

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

February 2010



from the President . . .

Hard to believe that January is done ... or almost (when I am writing this). Where did the month go? I know the snow gods were shining on us early this year but we will hopefully get more snow soon to keep up the great skiing we have had so far. By the time you get this the Zermatt trip will be off and running (skiing) over in the Alps!! I hope the weather and snow cooperate for all of them; can't wait to hear about the trip when they return.

The Sunday River drive trip is full with 73 members heading to Maine in March for a great week of snow and fun. Don't forget we are doing a cruise on the new Oasis of the Seas in October. Check out the details on the web site.

We do have some Wednesday nights available for additional presentations, please contact Jonathan Houck so he can coordinate the events and present them to the board before we present them to the membership and set the date. This will keep everything running smoother for our meetings.

There are many opportunities coming up that will help fulfill the prospective membership requirements so don't be afraid to jump in (with both feet) and help out with an upcoming event.

Thank you to all those that have helped with events so far this year!! I can't wait to hit the slopes again soon and enjoy the fun at the lodge.

Happy Skiing!!

Kay



News from the Lodge

Time flies when you're having fun! Hard to believe that we're almost half-way through the ski season already! If you haven't been up to the lodge yet, what are you waiting for? Skiing has been fantastic and the comradeship at the lodge even better.

Try coming up mid-week. No crowds on the mountain and some great socializing at the lodge.

Just a reminder that vouchers are non-transferable, non-refundable and must be used this year. Don't wait too long to make your reservations!

Many, many thanks to everyone who has run events at the lodge, or assisted in planning or cleaning up. Kudos to Kay Leatherman for running a gala New Year's Eve party, and to Jean Leonard and Loretta Spencer for providing a fondue feast. Special thanks to Jan and Bob Wallace for again hosting the Games Weekend. Jan had to work all day


and then drove up to Vermont just to cook dinner! Thanks also to Barbara Wysocki for cooking a special breakfast on Sunday morning.

We have many more special events lined up. Coming up the weekend of January 29, "Zermatt in Vermont" moonlight snow-shoeing, hosted by Rhoda Idleman. It sounds like a fantastic event. I almost wish that I wasn't going to Switzerland that week!

Also, coming up: - Valentine's Weekend, Club Race Dinner, On-Snow Weekend, Wine-Tasting, St. Pat's Weekend.

Refer to the MTL website, and click on the drop-down for the lodge for a list of activities.

See you on the slopes!



Moe Gaherty,
Lodge Manager,
mgaherty@sbcglobal.net



Lodge Reservations:

Lisa Durland is taking reservations. See Lisa at a meeting or call her at 860-533-1981 (no calls after 9pm please) and/or email mtlres@cox.net.



MTL Instruction Days #2

Down Hill: February 6, 2010
Lesson Time: 9:00 - 11:00am
Place: Jackson Gore at Okemo
Club Discount Tickets: Cannot be purchased that day. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Susan Forsdick.
Free Instruction: All levels downhill, cross country, & snowboarding

*** Down Hill and Snowboarders meet outside Jackson Gore base lodge.**

Gore opens at 8:00am and ski instruction starts promptly at 9:00am so come early, take a few runs and meet me there before 9:00am. **Down Hill and Snowboarders Meet outside Jackson Gore Base Lodge at the picnic tables.**

Contact: Anne Alden Email: Aalden30@netzero.com

MTL Club Race • February 27, 2010

This year, after a long absence, we'll be back at **Okemo**, racing on the **Nastar course**. Competitive classes for all abilities, from the serious contender for the Club Championship to the just for fun novice. Preregister by mail using the form in this newsletter, or download the form at the Club website. Club provides free lift ticket for all children and grandchildren of members and prospective members (age 17 and under). Discount lift tickets at sign-in for adults. Awards ceremony after skiing in the Base Lodge. Sign in 8:00 - 9:15am. Race starts at 10:00am sharp.

