

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

June 2008



from the President . . .

The 62nd Annual Banquet of the Mt Laurel Skiers attracted over 100 Club Members to the Wethersfield Country Club on the 17th of May, and we were treated royally. The food was great, the band ('Crises') was superb, and the program was once again very ably given by our own MC Karen Grossman.

The Banquet Committee headed by Sharon Houck did an outstanding job, with the price actually REDUCED by 20% from last year. Please Thank Carol Rowan, Aletta Chamberland, and all of those who served on this Committee.

The raffle prizes (including one of John Ewen's prized carved ducks) made a lot of people very happy they came!

Karen Grossman was selected by her now 'Lifetime Member' peers with inclusion as this year's Mt Laurel Lifetime Member for her decades of hard work and support for the Club. Karen's list of activities and service was impressive.

We also were very pleased to award two Outstanding Members with recognition for the support and help that they have given over the years. Milli Arnold (whose picture appears in the dictionary when you look up the word 'caring'), and Bob Wallace, a Mr. everything when it comes to Mt Laurel Skiers, were applauded by all for their tireless devotion to the Club.

We also honored Betsy Chase and Harry Fisher as new members of the

year for their tremendous participation and help in numerous events and Club activities.

Tom Knudsen presented the Club Race awards, with the Women's Champion going to Marguerite Meinzer, and Men's Champion to Chip Semplicio. Our Junior Women's Champion is Taylor Jones, and the Junior Men's Champion was Sean Dexter. The Women's Cross Country Champion is Trish Molloy, the Men's Cross Country Champion is Rob Dexter.

Pat Moore awarded the Monday Night Racing awards, as well as the awards from the CSC for the On Snow competition held at Okemo.

It was my pleasure to present our Race Captain Pat Moore with the plaques recognizing First Place taken by Mt Laurel at Monday Night Racing AND the On Snow Carnival this past year.

Congratulations to everyone who was honored at the Banquet, and for all of you who came to this wonderful event to celebrate this stellar season for the Mt Laurel Skiers. The best is yet to come!!!
Jonathan

Important Numbers •

Monday Bike • Andy LeClair
860-283-4889

Sunday Hike • Rick Sullivan
cell 860-324-4952

& Jeanne Delahanty
860-651-3257

Steamboat Springs CO
31 Jan - 7 Feb '09

**SEND YOUR DEPOSIT TODAY,
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 62!**

- Round trip flights on American Airlines from Hartford to Hayden/Steamboat Springs and out of Denver.
- Round trip bus transfers to and from Steamboat Springs
- 7 nights accommodations at the Comfort Inn
- Wine & cheese welcome party
- Breakfast daily
- Group rate on ski passes as follows:
 - 5 days out of 7 • \$285
 - Senior 70+ special rates (purchased there)
- Portage
- Free shuttle available to ski area and downtown
- Taxes
- Discount parking at Bradley Airport
- Discount overnight stay at Bradley Sheraton for 1/30/09, \$105.00 per room plus tax.
- Cancellation insurance available on request & suggested
- Optional 1 hour unlimited private NASTAR course (\$12.00)
\$1299.00 per person, double occupancy. \$300.00 deposit needed to hold space. Balance due November 15, 2008.
Any questions, call A&S Travel Center 203-265-9293 or 1-800-523-5279.

Kayaking in June •



There are two kayak trips planned for June.

June 15 - Camp weekend in RI, Kayak with the campers in the vicinity of Portsmouth, RI. Kayaking will begin after we break camp at Melville Pond campground.

June 22 - Mystic River, Meet at 10:00AM. Directions: Take I-95 North to exit 89, Allyn St. Keep right at fork, follow signs to Mystic. Turn right at Allyn St. Turn left at Sandy Hollow Rd. Turn left at High St. Turn right at Blindloss Rd. Slight left at River Rd. Go under the highway. Ramp will be on your right. Parking for only eight cars. There is another option next to Mystic Seaport off Isham St. We can always park in two locations and reconnoiter on the water if needed.

Questions, call kayaking committee, Fred or Irene Murray (860) 628-5364 or Joe Mangione and Angie Testa, (860) 646-7505.



Monday Night Biking •

All rides start at 6pm but try to arrive early to prepare your bike and find a group to ride with. Helmets are mandatory, as is the sign out/sign in policy so we know that all riders have returned safely. In the event of rain, you can call 283-4889 before 4:30 or call the ride leader. As with other MTL events, plan to carpool to the rides, if possible.

