it! Our Annual Golf Tournament is at Quarry Ridge in Portland on September 20th. This is always a great time and everyone is welcome.

For those who have not realized, we have modified our website again and added a search engine on the roster page. The new user name to get into this is [REDACTED] and the password is [REDACTED]. This will change periodically and will be announced in the newsletter or email blast. We have also added emails to contact various people in the club. Please check our new email list in the next column.

Summer is over and let's get ready for the ski season. Meetings will go back to weekly starting September 3rd.

Remember deadline for purchasing Okemo tickets is October 1st.

Eric Ardolino



Kate Robertson, Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer

Kate joined Mountain Laurel at the end of 1992. She served as Secretary for one year under MaryAnn Markowski. She also served as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer under Bob Wallace, Barbara Wysocki, Brian Hunter, and Stan Wasel. Kate served as interim Treasurer for most of the year during 2000-2001.



Co-chaired committees: Annual Banquet, Prospective Members Social, Saint Patrick's Day. She served on the By-Laws Committee and a number of other committees. Kate loves Broadway and is in charge of the "Culture Connection" to NYC for Mountain Laurel.

With regard to her private life she also volunteers for both Hartford Swing dance and Hartford Stage (Who knows when she has time?). Mountain Laurel is proud to have Kate on our Board and we thank her for her time and diligence.

Website news...

Last month we completed the transfer of our website to a professional host provider. As a result, you will no longer see the banner ads at the bottom of the pages and pop-up windows will be prevented. If you still have the old pcpages address saved in your Favorites or Bookmarks folder, be sure to change it to www.mtlski.com. The site has undergone a few cosmetic changes as well. Let me know what you think.

We have been experimenting with an "e-mail blast system" and so far it has been well received. Occasionally important MTL info is disseminated to all members who have provided us with a valid e-mail address. If you are not receiving these messages and would like to be added to the list, please e-mail me at webmaster@mtlski.com. Also, the on-line roster created by Harriett Epstein has been migrated to the new site. Click on the ROSTER to access it. E-mail me if you need a password. Be sure to check your own entry and let me know if it needs updating.

There is also a CONTACT MTL button to allow you to send e-mail to your board members. Happy surfing...

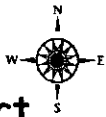
Pat Moore

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Membership • Tom Knudsen
203-281-6769
Reservations • Kathy Amenta
860-878-6937
Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin
860-688-2934



from the Vice President •

It's membership renewal time again, and your form is in this newsletter. It can also be downloaded from the MTL website. Renewals must be postmarked no later than Sept 30 or be subject to a \$15 late fee, so send them in early. If you want the club Roster mailed to you, please include an additional \$1.50 for mailing costs. Take note of the new "Household" membership category. Please PRINT only your name and any other info that has changed since the last Roster.

Please make the following changes to your roster:

John Donovan	7 Highwood Dr donovan5412@verizon.com	Franklin MA 02038 (508) 520-3239
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Tom Knudsen, VP • (203) 281-6769 • tfk2004@comcast.net

Bulk Ticket Info other than Okemo •

As of the newsletter deadline the confirmed bulk ticket prices are as follows: **Ascutney** Adult \$32, Junior/Senior \$28 (70+ ski FREE); **Bromley** Adult \$30, Jr/Sr \$20; **Mt Snow** \$40*; **Sugarbush** \$35; **Killington** and **Pico** not yet confirmed and will be on the web site after Sept 1, 2003. Dues must be paid before bulk tickets may be purchased. Please remember tickets are for members only, not friends, or guests. Buy carefully since the returns are limited in most cases to no more than 15% of the initial buy. Please use the bulk ticket order form available at the meetings or download from the web site after Sept 1, 2003. **Ticket deadline is Oct 1, 2003.** See me at the meetings or mail form with check payable to Mt. Laurel Skiers to me before Oct 1st. For a receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you. **Eila McCloskey; 54 Wayne Lane; Meriden CT 06450 (203) 235-8141**

*Mt Snow prices range from a high of \$40 to a low of \$35 depending on the total order. Refunds will be issued if the tickets are purchased at the lower price.

