

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

January 2009



## from the President . . .

As I write this, the first big snow of the season (in Connecticut) is coming down fast and furious! Hopefully this is an omen of a great season ahead. The Lodge voucher sales indicate that a lot of our Members feel that we are in for wonderful conditions this Winter.

The Lodge activities have gotten off to a fast start, with the opening weekend 'Napa' wine tasting weekend hosted by Ken and Stacy Ryan. Wassail weekend followed, hosted by Kay Leatherman (as it also served as the new and prospective Members' weekend). Ron Scardacchi did his usual magic in the kitchen for the 27 dinner guests. Thanks to all involved in the planning of both weekends!

There is much more to come, with events weekends galore, thanks to Maureen Gaherty, Kathy DiMeola and the Lodge Committee. Keep a close watch to the Lodge schedule - it is posted on the website - and enjoy your Lodge at every opportunity.

A big Thank You to Jeanne Delehanty and Rick Sullivan for a stellar hiking season. They really put a lot of time and effort in to the schedule. Thank you also to the sponsors of all of the hikes this Fall.

Get ready for Monday Night Racing at Mt. Southington - Race Captain Pat Moore is planning to repeat our Championship of last year, and numbers pushed us over the top last year - come one, come all!!! The Club

serves PIZZA to all who turn out to race for Mt. Laurel.

I want to give a special recognition to Betsy Gaudian and her Christmas Party Committee! The music was wonderful, and she raised money and collected food for those in need during the Holiday Season.

As it turns out, this was our last affair at Zabbara's, at least through the "Winter. As you are probably aware by now, the restaurant lease was awarded to Jordon Caterers, and they will be closing down to renovate for the Spring opening (April 1st). In the meantime, we have explored several other venues for our meetings. We are forever grateful to Maria, Jen and their staff for the hospitality they have shown Mt. Laurel over the past 16 years!

We will be holding our weekly meetings at Angellino's Restaurant in Wethersfield on the Silas Deane Highway beginning Wed, January 14th at 8:00PM. Directions will be posted on the web site shortly. Please plan to come early and have dinner and/or drinks prior to the meetings. Angellino's is offering us their meeting room at no charge in hopes of picking up some needed Wednesday night business. We will also be posting their menu on the Club website.

With all the negative news lately, Mt. Laurel remains a very bright place in these tough times! So a very Happy, and Hopefully better, 2009 to us all!!!

**Jonathan**

## Holiday Party •



It was a great crowd for the 2008 Holiday Party. Many thanks to everyone who brought in Food for the Plainville Food Pantry. It weighed in at 453 pounds upon delivery this morning (wowa-now that is a lot of muscle) and I was able to also leave \$200.00 that can be used for heating or perishable foods after my expenses. Suzie Wortz was thrilled. Her requests are up for assistance. I could not have done the job alone, so MUCH thanks to Wayne Cormier, Bob Arther, Harry Fisher, Aletta Chamberland, and prospective members Denise Strom, Patricia Pearce, and Laurel Criscione.

Also a special thanks to those who donated for the raffle: Karen Grossman, Pat Revoir, Pat Moore, Jean Leonard, Linda Dinda and Betsy Gaudian, and those who brought in copy paper boxes. The raffle brought in \$217.00. Thanks to Zabbara's for the Decorations and nice food trays. Lastly, thanks to my co-chair Linda Dinda. I think we make an OK team!!! Thanks for putting up with me. Oh yes, thanks to Eric Ardolino for paying the bills. The check is in the mail to replace my expenses!!!

**Betsy Gaudian**

## Important Number •

**Lodge Reservations -**

Lisa Durland - lodge@mtlski.com •

860-533-1981 • NO CALLS after 9pm!

## News From the Lodge •



The season is off to a great start! Plenty of snow, lodge voucher sales have been fantastic (thanks, Kathy Amenta and Barbara Wysocki). The season opened with Ken and Stacy's Napa Valley Wine Tasting, followed by Wassailing/Prospective Members' Weekend, which was hosted by Kay Leatherman and Ron Scardacchi. Our best wishes to Jack Uhrynowski, who was unable to join in the Wassail activities this year. Rest up for Pig Roast, Jack! Thanks to everyone who has pitched in to make the lodge kick-off a great success.

Celebrate the New Year on Wednesday, December 31 and then top it off with a "Post New Year's Party" the following weekend. Contact Kay Leatherman for Dec 31 and Ron Scardacchi for Post New-Year's dinner reservations. There are many more activities lined up for January, including Moon-light Snow Shoeing and of course, my murder mystery - "Murder at the Juice Joint." This takes place at a speak-easy in the Roaring Twenties. If you are a mobster or flapper at heart and would like to display your thespian talents, please contact me. Since there are just too many activities to list, refer to the MTL website, under Lodge for the continuously updated schedule of lodge activities, as well as other lodge topics. If you are interested in sharing a ride, click on the Forum Link and scroll down to "Car Pooling."

Wishing you all a healthy and Happy New Year!



Moe Gaherty, Lodge Manager

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## MTL Club Race • February 21, 2009



Again this year, we'll be at **Magic Mountain**. Competitive classes for all abilities, from the serious contender for the Club Championship to the just for fun novice. Pre-register 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 party follows at lunch time in the Base Lodge. Sign in 8:00 - 9:15am. Race starts at 10:30am sharp.