June 2 • Meriden • Debbie and Dan Roman, 203-237-1727 • Bring a bathing suit, towel and chair for the picnic that follows the ride. This is a joint ride with Meriden and NSC ski clubs. See May newsletter for directions.

June 9 • Berlin • Anne Alden, 828-3378, pizza follows ride. Meet at Suburban Sports and demo Cannondale bicycles. Rte 9 south to exit 22, right off exit onto Mill Street, right into Webster Square Rd. Rte 9 north to exit 22, left off exit on Frontage Rd., left onto Webster Square Rd.

June 16 • Manchester • Deane Young, 647-8884, picnic follows, bring a chair. Rte 84 east to Rte 384 east exit 3. Bear right off exit, straight through downtown. At top of the hill take a left at light onto Center St. to the second house on the right, #141.

June 23 • Bloomfield • Neal Fisher, 665-9653, pizza follows. Rte 91 North to exit 35B, Rte 218 west. Go through 3 lights, 3rd blinking, turn right on Blue Hills Ave, Rte 187. At 2nd light, turn left on Park Ave., go past Bloomfield High, cross RR tracks and turn into North East Plaza on right. This is the Jim Mays Memorial Ride. Jim was a MTL member who loved biking, hiking, and acting, and starred in many of our murder mysteries.

June 30 • West Hartford • Eileen Anderson, 561-0004, picnic follows. Rte 84 west to exit 41, South Main St/Take a left onto South Main heading towards West Hartford center. Take 4th right onto Ledgewood Rd. Cross over Webster Hill Blvd. and house is 4th on right, #61, tan colonial.

July 4 • CSC Bike Ride • Hosted by Kristine Johnson, CSC Ambassador and her fiancée, Bob Kaczmarczyk, former NSC president and current CSC president at their home. RSVP by phone or email, bring your own chairs, beverages, and something to share for the picnic. Ride starts at 10am.

Directions to Bob and Kristine's • 48 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield
Phone - (860) 243-1304, cell (860) 302-7387

From Points South of Hartford I-91 North to Exit 35, the exit will fork, stay to left. At light, go left onto Rte 218, proceed straight. At intersection with Rte 185 (Simsbury Rd), go right onto Rte 185 West. Go past 3 traffic lights. About 100 yards past the third light, take right onto West St. At fork, bear left. At stop sign, turn left onto Duncaster Rd. #48 is approx 1.5 miles on right (yellow ranch set on hill directly across from Stuart Dr.). Park on Stuart Dr.

Cheer •



Get well wishes to Charlotte LeClair and Marilyn Drew who both recently went under the knife and are recuperating. News of Harry Fisher - the Mountain Laurel Outstanding New Member of the Year was back in the hospital recently for a procedure. We hope he'll be back in fine form shortly. Congratulations to Patty Ardolino on becoming a grandmother for the first time.

If you have any news of our members, please call or contact Milli Arnold at 871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com so the Club can acknowledge them and send a card. Thanks. **Milli**

MEMBERSHIP RE-NEWAL IS COMING!



Don't forget Membership Renewal begins July 1, for the 2008-2009 membership year. Renewal forms will be available at our Weds meetings, and on-line through the website. Any questions, contact your membership chairman, Kay Leatherman membership@mtlski.com

Camping Trip • June 13-15



The camping trip has a few spaces left. We're going back to Melville Ponds Campground in beautiful Portsmouth RI for another great weekend of biking, kayaking, and singing around the campsite June 13-15. The cost is \$8 per person per night (that's \$16 each for both nights). See me at a meeting or call to make a reservation.

Joe Mangione 860-646-7505

Monday Night Biking continued

From Points West of Hartford I-84 to exit 41, go left off of exit. Follow thru West Hartford to intersection with Rte 185, Simsbury Rd. Left onto Rte 185 West, Simsbury Rd. (Follow directions at left.)

MTL Hiking •



Hike with fellow Mount Laurel members and guests this spring. Be aware spring weather in Connecticut is variable, so it's a good idea to bring rain gear even if the sun is shining. Water and snacks are always a good idea, and we recommend hiking boots. We always plan a pizza & beer outing, or picnic after each hike. All hikes begin at 12:30 PM and last about 3 hours. Exceptions to the start time are noted in the hike description. The pace is reasonable to allow for socializing.

June 1 • Seven Falls, Middletown • Rick Sullivan 860-675-3403, cell 860-324-4952 • From exit 10 (Aircraft Rd) on Route 9 south of Middletown. From Aircraft Road follow Route 154 south for .8 mi to Seven Falls park on left. This hike is rated C, moderate. The park has many picnic tables near the brook. The after hike activity will be a picnic, bring your drinks and something to snack on.