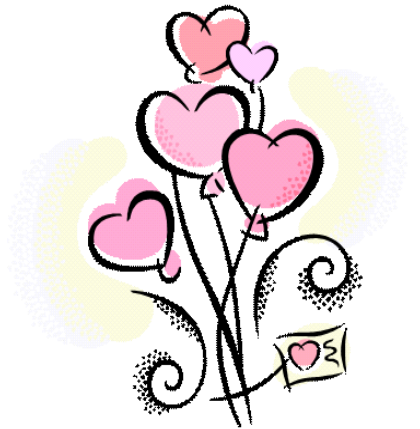
Questions: Tom Knudsen, Race Chairman, tfk2004@comcast.net.

The Valentine's Dance • 10 February

Be a Sweetheart and join us at The Valentine's Dance, February 10 from 7-10pm. DJ and raffle prizes.

Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Hosted by Cindy Kelly and Bob Sjofted. See you there.

Contact Cindy Kelly 860-805-1612.



NEWSLETTER Deadline for March 2010 • 17 February

The deadline for the March 2010 Newsletter is February 17 - Third Wed. Please email news items to: irene_murray@sbcglobal.net or fax 860-644-3951 if you do not see Irene at a meeting.

October 16-23, 2010 Mt. Laurel 65th Anniversary Cruise •

Cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Oasis of the Seas." Depart Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, October 16, for the western Caribbean with ports of call at Labadee, Costa Maya, and Cozumel, Mexico. Oasis of the Seas introduces a unique industry "first" with balcony rooms facing an inside courtyard.



Oasis Boardwalk

For more information on Oasis of the Seas, visit www.oasisoftheseas.com. Prices range from \$899.00 for an inside room to \$1199.00 for an 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 per person. Flights to/from Ft. Lauderdale will be out of White Plains, New York.

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



Bird's eye view of Oasis Theme Park

SAVE THE DATE • ST. PATRICK'S DINNER • 17 MARCH



St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Whinstone. Celebrate the wearing of the Green at a delicious, traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Whinstone Restaurant on Wednesday evening, March 17. For those who prefer, there will also be a chicken option. Details will be on the Mountain Laurel Eblast and in the March Newsletter. Save the Date!!

For any questions or suggestions, call Milli at 860-871-0484.

**CORNED BEEF
and CABBAGE**










Cheer •



A big get well for John Ewen, who was hospitalized and is now home. The nurses didn't want to let him go home - they loved hearing his jokes. But so do we.

If there is any news of members, please contact Milli at 860-871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com.

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
	1  Monday Night Racing	2	3 Board & Regular Mtng	4	5	6	
7	8  Monday Night Racing	9	10  Valentine's Dance	11	12  Valentine's Lodge Weekend	13	
14 	15  Monday Night Racing	16	17 Regular Meeting News Deadline	18	19	20	
21	22  Monday Night Racing	23	24 Regular Meeting	25	26	27 Club Race & Okemo/ Full Moon Snowshoe	
28			February 2010				

February Meetings •
Whinstone Tavern
Stanley Golf Course
245 Hartford Road
New Britain CT
SAVE THE DATES

February

03 Board & Regular Meeting
10 Valentine's Dance, 7pm
12-14 Valentine's Lodge Weekend
17 Regular Meeting, News
Deadline
24 Regular Meeting
27 Club Race & Okemo/Full Moon
Snowshoe

March

03 Board & Regular Meeting
05-07 On Snow @ Mt Snow
07-12 Sunday River Trip
10 Regular Meeting
17 St. Pat's Dinner
24 Regular Meeting
31 Regular Meeting



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**REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORM
MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS -- ALPINE CLUB RACE
FEBRUARY 27, 2010 OKEMO MTN. VT - 10:00 AM**

All racers – Members and Guests, must complete and sign this form
Parents must sign for Juniors under the age of 18
Please read very carefully before completing and signing
Return to Club Race Chairperson :
Tom Knudsen 465 Hogan Rd. Hamden, CT 06518