Monday Night Biking •



The season has ended but there's plenty of time to ride before the ski season. Many of our members will be riding at Tiverton and others at the Mad River Century. Thanks to this month's ride leaders - Tom and Sheree Mailhot, Anne Alden, Dan Giordano, and Ron Kapraszewski. The effort spent by all the ride leaders made these events possible. Thanks!

Andy LeClair, Chair - Chairperson

Cans for a Cause •

We are collecting the tabs from cans to donate to the Shriners to benefit children who have been burned. Please help us out by saving yours and giving them to us at meetings in a baggie or other container. We know that Mountain Laurel members are avid consumers of soda and beer so this an easy way to assist.

Andy and Charlotte LeClair



Fall Hike • 3-5 Oct

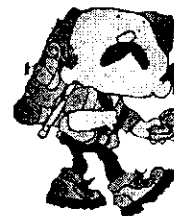
Reserve the weekend of Oct 3rd thru Oct 5th for hiking, biking and good times at the club lodge in Proctorsville, VT. We will be hiking on Saturday, Spruce Peak, not far from Manchester, VT. There will be a hike on Sunday, but biking, horse-back riding and golf are other options.

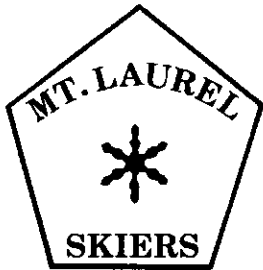
The cost of the weekend will be \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members, which includes lodging for two nights, two breakfasts, happy hour and the dinner on Saturday. For people not staying at the lodge, dinner and happy hour will be \$15 and must be paid in advance, just happy hour is \$5. There will be a pasta dinner on Friday for \$5 additional fee. Dan Giordano and Jack Uhrynowski will be our chefs for Saturday's dinner and beer and wine will be provided. Sign up is first come, first serve. A \$25 non-refundable deposit (checks made out to the club) will hold a place. Kathy Amenta has agreed to help me with reservations again this year. Please contact her at 15 Deepwood Drive, Newington CT 06111 or 860-878-6937.

Dinner on Saturday night is a cooperative effort. We will need food contributions (desserts and Hors d'oeuvres). We will need help in breakfast preparation and cleanup after meals. Prospective members are encouraged to help with this. It will satisfy one of your committee requirements.

Those of you who have never been to the lodge - see me or another regular member for driving directions, which are also in the club Roster. You are expected to bring your own bedding and towels. Bunk beds are the sleeping arrangement. On the hike - you should bring a lunch and water and sturdy hiking shoes are recommended.

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman





MT. LAUREL SKIERS, INC.

2003-2004 Membership Renewal

Please Print your name and only items that have changed since last renewal.

Name as it is to appear in roster.

NAME(S) (Please Print or Type)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

EXTENDED ZIP CODE

Year joined Mt. Laurel Skiers? _____ (if unsure, please approximate).

DATE

BIRTHDAY _____ (year optional)

HOME PHONE (include area code)

BUSINESS PHONE (include area code)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Telephone # in Roster

Home Yes No

Bus. Yes No

E-Mail Yes No

MEMBERSHIP DUES

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED

- INDIVIDUAL (18 Years & Over)
- HOUSEHOLD (any 2 adult members residing at same address, Children under 18 and Children attending post-high school institution between 18 - 22)
- STUDENT (between 18-24) list school
- CHARTER AND LIFETIME MEMBERS (Exempt from dues)

CLUB DUES*

\$50.00

\$70.00

\$20.00

All members must fill out, sign and return form to renew membership. Membership renewal must be postmarked no later than September 30. Late Fee of \$15.00 assessed from October 1st through October 31st. Membership renewal ends, and membership is cancelled if dues not received and/or postmarked by October 31.