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

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## Deadline for February 2009 • 21 January

The deadline for the February Newsletter is January 21 - 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

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## January 09 - Hike •

We had a great year with our hiking program! In 2008 we had 26 Hikes, including the three hikes during Hike Weekend. Participation ranged from 4 on a cold rainy Sunday in November to over 40 for Hike weekend and Sleeping Giant. We hope everyone had as much fun on these hikes as we did! Many thanks to our hike leaders, and special thanks to Cindy Abrams for her maps and unerring sense of direction ... she kept us on track all year. For now our thoughts are on snow and skiing so we have no hikes scheduled until May. However, if we're not skiing, we're always ready to hike or snowshoe. So, if you want to hike or snowshoe any weekend, give us a call. We welcome ideas for new hikes for next spring and fall!



"We're always ready to hike or snowshoe!"



MTL Club Race  
MAGIC MOUNTAIN

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## A Notes of Thanks...



Dick and I want to thank everyone of the members of MTL that sent cards, signed the newspaper guest book, sent emails and called with their wonderful, caring words and offers of help. You can't imagine what it meant to us to have so many friends express their concern. As you can imagine, this was the most heartbreaking thing to ever have happened, and the caring shown by friends definitely helped to get us through each day that was spent mostly going over the horror of it all with the police, the newspapers and the television stations. Please keep praying that they catch the perpetrator. And once again, thank you all so very much. **Dick and Jenny Ebner**



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My sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the many cards, emails and words of condolence I received after the loss of my beautiful grand niece. Thank you. **Eila McCloskey**

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## MTL LODGE ACTIVITIES February 2009

- Feb 06-07** Full Moon Snowshoe Walk, Saturday Evening  
**Feb 13-14** Valentine's Weekend  
 Downhill Instruction on Saturday   
**Feb 16-20** SCHOOL VACATION AND FAMILY WEEK  
**Feb 20-21** Club Race, Saturday  
**Feb 27-28** Mardi Gras/Game Weekend, hosted by Jan and Bob Wallace



## MTL Instruction Days

<b>Down Hill:</b>	Jan 03, 2009 Feb 14, 2009 TBD 2009	<b>Cross Country:</b>	Jan 10, 2009 Feb 07, 2009 TBD 2009
<b>Lesson Time:</b>	9:00 to 11:30am		9:30am -
<b>Place:</b>	*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, and snow boarding

\* **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.













\* **Cross Country Skiers Meet at MTL Lodge 9:30 then drive to Okemo Valley.**

**Contact:** Anne Alden - Email: Aalden30@netzero.com • MTL web page instruction

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# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday    monday    tuesday    wednesday    thursday    friday    saturday

		<b>January 2009</b>				1	2	3					
4	5  Monday Night Racing	6	7 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	8	9	10  Full Moon Snowshoe @ Lodge	11  Full Moon Snowshoe @ Lodge	12  Monday Night Racing	13	14 Regular Meeting	15	16	17  Family Weekend @ Lodge
18  Family Weekend @ Lodge	19  Monday Night Racing	20	21 Regular Meeting News Deadline	22	23	24  Murder Mystery @ Lodge	25  Murder Mystery @ Lodge	26  Monday Night Racing	27	28 Regular Meeting	29	30	31

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January Meetings ·  
Angellino's Restaurant  
1115 Silas Deane Highway  
Wethersfield, CT 06109-4230  
860-721-6945

## SAVE THE DATES

### January

- 03 Alpine Ski Instruction
- 05 Monday Night Racing, Mt. Southington
- 07 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Angellino's Restaurant
- 10-11 Full Moon Snowshoe @ The Lodge
- 12 Monday Night Racing, Mt. Southington
- 14 Regular Meeting @ Angellino's Restaurant
- 17-18 Family Weekend @ The Lodge
- 19 Monday Night Racing, Mt. Southington
- 21 Regular Meeting @ Angellino's Restaurant, News Deadline
- 24-25 Murder Mystery @ The Lodge
- 26 Monday Night Racing
- 28 Regular Meeting @ Angellino's Restaurant

### February

- 02 Monday Night Racing
- 04 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Angellino's
- 06-08 Full Moon Snowshoe Weekend @ Lodge
- 07 Cross Country Instruction
- 11 Valentine's Day Party!

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### 2007 - 2008 Officers

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**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

**REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORM  
MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS -- ALPINE CLUB RACE  
FEBRUARY 21, 2009 MAGIC MOUNTAIN, VT – 10:30 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 **Magic 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 **Magic 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 23, 2008 MAGIC MOUNTAIN, VT -- 11:00 AM**

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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ**

- **ADULT MEMBER LIFT TICKETS:** Purchase ticket at signup location at special price.
- **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.
- **NON-MEMBERS:** Lift Tickets for Adults and Juniors will be available for purchase at the Group Rate the day of the race.
- **RACE REGISTRATION:** 8:00am to 9:15am. Place : **Base Lodge.**
- **RACE ORDER – BE ON TIME!!! This year’s race will be on “Showoff”.** The race will start at 10:30 am. 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 PARTY:** Right after lunchtime in a special area of the base lodge.