

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

May 2009



from the President . . .

Our Annual Elections are over, and we have one of the strongest groups of Officers and in-coming Board Members in a long time. Kay Leatherman will serve as the next Club President, Chuck Hannah as Vice President, Rick Sullivan as Treasurer, Bob Wallace as Secretary, and Betsy Chase as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Kathy Amenta, Mandy Weber, and Pat Revoir were voted onto the Board as well. The incoming President will recommend the final Board Members soon. Please take the time to THANK all who are willing to serve as Offices and Board Members - volunteers all, devoted to Mt. Laurel and our constant quest for Good Times and Cheer!

Speaking of Cheer, the end of the Lodge Season was the occasion for a rousing weekend to celebrate the many blessings of the Mt Laurel Skiers - not the least of which was the annual guest of honor - THE PIG!!! Great photos of this great time are on the website (Thank you, Pat. Thanks to Jack Uhrynowski (good to see you Jack)) Kay Leatherman, and Ron Scardacci (as well as their many helpers).

By the time that this comes out, we will have had the Annual Lip Sync Contest at our new (but yet old) home, the newly re-named

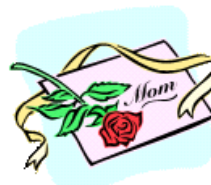
Whinstone Tavern at Stanley Golf Course. Thanks to Host and Comedian Extraordinaire John Ewen for putting on this annual event.

The Board has approved the 'fly' trip for next year -- back to Zermatt, Switzerland -- details enclosed in this newsletter. We will soon be hearing proposals for 'drive' trips, and will announce those as soon as possible, so that plans can be made for your 2010 Winter skiing season.

Please DO NOT forget the upcoming Annual Banquet to be held on May 16th at the Wethersfield Country Club -- we will be honoring the racing participants from this past season, as well as installing the new Officers and Board. It's also a Great Meal and PARTY!! -- details in this newsletter.

It has been an honor serving as your President. I had committed to keeping true to what is most important about Mt. Laurel: to have a great time, to get high value in having a great time, and to enjoy the company of wonderful friends while having a great time. I hope that you all agree that together we have continued to make this so. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Jonathan



WINTER FLY TRIP • 2010 • Zermatt



It has been decided our trip will return to Zermatt Switzerland on January 29, 2010 and

return on February 6th. Please see the enclosed flier for further information. Space is limited to 60 people and Mountain Laurel has exclusive sign-up until June. Send your check today.

Eric Ardolino 203-265-9293

Hey all you Happy Campers!



Bike along scenic Narragansett Bay, ride the carousel, kayak or just hang out. Get ready for another fun weekend communing with nature. We're going back to Melville Ponds Campground in beautiful Portsmouth RI for another great weekend of biking, kayaking and singing around the campfire June 19-21. Sharpen your marshmallow sticks, cuz you know you'll want s'more! Taking reservations now. Look out for the fire pit!!!

**Joe Mangione
860-646-7505**

Mountain Laurel Hikers •



Hike with fellow MTL 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 and beer outing at a local watering hole after each hike. Most last about 3 hours. The pace is reasonable to allow for socializing.

May 2 (Saturday) • Newport, Cliff Walk • Ron Scardacci • home 860-830-4645, cell 860-830-4343. Meet at 10AM at the Glastonbury commuter lot on Main St., across from McDonald's near the intersection of Rte 2 and Rte 3. From the west take I-91 to Rte 3 exit in Wethersfield. Follow Rte 3 East to Main St exit. At end of ramp, take a left onto Glastonbury Blvd; then straight to Main St. intersection. Take a left on Main St, go under the highway to the Commuter Lot on right. From east take Rte 2 to Rte 3 toward Wethersfield. Take Main St exit. Then, right onto Putnam Blvd.; then straight to Main St intersection. Left onto Main St to Commuter Lot on right. The lot is across Main St from Burger King. We'll car pool/convoy to First Beach on Memorial Blvd in Newport. Hike the Cliff Walk and return for a picnic (potluck) on the beach.

May 9 (Saturday) • New Britain • Walnut Park • Race in the Park for Breast Health • Sign up to join the Mt Laurel team on the Website (see the link on our website), or by phone. See the notice in this newsletter or website for more details. Sign up by April 26th and meet Charlotte at the sponsor's tent at 11AM on race day. It's a short walk, around 4 kilometers, or an even shorter walk (1 kilometer) and T-shirts are given!

May 17 (Sunday) • Chauncey Peak & Mt. Lamentation Meriden • Rick Sullivan - cell 860-324-4952 • home 860-675-3403. Meet at trailhead at 12:30PM. I-91 to exit 20 (Country Club Rd.) turn west for 2.7 mile to Giuffrida Park on right. The road makes a sharp left turn, the entrance to the park is straight ahead. There will be 2 hikes. One rated B (difficult) and one rated C (moderate).

May 24 (Sunday) • Memorial Weekend • Mystery Hike • We will be trying a new hike for later in the year. Call Rick Sullivan, 860-675-3403 for details if you have a spirit of adventure and would like to join us.