If you'd like to have your roster mailed to you, please submit an additional \$1.50

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND WAIVER

I hereby waive, release and discharge from any and all claims or liabilities against Mt. Laurel Skiers, Inc., its officers, Board Members, activity leaders or trip organizers for any injury I might sustain on Mt. Laurel Skiers, Inc. sponsored programs or trips. I attest that I am **physically fit** and have been advised and prepared for the possible hazards of these events. I hereby affirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I have read this document and understand its contents.

Signature: _____

All members must sign. For Household Membership, all adult members must sign.

FAMILY MEMBERS

Kindly provide the following information for each family member joining. Please include yourself.

NAME	SEX	RELATIONSHIP	DATE OF BIRTH
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

Mail to:

MT. LAUREL SKIERS, INC.
 TOM KNUDSEN
 465 HOGAN RD., HAMDEN, CT 06518
 203-281-6769 tfk2004@comcast.net

CLUB USE ONLY

CASH _____

CHECK _____ CK# _____

LATE FEE \$ _____

TOTAL _____ DATE REC. _____

Charity Auction • 3 December 2003 • Save the Date



Save the Date - December 3, 2003. Come to shop. Bargains galore on getaway packages, lift tickets, sports gear, dinners, theatre, gourmet baskets, and more so start your Christmas list now and be ready to save, save, save \$\$\$\$. Any Club Members interested in soliciting items for the auction or donating items should contact me. I have letters available. **I will take donations up until October 29.** From last year's Auction many Charities received a donation (see the list on the MTL web site. As always, I look forward to your help and support. Bring a friend!

Barbara Wysocki • 860-563-9066

The Queen's Corner • Snow Ball • 22 November

Greetings from your MTL Queen. Special thanks to Tina Oswald who planned a wonderful crowning ceremony, which took place at this year's Annual Banquet on May 10th. Tina continues to reign as the CSC Queen. However, this is the last year in which the CSC will crown a Queen. How very fitting that the last official CSC Queen is a MTL Queen! MTL has always been very enthusiastic in the Queen competition and it's wonderful to have Tina and MTL be remembered as the last CSC Queen. For those of you who haven't heard, the CSC has decided to change the title from Queen to Ambassador. The transition regarding the official duties and election of the CSC Ambassador is still in the process for this year's Snow Ball. The one change that has been determined is that the Ambassador position will be open to both men and women. Once the ambassador position is finalized and fully defined by the CSC, MTL will then address the necessary changes to its Queen role and title.

As CSC Queen, Tina is in the process of planning this year's Snow Ball to be held on Nov 22nd. In addition to planning the Snow Ball to accommodate 800 guests, Tina has also done a wonderful job of including the transfer from Queen to Ambassador in her responsibilities. Many thanks to Tina for planning such a large event that is in a transitional state. She's doing an excellent job!!! The Snow Ball will be held at "The Colony" in Vernon. Overnight accommodations are at the Quality Inn attached to "The Colony." A special CSC member room rate of \$69 per night includes a well stocked continental breakfast. So be sure to mark your calendars for this year's Snow Ball!!!!

Mandy Lavallee • MTL Queen

Celebrations and Concerns...

Happy Healing wishes to Erika Walz, Milli Arnold, and Dave Spear after their recent knee surgeries. **Our sympathies** to Marilyn Gorman in the death of her mother. We also lost several of our old time members, Ron Quinton and Erna Pane passed away last month. Happy mending to the Black Bear that Paula and Gary Felt were lucky enough to meet, with their car, on the road in VT last month.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Sunday Hikes •

Hike with fellow Mt. Laurel members on Sundays beginning Sept 7th thru mid-December. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty and begin at 12:30pm. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and sturdy hiking shoes. I need people to help me in leading hikes this fall.

Please contact Gordon Gaulin 860-688-2934.

7 September • NO HIKE • Tiverton Bike Ride

14 September • Manchester • Hockanum River Trails • Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015

Park in the back left hand corner of Adams Mill located on Adams Mill Street in Manchester. For more directions call Alexis.

This is an easy moderately flat hike.

