

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

August 2009



from the President . . .

Welcome to summer ... finally!!! We have been treated to some very nice days lately and they just happened to come in time for some great activities for our club.

First off, thank you to Jonathan & Sharon Houck for hosting our annual Summer Picnic at the Currier Woods Club house. The weather was great for our evening of good food, fun, & great music played by DJ Neal Fisher. Thanks to all who helped out with various chores and most especially to Mary Sullivan for the ice that we needed to cool our drinks.

Our Monday night bike rides continue with another memorable ride starting & ending at Neal Fisher's condo in Newington. Over 90 riders took part in a great variety of rides and enjoyed the food afterwards. Thanks to Neal and all that host rides during the summer.

This past weekend I found a lot of our members at the Vermont Lodge for our annual bike weekend hosted by Neal Fisher. It was such a GREAT time, if you missed it, you should not miss next year. Many took on the 60 mile bike ride, others the short ride, some went hiking and others kayaked. Our first ever barn dance took place Saturday night with Rich & Patti Clairwood teaching us square dancing what a time we had learning the moves!! It was something to see and participate in, we had

birdies & crows and sashaying around!! Check out the pictures on our web site, Ron & Wayne did a great job on the grills with Jeanne Delehanty coordinating the food for the weekend. Thanks to all who helped to make it such a fun weekend. On the way home Sunday, some of us kayaked in Brattleboro to top off our weekend of activities.

We have a great line up of activities coming in Aug & Sept., Shelter Island bike ride hosted by John Bazzano, our annual Open House on Sept 16, followed by our Lobster Cookout at Winding Trails & Fall Hike weekend in VT. Check out our web site & calendar for all these upcoming events. See the flyers for more information.

It's exciting to be part of such an active and fun group of people. We are always looking for new activities for our Wednesday night meetings & for new members to join the fun.

Beginning with our first meeting in Sept we will be starting our general meeting at 7:30pm instead of 8pm. We made the decision based on some feedback from our membership.

I hope you all have a great rest of the summer and look forward to our upcoming activities.

Kay Leatherman



Hiking ... September

Hiking will start up again in September. Save the weekend of Sept 25-27 for our annual Hike Weekend. The enclosed Flyer has the details. Look for our complete list of Sunday Hikes in next month's newsletter and on the calendar. We'll post them on the calendar as they are set.

**Rick Sullivan &
Jeanne Delehanty**

Shelter Island Bike Ride • 22 August

The annual Shelter Island Bike Ride/ fire dept lunch/arts & craft show will be Saturday August 22nd. We meet at the New London Ferry Dock, 2 Ferry St., New London CT, 8:30am. Parking available across the street. Boat leaves for Orient Point @ 9am. This is a joint ride with Mt Laurel Skiers, New Haven Ski Club, AMC, and the Hartford YMCA spinners. **Any questions, call John V. Bazzano, 860-604-0408 any time before 9pm.**

**SAVE THE DATE
LOBSTER COOKOUT
20 SEPTEMBER
SEE FLYER AT END
OF NEWSLETTER**

Kayaking •



Aug. 2 • Mystic River • Rescheduled paddle • 10:00a.m.

When you get to Mystic Seaport on your right (Exit 90 to downtown Mystic/Seaport on Rt. I-95), take your first right onto Isham Street. Launch is at the end of the street. Street Parking is limited, so we may have to unload and park in the Seaport parking lot. We'll go to a seafood restaurant after the paddle.

Aug. 16 • Great Island, mouth of the CT River • 10:00a.m.

I-95 to exit 70m go South on Rt. 156 (Shore Rd.) approx. 2 miles to (boat launch sign on Rt) Smith's Neck Road. Follow it to the end - to the launch ramp. Good outdoor eating place for after the 'yak'.

Aug. 30 • Camping Weekend • Newport area - approx. 11:00a.m.

Sept 13 • Thimble Islands, Branford • 10:00a.m.

Exit 56 off Rt. I-95. Head south toward water. Go straight across at the stop sign, under RR bridge into Stony Creek. Launch ramp is after small beach on right (this is a very busy area, you may have to launch and find parking somewhere in the area).

NOTE:

Spray skirts are strongly recommended for ocean trips because waves can easily swamp a kayak. Leaders can be contacted via cell phone on the day of each trip if you need help: Fred Murray (860) 857-6406; Irene Murray (860) 919-8252; Joe Mangione (860) 402-0492; or Angie Testa (860) 416-8321.

Ski Trip Zermatt • Jan 29 - Feb 6, 2010



The trip is nearly sold out, we currently have 5 spots left. The date is January 29th thru February 6th. We are on non-stop American Airlines flights from JFK to Zurich. Price is \$1599.00 for the flight, transfers, 7 nights hotel, and breakfast and dinner daily. Do not hesitate, we will be sold out shortly. For more information, please call me at 203-265-9293.

Eric Ardolino

Deadline September 2009 • 19 August

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 19 - 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.

MTL in New York October 24, 2009

The date for our trip to NYC is Saturday, October 24th.

Via a deluxe motor coach, we will depart New Britain AT 8a.m., pick up in Cromwell AT 8:15, 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 5:15 in the theater district - and head over to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner.

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

\$38 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.

Things I need to know: where you will get the bus (New Britain or Cromwell) and your cell phone number. I will have a card for you with my cell phone number.

