

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

December 2004



from the President . . .

It's here at last! Ski season. Many mountains are open and so is the club lodge in Vermont. Be sure to spend some time there this year.

MTL models graced the runway on the 17th to show us the latest in ski wear fashion, courtesy of Alpine Haus of Wethersfield. Thanks to Dusty and his staff, and to Milli Arnold and Charlotte LeClair for hosting the event.

Thanks to our club ambassador, Russ Pacino, for representing us so well at the CSC Snow Ball. We all had a great time at this important annual event. Neal Fisher again donated his DJ services at the MTL hospitality suite, and we greatly appreciate it.

Hiking continued through November due to the efforts of hike leaders Alexis Kuchel, Claire O'Connor and Rob Dexter, Gordon Gaulin, and Joe Mangione and Angie Testa. Thank you to all.

Dec 1st is the annual Charity Auction. Be there to support our worthy charities and the efforts of Barbara Wysocki, and do some early holiday shopping.

Don't miss the vote on Dec 8, where the issue of club liability insurance will finally be decided. This is an important financial issue for the club.

On the 15th, Wendy Fitzsimons hosts the annual Christmas Party at Zabbara's. Come celebrate the holiday with your Mountain Laurel

friends. Ski safely! I'll see you on the slopes.
Tom Knudsen

Membership Cards •

Membership cards will continue to be given out at all meetings during the month of December. Please pick one up before any meeting.

2004 MTL Tennis Ladder Tournaments

Thank you to everyone who played in the tennis ladders this year. Although we have a small group, the matches were very competitive. In many cases, the matches were closer than indicated by the set scores. Rob Dexter is our 2004 singles champion and Rich Meinzer is the singles finalist. The 2004 mixed doubles champions are Rob and Claire Dexter; the finalists are Rich and Monica Meinzer. See MTL website for detailed results.

Dave Spear

Important Numbers •

Membership • Alison Reno

860-977-2142

Lodge Manager • Ray Taksar

860-647-9168

Lodge Reservations •

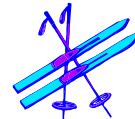
Lisa Durland • 860-533-1981

Lodge • 802-226-7010

Bulk Ticket Orders •

Please pick them up at the meetings. I will not be there Dec 8, but someone else will be available. Dec 15, the Christmas Dance, I will be in the bar area from 7:30 to 8:30 for you to pick up tickets.

Note: Sugarbush tickets are the actual lift ticket. Just attach with the tie provided, no need to go to the window. I've had many requests for additional lift tickets. If you have ordered more than you think you need, let me know and I will find a buyer.



Eila McCloskey

Woodstock Wassail Celebration 10-12 December

2:00pm Parade of Riders
Horses & Carriages on the Green

Lodge will have a holiday
Polish-style dinner on Saturday

Jack Uhrynowski



Annual Holiday Gala • 15 December



Please join us for the holiday dance which is being held at Zabbara's Restaurant on Wed, Dec 15, 2004 at 8:00p.m. - \$5.00 at the door. Entertainment and wonderful appetizers will be provided.

We will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for Food Share. The current economy has created a huge need for assistance and it is our opportunity to lend a hand. Aletta and I are looking for volunteers to man the door and sell raffle tickets. Remember, new people, it is a great chance to get your requirements in. Please call me at 741-3341 or catch me at a meeting.

Wendy Fitzsimons

IMPORTANT VOTE...

At the regular meeting on Dec. 8 there will be a vote, by paper ballot, regarding the future of the club's liability insurance and the providing of alcoholic beverages at club run functions.

This is an important issue involving future risk and expense to the club, so be there to cast your vote, and you must be a full member with dues paid to date to do so. The Board of Directors has voted to recommend a vote against the club providing alcohol at club events and against the purchase of expensive host liquor liability insurance coverage.

Wednesday Night Programs • December

01 Dec **Charity Auction**, don't miss this opportunity to complete (or start) your Christmas shopping. Goods and services from CT to VT will be available to give or keep and enjoy.

15 Dec **Holiday Dance**, come and share with your MTL friends and those in need.

Upcoming

19 Jan **Swing Dance Lessons**, 7-8pm, dance follows from 8-9. Keep your New Year's resolutions to exercise and try something new!

Please offer your feedback on programs.

Joe Bazzano & Charlotte LeClair, Chairs

from the Vice President •

Well, membership renewal time has finally ended. We have had a great return of members and also a large sign up of prospective members. If you are unsure about your renewal status, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, Prospective Members - Remember that you have to attend a reasonable amount of meetings to fulfill one of our membership requirements. We have not seen a lot of you lately! Please remember to sign in at all the meetings that you attend so you get credit for being there. All in all we have a wonderful friendly club and I hope everyone is safe during the ski season. Let it snow!

Alison Reno • membership@mtlski.com • vice president @mtl.com
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Lodge News from Ray Taksar •

Are they waxed? Are they sharp? It's time again and the slopes are open as is the Lodge.

Okemo has two new expert grade trails open this year over at Jackson Gorge. One of these is Supernova, which is 3,200 feet long. Wow! Can't wait. Up the street at Bear Mountain, Killington is a new Terrain Park and Superpipe for both skiers and riders.