NAME		RACE CLASS – SEE REVERSE SIDE TO DETERMINE	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	Email address	
ZIP CODE	WORK TELEPHONE	HOME TELEPHONE	
AGE (required for class B & Junior)	DATE OF BIRTH (req'd for B & Junior)	GENDER	
MEMBER/PROSPECTIVE	GUEST	JUNIOR (“A” or “B”)	

I, _____ in consideration of being allowed by **Okemo Mountain** and **MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS, INC.**, to participate in the Mt. Laurel Skiers Club Race, and any preparatory training therefore, do hereby release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify **Okemo Mountain** and **MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS, INC.**, and the directors, officers, shareholders, agents, servants, and employees of such organizations from any and all claims, actions, or damages without any limitation whatsoever, whether consisting of personal injury, property damage, or death, that does or may result in any way from my participation in this competitive sporting event, whether such injuries of any kind or nature or such death is caused by their negligence or not, assuming myself any and all responsibility and liability for same. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of those above named from any damages or costs or expense whatsoever which they or any of them may sustain as a result of any claim brought by anyone against any of them as a result of my preparation for and/or my participation in this competitive sporting event. I specifically agree that before any given competition takes place, I will, as I so desire, inspect all areas involved in the competition, fully realizing, accepting, and understanding that competitive skiing, competition in general and of this type in particular is inherently risky and dangerous, as are preparations, practice, or training for such events.

I, as a competitor, completely understand that this release constitutes a covenant and a promise on my part to fully discharge all of the above named parties from any and all liability of any kind for any injuries, loss, damage, or death which may result from my participation in this competitive sporting event.

This release is binding, and I so understand, not only upon myself but upon my heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, and I herewith again reaffirm my free and willing intent to exercise it, acknowledging a complete understanding of its terms and conditions and the totality of its effect, and the totalness of the waiver of any rights that I would otherwise have had, had this agreement not been executed.

SIGNED -- COMPETITOR

SIGNED – WITNESS

DATE

REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORM
MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS -- ALPINE CLUB RACE
FEBRUARY 27, 2010 OKEMO MOUNTAIN, VT -- 10:00 AM

ALPINE RACE ABILITY CLASS	Please determine your appropriate race class. If unsure, contact the Race Chairperson: Tom Knudsen (tfk2004@comcast.net)
ELITE	You know who you are. <i>"No guts, no glory!"</i>
A	Advanced skier who runs gates often. <i>"Be good or eat wood!"</i>
B	Intermediate skier who runs gates, or an advanced skier who does not race. <i>"You can do it!"</i>
UPPER "C" (C+)	Advanced novice who can ski the course from the top with wide turns. Skiing the lower part would not be a challenge. Does not belong with beginners. <i>"Go for it!"</i>
LOWER "C" (C-)	Beginner skier; no racing experience. A novice skier who finds intermediate slopes a challenge. <i>"Try it. You'll like it."</i>
JUNIOR "A"	Under the age of 18. Advanced novice who can ski the course from the top with wide turns. Skiing the lower part would not be a challenge.
JUNIOR "B"	Under the age of 18. Beginner skier; little or no racing experience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

- **ADULT MEMBER LIFT TICKETS: To be announced.**
- **JUNIOR MEMBER LIFT TICKETS: No Charge!!** Lift ticket will be purchased by the Club. (Age 17 & under), For children and grandchildren of members and prospective members.
- **Dinner party at MTL Lodge Saturday night – Club subsidizes first \$100 of the cost.**
- **RACE REGISTRATION: 8:00am to 9:15am.** Place : **Base Lodge area. Exact spot to be announced.**
- **RACE ORDER – BE ON TIME!!! This year’s race will be on the Nastar course.** The race will start at 10:00am. The Race starts in Bib Order, beginning with “B” Junior Girls & Boys, Lower C Women and Lower C Men. Then, “A” Junior Girls and Boys, Upper C Women and Men, “B” Women and Men, “A” Women and Men, and “Elite” Women and Men.
- **ATTN. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Serving on any committee will count towards membership requirements. We need volunteers to help on the morning of the race!
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:** Contact Race Chairpersons.

AWARDS CEREMONY: After skiing in the base lodge. Time to be announced.