

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

August 2008



from the President . . .

I hope that everyone is having a GREAT summer!!! The weather has been fantastic, and it makes it that much harder to think SKI CLUB.

However, the Club event schedule continues to make Mt. Laurel a year round way to have a wonderful time with even more wonderful people.

As I write this, the reports are in from the annual Summer Bike Weekend run by Stan Wasel, Marge Feeland, and Ron Scardacchi. Everyone who was lucky enough to be there had plenty to eat, and the opportunity to bike, hike, kayak, and party!

Monday night biking continues through the Summer thanks to Andy LeClair and his race sponsors - all of the rides are posted on the web site calendar, including directions.

Rick Sullivan and Jeanne Delahanty are also continuing to provide Sunday hikes. Times and directions for the hikes are posted on the calendar as well.

By the time that you get this newsletter, the annual picnic will have taken place, so I want to Thank Sharon Houck and her committee for the chance to party on a hot Summer night.

In August, Ned Mullin is leading the Mt. Laurel Tubular Navy down the mighty Farmington (Sunday the 10th), and John Bazzano is hosting the annual Shelter Island Bike Ride (Saturday the 23rd). Details on both are in the calendar.

As mentioned this past meeting, we now have the Lodge Lease in place for the coming Season, and the Lodge Committee will be posting the schedule of Winter events soon, so start to plan your Season!

I am looking for Members to Chair the Wednesday Night program events with me this coming Fall. Both event sponsors and ideas will be welcome. The more help the better!! In addition, we need to have Chair(s) for the upcoming Lobster Cookout on September 14th. Let me know if you can help.

Finally, be aware that the renewal period for Membership ends on August 31st. Please get your renewal in to Kay Leatherman prior to that date to avoid paying a late fee. She cannot make exceptions to that fee!!

Here's for a continued safe and fun Summer for everyone! **Jonathan**

Golf Weekend •

Sign up for the Cape Golf Weekend: Cost, golf/stay/meals \$180.00; golf only, \$70.00; stay/meals \$130.00; golf/meals \$130.00. Dates are October 9, 10, 11, and 12. Dinner Friday & Sat nights and breakfast provided in AM (cereal, bagels, and fruit) Golf Tournament is on Oct 11, 18 holes with a cart and wonderful prizes for the many talented golfers.

Contact me at fitzy31@cox.net or call 860-741-3343.

Wendy Fitzsimons



Shelter Island Bike Trip • 23 August

The Annual Shelter Island bike ride/fire dept lunch/arts & crafts show/ etc will be Saturday August 23rd.

We meet at the New London Ferry Dock, 2 Ferry St, New London, CT 8:30am/boat leaves for Orient Point 9am. Parking available across street.

This is a joint ride with Mt Laurel Ski Club, New Haven Ski Club, AMC, and Hartford YMCA spinners.

Bring your friends, a great time will be had by all.

Any questions call John Bazzano (860-604-9408). Before 9pm.

Vermont Hike Weekend September 26-28 See enclosed flyer.

Important Numbers •

Monday Bike • Andy LeClair
860-283-4889

Sunday Hike • Rick Sullivan
cell 860-324-4952

& Jeanne Delahanty
860-651-3257

Monday Night Biking •

As the summer spins along, we have another month of bike rides to enjoy. Both the weather and the cost of gas have posed challenges but there have still been MTL participants at all the rides! Thank you to all the ride leaders who have spent time marking the routes, creating maps and planning get togethers after each ride, your work makes this possible. Please bring friends along but remind them that they must have a helmet and use the sign-in sheet provided.

4 Aug • Southington • Ron Kapraszewski and Lisa Day, 33 Village Gate Drive • 621-6382 • Joint ride with NSC; bring a bathing suit, towel and chair; **pizza party follows the ride.** I-91 south to 691 west to exit 4. Turn right onto 322, take the first right at the light onto Meriden Avenue. Take the first right onto Village Gate Drive. 84 west to 691 east to exit 4. Take a left onto 322; same as above.