June 8 • Bear Mountain, Salisbury • Jeanne Delahanty 860-651-3257, cell 748-5858 • Meet at the Staples parking lot at the intersection of Rte 167 and Rte 44 in Avon/Simsbury at 10am. We will carpool from there to the start of this hike in the Northwest Corner. This hike is rated difficult, or "B." It is the highest Mountain in the state (not the highest point). If you're looking for a challenging hike, this is it!

June 15 • Father's Day • NO HIKE scheduled

June 22 • Sessions Woods • Rick Sullivan, 860-675-3403, cell 860-324-4952 • From the intersection of Rte 6 and 69 North in Bristol, follow Rte 69 north approx 3 miles to area entrance road on left. Follow signs to Beaver Pond Trail; park at Beaver Pond Trailhead. We'll be hiking the Tunxis Trail from Sessions Woods. Hike is rated D (easiest). We'll picnic after at the Sullivan's. Bring your drinks (alcoholic); we'll provide food and soft drinks. Please call Mary (860-675-3404 Home, or 800-962-4030 Work) to let her know you're coming; non-hikers are welcome.

June 29 • McLean's Game Refuge, Simsbury • Rick Sullivan, 860-675-3403, cell 860-324-4952 • From I-91, take Rte 20 west to Rte 10/202. Take Rte 10 south for about 1 mile to parking area on the right. There is no sign, so be alert for this parking area. You can also come north on Rte 10 from Avon to the parking lot on the left. This is a moderate hike; but still yields good views from the top of the Barndoor Hills.

3 August • Green Falls Pond • We are planning an outing at this state park in Voluntown. So far this is what we have.

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

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.

We'd appreciate feedback on this plan. **Contact:** Rich Clairwood, home (860) 889-8186 or clairwood@sbcglobal.net Rick Sullivan, home (860) 675-3403, cell (860) 324-4925 or email richard.sullivan2@comcast.net

VERMONT HIKE WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 26-28

Mark your calendars for this annual event. We're open to suggestions on where to hike. We're looking for any volunteers to trial hike different trails during Bike weekend July 18-29. Once we have settled on a hike, we'll ramp up the party planning.

Jeanne Delahanty & Rick Sullivan, Hike co-Chairpeople

Deadline for July 2008 • 18 June

The deadline for the July Newsletter is June 18 - 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

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1  SUNDAY HIKE Middletown	2  Monday Bike Meriden	3	4 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	5	6	7
8  SUNDAY HIKE Salisbury	9  Monday Bike Berlin	10	11 NO MEETING	12	13  CAMPING	14 WEEKEND
15  NO HIKE Father's Day	16  Monday Bike Manchester	17	18 Regular Meeting News Deadline	19	20	21
22  SUNDAY HIKE Bristol	23  Monday Bike Bloomfield	24	25 NO MEETING	26	27	28
29  SUNDAY HIKE Simsbury	30  Monday Bike West Hartford			July 2008		

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

June

01 Sunday Hike, Middletown
02 Monday Bike, Meriden
04 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng
@ Zabbara's
08 Sunday Hike, Salisbury
09 Monday Bike, Berlin
11 NO MEETING
13-15 Camping Weekend
15 NO HIKE, Father's Day
18 Regular Meeting @ Zabbara's
News Deadline
22 Sunday Hike, Bristol
23 Monday Bike, Bloomfield
25 NO MEETING
29 Sunday Hike, Simsbury
30 Monday Bike, West Hartford

July

02 NO MEETING
04 Monday Bike, Bloomfield
09 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng
@ Zabbara's
16 NO MEETING
18-20 Summer Bike/Kayak Weekend
@ the Lodge
23 Summer Cookout by the POOL
30 NO MEETING

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MTL VERMONT BIKE WEEKEND

MTL Vermont House
Proctorsville, Vermont

Save The Date July 18th 19th 20th



Complete weekend including Lodge \$65.00
Saturday Night Dinner only \$20.00

Friday: Evening Pasta Dinner @ 7:00p.m.
Saturday: Morning Breakfast
10:00a.m. Biking , Featuring 26, 70 mile rides with
stops for swimming and lunch
5:00p.m. Apres' Velo's (Please bring an hors d'oeuvre)
7:00p.m. Dinner Full Course Meal (wine, soda, water provided)

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