21 September • NO HIKE • Lobster Cook Out

28 September • Hamden • Sleeping Giant State Park • Tom & Florence Knudsen • 203-281-6769

Free parking is available at Quinnipiac College, which is across the street of the park entrance. Take I-84 to exit 27 (RT 691E) to exit 3 (Cheshire). Take Rt 10S - go exactly 9 miles to Hamden, turning left on Mt Carmel Avenue to park entrance on left - or take I-91 to exit 10. Take this connector to the end. Then go north on Rt 10 for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Mt Carmel Ave to park entrance on the left. To avoid the \$5 parking fee. Free parking is available across the street at Quinnipiac College. A picnic BBQ follows at Tom & Florence's house after the hike. Bring something to share and BYOB.

Gordon Gaulin • Hike Chairman



Attention Golfers...

We have the opportunity to form an official 9 hole MTL league here at Stanley next summer. We need commitments to form a *minimum* of 3 foursomes. We need a **chairperson** in charge of membership who will also maintain a sub list, a **treasurer**, a **scorekeeper/scheduler** who can figure and keep handicaps. **We must organize** to decide if we want a tournament with gifts, wrap party, what type of weekly games to play, if we want members only, etc. I will submit the necessary letter asking for Wednesday night tee times beginning approximately 5pm. I was told the leagues play weekly April thru the 3rd week in September. I will be asking Greg Ycomans, the pro here at Stanley, if we can begin in May when daylight allows us to begin play at 5pm, but earlier times and April may be all that's offered. In case of inclement weather, decisions are made by 3pm that day via the pro shop. We play in a drizzle. The weekly cost will be at regular course rates. I know there are more questions re details but we must submit our request **now**. Please contact me at cfoswald@snet.net or 860-693-3967 ASAP to volunteer on the committee and with your golfer commitment. If there is insufficient interest, we will withdraw. Let's finally make a MTL league work!

Christina F. Oswald • 860-693-3967

LOBSTER COOKOUT



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st
11am - 6pm
WINDING TRAILS, FARMINGTON, CT

TICKETS	MEMBERS	GUESTS
1 lobster, shrimp, corn & fixings	\$25.00	\$30.00
Adult- Burgers, Hot dogs, corn & fixings	\$16.00	\$19.00
Children (age 7-16)	\$10.00	\$12.00
Burgers, dogs, Fixings	FREE	FREE
Child- (6 & under)	FREE	FREE

FOOD INCLUDES: snacks, lobster, shrimp, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, potatoes, salad, dessert, soda, beer & wine

Please see Aletta Chamberland (860-747-3523) or Sharon (Esposito) Houek (203-272-0560) for information or tickets at a meeting.

LOBSTER COOKOUT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!

(INDOOR FACILITY RESERVED)

DON'T FORGET: Nutcrackers, lobster eating utensil, blankets, chairs
ACTIVIES AND GAMES softball, volleyball, hiking, horseshoes etc.

Please fill out and send to Aletta Chamberland, 85 Sunset Ave., Plainville, CT 06062
 (Make checks to MT. LAUREL SKI CLUB)

MEMBER NAME _____

TICKETS	HOW MANY	AMOUNT
member lobster		\$25.00
guest lobster		\$30.00
member burger		\$16.00
guest burger		\$19.00
child member		\$10.00
child guest		\$12.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