Kate Robertson



Thanks for the help... Bike Weekend

Thanks to everyone for their assistance in making bike weekend a success. We started off Friday night with a pasta dinner thanks to Patty and Rich Clairwood (the fresh basil pasta pesto was awesome). Although we had rain showers on Friday night and gloom and doom predictions, on Saturday the sun was out, humidity was low and a light refreshing breeze was wafting through the lodge. Fifteen riders completed the 55 mile loop up to Woodstock, the Long Trail Brewery, and back through Ludlow. A dozen more riders completed variations of the short ride to Stoughton Pond and the Downers ice cream store. Paula Felt was commodore of a kayak trip and Jeanne Delehanty and Rick Sullivan led a hike. Anne Alden led a 'nature' hike at Buttermilk Falls. Ron Scardacci and Wayne Cormier were the grill-masters for dinner. Everyone mentioned above helped with dinner including Mary Sullivan and lodge manager Maureen Gaherty. Rich and Patty also ran a square dance in the barn; this was the first time any of us can remember using the barn for a dance. Even though we don't know what a "sashay" is, we danced until midnight. We implored Stan and Marge to "please don't go" but they left anyway. On Sunday, we hiked and kayaked some more. Thanks also to everyone who helped set-up and clean-up. And finally thanks to Lisa Durland for taking reservations and payments.



Neal Fisher

Save the Dates • October 16 - 23, 2010 Mountain Laurel 65th Anniversary Cruise

Celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Mt Laurel Skiers with a **luxurious Cruise in 2010!** We will cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Oasis of the Seas." The first in the line's all-new and awe-inspiring Oasis-class of vessels. Oasis of the Seas will set sail in 2009 as the largest and most revolutionary ship at sea. And once again, Royal Caribbean has raised the bar when it comes to shipboard innovations. Highlights include an enormous open-air "Central Park" situated in the middle of the vessel (containing actual trees, grass, gardens, and more), "Boardwalk" (reminiscent of New England's nostalgic seaside piers and classic amusement parks like Coney Island), "AquaTheater" (cruising's first multi-purpose amphitheater), the Vitality At Sea Spa & Fitness Center (boasting the industry's largest and most comprehensive selection of wellness treatments and facilities), an enormous Pool & Sports Zone encompassing an entire deck of the ship, and the Youth Zone (home to the cruise line's award-winning Adventure Ocean youth program, now featuring more dedicated spaces for children and teens than ever before).



Depart Ft Lauderdale on Saturday, October 16 and cruise the western Caribbean with ports of call at Labadee, Haiti; Costa Maya, Mexico, Cozumel, Mexico, and 3 days at sea. Prices range from \$899.00 for inside room to \$1199.00 for outside room with balcony, based on double occupancy; 3rd and 4th person in room is \$699.00 each. Federal tax, gratuities and airfare are extra. Reserve now for best choice of rooms. Deposit \$300.00/person.

Contacts: **Karen Grossman** **860-261-4041**
 Eric Ardolino **203-265-9293**

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30  Camping continues	31		August 2009			1
2  Mystic River Kayaking	3	4	5 Bd & Reg Meeting Whinstone Tavern	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 NO MEETING	13	14	15
16  Kayaking Great Island	17	18	19 Regular Meeting News Deadline	20	21	22  Shelter Island Bike Ride
23	24	25	26 NO MEETING	27	28	29  Camping Weekend RI

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August Meetings ·
Whinstone Tavern
Stanley Golf Course
245 Hartford Road
New Britain CT
SAVE THE DATES

August

- 02 Kayak, Mystic River
- 05 Board & Regular Meeting
@ Whinstone Tavern
- 16 Kayaking, Great Island
- 19 Regular Meeting, news
deadline
- 22 Shelter Island Bike Ride
- 28-30 MTL Camping Weekend, RI
(rescheduled)

September

- 02 Bd Mtng, Reg Wed Night
meetings begin @ 7:30pm
- 09 Regular Meeting
- 13 Thimble Islands, kayaking
- 16 Annual Open House
- 20 Lobster Cookout
- 23 Regular Meeting
- 25-27 Fall Hike Weekend
- 30 Regular Meeting



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MTL Lobster Cookout is BACK!!!

Sunday September 20, 2009

Winding Trails, Farmington, CT

11am - 6pm

SAME PRICE AS 2 YEARS AGO!!!

Cookout Rain or Shine

**Food Includes: Appetizers, Lobster Dinner, Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers, Soda, Deserts**

Lobster serving at 2pm

Activities: Volleyball, Softball, Hiking, Horseshoes

BYOB & lobster eating utensils & chairs

For more information Contact:
Jonathan Houck 203-272-0560

Please fill out and mail with payment to: Jonathan Houck
6 Promontory Dr.
Cheshire, CT 06410

Name(s): _____

Adult/Child Lobster: \$35.00 _____

Adult Dogs/Burgers: \$20.00 _____

Child (under 6 free) age 7-16 Dogs/Burgers: \$12.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to MTL Ski Club

RSVP & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 7, 2009



Hike Weekend '09 September 25-27

It's more than Hiking!



Party



Hike

Join us for a weekend of fun! Good Food, Dancing, and enough hiking to burn off a few extra calories. Dinner by Ron Scardacci, D J by Novelette, Hiking by Jeanne, & Rick. We'll begin with a Pasta Dinner Friday nite followed by an evening of socializing. Saturday we have a choice of two hikes, one easy, one challenging. Hikes will be followed by Apres Hike party at the trailhead. After a short break to change into party attire we'll begin the evening with canapé's at the lodge, dinner, then we dance the night away. Sunday, we'll have a short hike for the more vigorous! BYOB, we'll provide assorted soft drinks as well as appetizers and dessert. Sign up early to assure your first choice of bunk.

Price for the weekend all inclusive meals and lodging- **\$65**,
Supper Friday-**\$5**, Dinner & Happy Hour Sat. **\$20**. **Dinner reservations received after September 23 will be charged \$5 extra.**

See us at meetings, or send your checks and lodge reservations to :
Jeanne Delehanty, 21 Hiltop Dr., Weatogue, CT 06089.

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

Friday Supper _____, Sat. dinner & happy hour _____

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