11 August • Avon • Trish and Steve Molloy, 878-7527, Fisher Meadows, Avon. • 84 West to exit 39, Farmington Center, Route 4. Take a right onto 10 north. Take a left at first light onto Old Farms Rd. **Pizza follows.**

18 August • East Hartford • Scott and Clyde, joint ride with NSC, 990 Forbes Street, 693-9181 • **I-91 South**, 84 East, exit 58, Silver Lane. Left off exit onto Silver Lane to Forbes, right onto Forbes, straight through 3 stop signs, go past the high school, fourth house on the left after the last stop sign. **I-91 North**, cross Putnam Bridge to 2 west. Take the Main St exit, right at light on Brewer at 7/11 store, left onto Forbes, 5th house on right. **84 East** to exit 58, right to Silver Lane, left onto Silver Lane, past movie theaters, next light right onto Forbes. **84 West to exit 58**, right onto Roberts Street to Forbes. **Cookout follows.**

25 August • Bloomfield • Neal Fisher, 665-9653, joint ride with NSC • **Ride is the Jim Mays memorial ride, which was rained out in June.** However, four hardy MTL supporters had pizza together at the designated spot and others showed up. I-91 North to exit 35B, Rt 218 West. Go through 3 lights, 3rd blinking, turn right onto Blue Hills Ave, Rt 187. At 2nd light turn left onto Park Avenue, go past Bloomfield High, cross RR tracks and turn into North East Plaza on right.



Andy LeClair, Biking Chair, 283-4889

Deadline for September 2008 • 20 August

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 20 - Third Wednesday. Please email news items to: irene_murray@sbcglobal.net or fax 860-644-3951 if you do not see Irene at a meeting



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is in FULL SWING •

The days are passing quickly, so remember, it is time to renew your membership. Go on-line to get your renewal application or at upcoming meetings we will have copies for you to pick up. Don't be late as the \$15.00 late fee is in effect after August 31.

Remember to sign up as a MTL member!

Kay Leatherman,
Membership Chairperson
membership@mtlski.com



Cheer

Condolences to Rick and Mary Sullivan on the recent loss of Rick's mother.

If you have any news of Member happenings, please contact Milli at milliarnold57142@aol.com or 860-871-0484

Milli



Kayaking • 17 August

Great Island (mouth of the CT River) Lyme, CT. Meet at 10:00am. **Directions:** Take I-95 North to exit 70, Rte 156/Neck Rd. Take Rte 156 South for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Smith Neck Rd. The ramp is at the end of the road. Nice mixed paddling, some quiet, some open ocean, spray skirts are a good idea.

Joe Mangione 646-7505 or
Fred Murray 628-5364



Green Falls Pond, Voluntown • 3 August

Hike Description: The hike will be from Beach Pond to Green Fall Pond along the blue blazed Pachaug Trail. The hike is 4.5 miles long. It is easy, with a few short moderate sections.

Directions: We will meet at the Green Fall campground in Pachaug State Forest at 12:30pm..



From the Hartford area, take Route 2 east to Rte 395 north. Take exit 85 off of Route 395 north. At the end of the exit ramp, go straight thru the first traffic light (crossing Rte 164). At the next traffic light, take a right onto Rte 138 east. Stay on Route 138 thru the center of Voluntown. Route 165 joins Route 138 in Voluntown. Continue traveling east on Rte 138/165. Remain on Rte 138 as it bears right and Route 165 continues straight. Continue about 1 mile on Rte 138 to Green Fall Pond Road on the right. Be observant, because the sign for Green Fall Pond is small. Turn right onto Green Fall Pond Road (which is a dirt road) and continue for 2.5 miles to the campground parking area. There is a \$7 per car entry fee.... Note, those over 65 can get a state park pass for free. We recommend arranging carpooling. There are a number of locations in Hartford and East Hartford to meet for carpooling.

Green Fall Campground: The campground is run by the state of CT. It has overnight campsites, a picnic area, restrooms, a boat launch (no power boats, but suitable for kayaks and canoes), a swimming area, fishing, and trails for mountain biking and hiking. Campsites are available on a first come, first served basis for \$13 per night. Additional info is available by calling the ranger station @ (860) 376-4073 or on-line @ www.dep.state.ct.us (search for Green Fall Pond).