DEADLINE FOR LOBSTER ORDERS: Wed. Sept. 17, 2003

Winding Trails Recreation Association

50 Winding Trails Drive
Farmington, CT 06032
(860) 677-1370
www.windingtrails.com

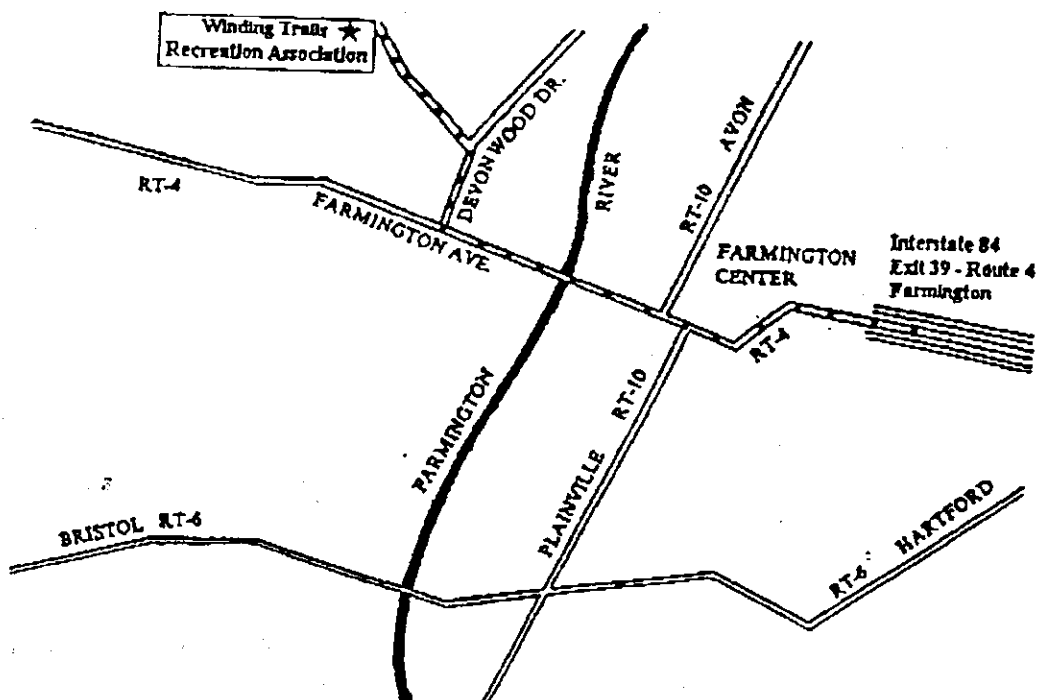
Directions to Park

From Interstate 84

Take Interstate 84 to Exit 39. Head straight off exit on to Route 4 West. Cross over Farmington River Bridge and take a right at the second traffic light. Follow signs into the park.

From Route 4 East

Travel East on Route 4 through Unionville Center. Pass under the Railroad Trestle. Take a left at the second traffic light. Follow signs to the facility.



Lake Placid Ski Trip • 14-19 March, 2004



The deadline for the reservation deposit of \$100 is October 15th. Only reservations with deposit will be valid. The balance is due by January 10, 2004. Send or give checks to Mary Diviney; 8 Sycamore Lane; Avon, Connecticut 06001.

We have 25 rooms reserved. Should we completely book our 25-reserved rooms, late-comers may have to go on a waiting list. Please give consideration to double occupancy to a room.

For more information contact any member of the committee: Dave England, Jr., 860-614-1348; Mary Diviney, 860-675-7166; or Jenny Ebner, 860-402-6232. Information can also be obtained through emailing either Mary at divineyme@ing-afs.com or Jebner@bright.net

Committee: Dave England, Jenny Ebner, Mary Diviney

Mt. Laurel Annual Connecticut Golf Outing •

The Mt. Laurel Annual CT Golf Outing will be held this year on Saturday, 20 September, at Quarry Ridge Golf Course in Portland CT. We will tee off starting at 10am followed by what promises to be a great buffet dinner at 4:30pm at the Club Restaurant. We have room for 36 golfers of all abilities. The course is very scenic with elevated views of the Connecticut River Valley and Hartford. The fairways are both hilly and narrow and are sure to create emotional highs and lows! The final cost has been set at \$76. This includes 18 holes with cart, buffet, including chicken, salmon and sausage and peppers and prizes for the various winners. Elaine Kane (860-379-8227, email ebkane@snet.net) and Marilyn Drew (860-871-7834, email mdrew@cns.gov) will be the contact people.