Now for the Hot \$\$ for December: 18th Bromley \$28, 19th Okemo \$27. Both are CSC Days. Don't forget your New Membership Card is needed for purchase. 11th is the Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge at Okemo, which is a ton of fun with Lots of Prizes. Lodge Parties? New Years, Heart On, St. Pat's. Between the three, I've done 10 times. Now it is your turn, so if they are going to happen, it is up to you. So, see me, call me, or email me to enjoy the feeling of pulling off one of them.

Voucher sales will end after the Dec 8th meeting, so better stock up now to save \$\$\$\$. That's all for now kids. Hope to see all of you on the trails.

Best Always - Ray



MTL LODGE RESERVATIONS

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860-533-1981
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Kids Learn to Ski Day: Okemo • 2 January 2005

Cost: \$30 which includes lessons and party with give aways (tickets to be purchased at the CSC Awareness Day booth at the group services trailer). Yes, kids 6 and under ski free!

What: Free Ski and Snowboard lessons and Party of snacks and beverage will be held for all participating in lessons.

Details:

- This is a CSC Council Awareness Day so all lift tickets will be \$30 to be paid for at the ticket booth.
- DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.
- All kids and parents should come to the registration table in the Clocktower Conference Room in the main base area to receive lesson assignments and further information **between 8:15 and 9:15.**
- **Please plan ahead and be prompt. Kids will be in their assigned class, on the snow, by 9:30!!!**
- **Rentals:** Cost for rentals is \$22 for either snowboard or ski equipment.
 - Please plan to be at the rental shop by 8:00 so that you have your rental equipment PRIOR to the lessons (9:15) and tell them you are with the CSC.



For further information, contact Sue Poirier at 860-912-8047 or email at sue.poirier@pfizer.com

Celebrations and Concerns...

Our sympathies to Jack Mut, Carol Sweeney, and Joanne Spence in the deaths of their mothers last month. Our sympathies also to Brian Hunter and his family in the death of his daughter. Thanks to all who keep me posted.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Okemo Discount Tickets •

We have received our tickets. We have plenty. Happy to have you pick them up at meetings from myself or John Pappalardo. The mountain is open. Keep wishing for that snow.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Sunday Hikes •

There are no planned hikes for the month of December. This has been a very successful fall hiking season with many new, old, and prospective members attending.

I want to thank the following people that helped me in leading a hike this Fall: Alexis Kuchel, Tom & Florence Knudsen, Mike Smestad, Lois Anderson, Joe Mangione, Angie Testa, Claire O'Connor and Rob Dexter.

Spring hikes will begin in April.



Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairperson

Deadline for Jan • Dec 15, 2004 • Third Wednesday •

December 15 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the January 2005 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

or fax: 860-275-2845

h 860-632-1280

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CSC Awareness • Dec

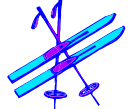
Remember you will need your valid club card with CSC sticker and maybe a picture I.D.

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| Fri 03 | Stowe | \$34 one day |
| Sat 04 | Stowe | \$58 two day |
| Sun 05 | Stowe | \$83 (3) day |
| Sat 11 | Sunapee | \$22 |
| Sun 12 | Stratton | \$28 |
| Fri 17 | Jiminy Peak | \$17 |
| Sat 18 | Bromley | \$28 |
| Sun 19 | Okemo | \$27 |
| Mon 20 | Jay Peak | \$25/day |
| Tue 21 | Jay Peak | |
| Wed 22 | Jay Peak | |
| Sat 25 | Ragged | \$25/day |
| Sun 26 | Ragged | |
| Mon 27 | Ragged | |

Ticket Pick-Up










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| Stowe | Any Open Window |
| Sunapee | Spruce Lodge Group Sales |
| Stratton | Any Open Window |
| Jiminy Peak | Any Window |
| Bromley | Any Open Window |
| Okemo | Group Sales Trailer Parking Area - Loft |
| Jay Peak | Hotel-Cust Serv Office |
| Ragged | Elmwood Lodge Guest Service Desk |

CSC Representative - Bob Arther



mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

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|  | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| December 2004 | |  | Charity Auction | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | Board/ Regular Meeting | |  | Wassail Weekend |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| Wassail Weekend | Monday Night Race | | Christmas Dance News Deadline | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| |  | | No Meeting | | | |
| | Monday Night Race | | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| |  | | No Meeting | |  | |
| | Monday Night Race | | | | ASIA alpine@Pico | |

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

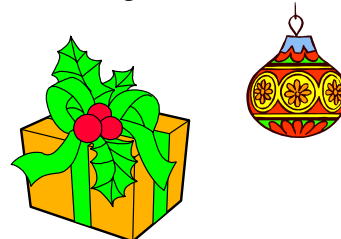
Save These Dates

December

01 Charity Auction
08 Board/Reg Meeting
10-12 Wassail Weekend/VT
13 Monday Night Racing
15 Christmas Dance
20 Monday Night Racing
22 No Meeting
27 Monday Night Racing
29 No Meeting
31 ASIA alpine@Pico

January

02 Kids Learn to Ski
19 Swing Dance Lessons



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