We intend to use the picnic area before and after the hike. We will have a small gas grill for anyone who would like to use it before or after the hike. We also intend to use the swimming area, which is a small sand beach with an off shore wooded island.

Alternate Hike: An alternate to, or a continuation of, the main hike is around Green Fall Pond on a blazed trail (about 1.5 miles, easy to moderate). A trail map is available at the above website.

For questions, Contact: Rich Clairwood, home (860) 889-8186 or clairwood@sbcglobal.net or Rick Sullivan, home (860) 675-3403, cell (860) 324-4925 or email richard.sullivan2@comcast.net

MTL in New York City • 18 October

And we're off..... to NYC on Saturday, October 18th for a fun-filled day of NYC stuff. What stuff? Your stuff! Your stuff could include taking in the sites, shopping, walking across a bridge, going to a matinee performance, etc ... and of course, eating.

Via a deluxe motor coach, we will depart New Britain **AT** 8a.m., pick up in Cromwell **AT** 8:15a.m., stop for coffee along the way, and arrive NYC around 10:40. The driver will let people off at the Met, along 5th Avenue, Times Square.....

We will then meet up around 5:30 in the theater district - and head over to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner.

Leaving NYC at 8:00pm will get us back to New Britain around 10:40.

\$36 per person (check made payable to MTL Ski Club) will pay for a seat on the bus to get there and back. This price also includes the tip for the driver.

Want to purchase tickets for a play? Check out www.playbill.com or www.broadway.com.

Invite family, friends, and/or co-workers. Call me for reservations - **Kate @ 860-344-1292**



mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
31	 August 2008 			1		2
3  Sunday Hike Voluntown	4  Monday Bike Southington	5	6 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	7	8	9
10  TUBING	11  Monday Bike Avon	12	13 NO MEETING	14	15	16
17  KAYAKING	18  Monday Bike E Hartford	19	20 Regular Meeting News Deadline	21	22	23  Shelter Island Bike
24	25  Monday Bike Bloomfield	26	27 NO MEETING	28	29	30

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

SAVE THE DATES

August

- 03 Sunday Hike, Great Falls Pond
- 04 Monday Bike, Southington
- 06 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's
- 10 Tubing down the Farmington
- 11 Monday Bike, Avon
- 13 NO MEETING
- 17 Kayaking - Great Island
- 18 Monday Bike, E Hartford
- 20 8pm Regular Meeting @ Zabbara's, News Deadline
- 23 Shelter Island Bike Ride
- 25 Monday Bike, Bloomfield
- 27 NO MEETING

September

- 03 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's
- 10 8:00 Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's
- 14 Lobsta' Cookout @ Winding Trails
- 17 8:00 Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's
- 24 7:00 OPEN HOUSE @ Zabbara's
- 26-28 Fall Hike Weekend @ Lodge

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Vermont Hike Weekend

September 26-28

Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



The weekend begins at 7pm Friday with a pasta supper at the lodge. Saturday we'll hike, then relax at Happy hour and Dinner. Wine and soft drinks will be provided with dinner. After dinner we'll have a DJ for Dancing. Sunday activities could be hiking, biking, golf, or just relaxing with your Mt Laurel friends.

Jeanne Delehanty (860-651-3257) will be taking Lodge reservations on a first **paid** first served basis. Reserve early to get a bottom bunk!

Price for the weekend all inclusive meals and lodging- **\$65**,
Supper Friday-**\$5**, Dinner & Happy Hour Sat. **\$20**.

We'll need some food contributions (desserts and hors d'oeuvres) and help with cleanup after meals. Prospective members are encouraged to help with this. It will satisfy one of your committee requirements.,

See us at meetings, or mail your reservations and checks to:

Jeanne Delehanty
21 Hilltop Dr.
Weatogue, CT 06089

For further info call:

Rick Sullivan 860-675-3403, or Jeanne Delehanty 860-651-3257.

Name: _____, No. people _____ Room Req. _____

Friday Supper _____, Sat. dinner & happy hour _____