Please get your checks in no later than September 10, 2003. In order to create competitive teams we need to know your handicap, i.e. what you normally shoot for 9 or 18 holes. We will be using a scramble format using each person's tee shot 3 times. Would last year's winner of the toilet seat award please return it!

Bob Denison

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

The Western Ski Trip is set and is to Telluride Colorado on January 31, 2004 - February 7th 2004. Pricing is \$1099 per person in an efficiency hotel unit (includes kitchenette). The Mountainside Inn is located at the Base of Lift 7 and is a ski-in hotel. Ski pass is only \$39 per day. Posted rates are \$69. This pass is \$195 based on a 5 out of six day pass. There will also be a sponsored (Free) NASTAR Race for the trip as well as a private mountain tour. There are already 50 deposits in and room for just 12 more. There will not be a split plane and all people will be on the same plane (American Airlines). Please do not delay, send it in today, or see me at the meetings.

Eric Ardolino

OKEMO DEADLINE OCT 1! - Ticket NEW orders

Available again to us, as Council/club members, not friends and guests, this ski year 2003-2004. Returns are all in, but I must have your completed NEW order form and money (\$39 each to me by September 30th). The order form can be found on-line in the MTL Website. Order carefully, as we will be limiting returns again next year. Please be reminded your club dues must be paid in full by September 30th in order to place your ticket order.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Golf • Cape Weekend • 17-19 October

The golf weekend October 17-19 is filled. You are welcome to call me and I will put you on a waiting list. Cost \$155 - golf, food, housing; \$95 golf & food; \$95 food & housing; \$25 food only.

Wendy Fitzsimons • 860-954-2922

Look at the Past & Get Ready for the Future •

At the regular Sept 10, 2003 meeting, we will have past MTL yearbooks for all to see. We would also like to ask you to bring photographs to share with one another. Now is the time to gather up those extra prints and relive the memories with those in the photographs.

Sept 17, 2003 we will have a regular meeting with extra emphasis on the club trip presentations.

Harvest Gala will be Oct 1, 2003, which is also the last night for purchasing Okemo tickets. Regular weekly meetings will have been in place for a month by the time of this event, so you should have already have gotten reacquainted with your ski buddies by then. We hope to have a slightly different format for our Harvest Gala this year, so please come.

Penny Trick,

Wed Night Committee Chairperson

Deadline for Oct. • Sept 17, 2003 • Third Wednesday •

Sept 17 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the October 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@aeltus.com
or Fax 860-616-4613

h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389

Culture Corner •





The bus to NYC is "full" but may be TOO FULL. If you told me (in passing) that you wanted to go, your name may not be on the list. Please call me at (860) 344-1292 to see if you are actually on THE LIST. For those of you on THE LIST, please send me a check in the amount of \$25 per person made payable to MTL.

Details will be in the October newsletter. Thank you.

Kate Robertson • 860-344-1292



mt laurel skier's calenaar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
			Regular Mtng weekly meetings resume			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
NO HIKE Tiverton			Regular Mtng Yearbooks			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 Sunday Hike Manchester			Club Trip Presentations Bd/Reg Mtng news deadline			Annual Golf Tournament Quarry Ridge
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO HIKE  Lobster Cookout			Regular Mtng			
28	29	30	September 2003			
 Sunday Hike Hamden		DEADLINE for renewing your dues!				

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

September

- 01 Labor Day
- 03 Regular Meeting
WEEKLY MEETINGS RESUME
- 07 Tiverton • Sunday Hikes begin
NO HIKE
- 10 Reg Meeting, Yearbooks
- 14 Sunday Hike - Manchester
- 17 Club Trip Presentations,
Board Mtng, News Deadline
- 20 Annual Golf Tournament
Quarry Ridge, Portland
- 21 Lobster Cookout • NO HIKE
- 24 Regular Meeting
- 28 Sunday Hike - Hamden
- 30 DUES DEADLINE

October

- 01 Regular Meeting, Harvest Gala,
Deadline for purchasing Okemo
tickets
- 03-04 Fall Hike



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