May 31 (Sunday) • Barkhamstead • People's State Forest • Jeanne Delehanty • 860-748-5858. From the junction of Rte 44 and Rte 318 turn onto Rte 318. Cross the Farmington River and turn left onto East River Road. Continue on East River Rd for 2.5 miles to a parking area on the left (west) side. Across the road is a sign for the Jesse Gerard Trail. This hike is rated difficult. It combines history, nature, incredible mountain views and features Manitou stones, glacial boulders, and a beaver meadow. **Anyone wanting to car pool should be at the Staple's Parking Lot at the corner of Rte 44 and Rte 167 at 11:30am.** If not, meet us at the trailhead at 12:30PM.

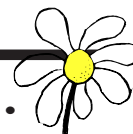
Deadline June 2009 • 20 May

The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 20 - 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.

Bike Weekend Extravaganza • Lodge

Bike Weekend Extravaganza at the Lodge in VT, July 17, 18, 19, 2009. Warm-up party on Friday Night. Saturday ride choices: 25 mile ride includes a stop at Stoughton Pond and the Downers Corners ice cream store; 45 mile ride goes into New Hampshire, returns over the Cornish-Windsor Bridge (the longest in the United States), and around Ascutney Ski Area; 65 mile ride climbs up and over to Woodstock, a beer at the Long Trail Brewery, and back through Ludlow. For non-cyclists, a hike will be led by Jeanne "Lewis" Delehanty and Rick "Clark" Sullivan and a kayak trip in the Brattleboro area will be coordinated by Fred & Irene Murray. Saturday night meal and bonfire (these are two separate activities). Price will be determined soon.

Contact Lisa Durland for reservations at lodge@mtlski.com or 860-533-1981. Questions, suggestions • contact Neal Fisher at wnealfisher@gmail.com or 860-665-9653.



Cheer •

Congratulations to Gordon Gaulin & Omaira Florez who announce their engagement. They are planning a July 25, 2009 wedding! All the best!

**Thanks, Milli • 860-871-0484
milliarnold57142@aol.com**

**MTL in NYC •
24 October 2009**

Please contact Kate at (860) 344-1292 to sign up for the day trip to NYC.



Monday Night Biking • Andy Le Clair, Chairperson, 860-283-4889



All rides begin at 6:00pm but plan to arrive early to set up your bike and find people to ride with. Helmets are mandatory, as is the sign out/sign in policy with waiver. Our friends from Newington and other ski clubs join us on many of the rides, and you are welcome to bring others to join the group. Ride lengths vary and there is always a ride for even novice riders.

May 4 • Bristol • St. Gregory Church • hosted by Andy and Charlotte Le Clair (refer to April newsletter for directions). Pizza follows the ride.

May 11 • New Hartford • Maradino Plaza • John Eason • 674-9348 • From Hartford, take Rte 44 west to New Hartford. Ride starts from Maradino grocery store parking lot, across the street from Satan's Kingdom State Park. **Pizza follows.**

May 18 • South Windsor, St. Francis of Assisi Church • Joe Mangione and Angie Testa • 646-7505 • Rte 91 north or south to exit 35A, Rte 291. Take 291 to exit 4. At end of exit, go straight onto Rte 30/Ellington Rd. for 1.4 miles. Turn right onto Pleasant Valley Rd, right into back of lot of church. **Pizza follows.**

May 25 • Memorial Day • NO RIDE

June 1 • Berlin • 25 Webster Square Rd • Suburban Sports • Anne Alden • 828-3378 • Rte 9 South to exit 22, right off exit onto Mill St. right onto Webster Square Rd. Short, medium, long and "macho" rides. **Pizza follows.**

CT Race in the Park: www.ctrace.org (locate team MT Laurel Skiers from this site)



Saturday, May 9, Walnut Hill Park, New Britain. This is an initiative that aids CT women affected by breast cancer, and it has become a MTL tradition to host a team. Registration on-line ends May 3, so if you haven't already done so, join our team as a walker or make a pledge. I will be picking up bibs and T-shirts for our group the day before and will meet you by the sponsor's tent the morning of the walk. Plan to arrive early to secure parking and meet me to pick up your T-shirt and bib. We should group and be ready to walk by 11:00AM. There are free refreshments and giveaways from sponsors, but you must have your race bib to participate. The choices of either a 1 K or 4 K route is available for the walk. **I will have my cell phone on - 860-307-1682, Charlotte Le Clair, team captain. My home number is 860-293-4889 if you have questions before the event.**

Parking is available Courthouse Garage off Franklin Square, Chestnut Street Municipal Garage, and Washing/Columbus Blvd. Parking Garage. There are detailed directions on the website.



Kayaking • Save the Dates

May 28 • Intro Lesson at Collinsville Canoe and Kayak from 6-8pm. Fee is \$39 and must be paid prior to the lesson. Three people minimum - 6 people max. First come, first serve on sign-up! Send check made out to MTL to Fred Murray, 239 Meriden Ave., Southington, CT 06489 or see him at a meeting. Deadline for sign-up is May 20.

June 14 • Mystic River. Meet at 10:00am. Spray Skirt recommended. Directions in next month's newsletter.

June 21 • Camp Weekend in RI. Kayak with the campers in the vicinity of Portsmouth RI, maybe even Newport! Kayaking will begin after we break camp on Sunday.

July 19 • Bike Weekend in VT. Kayak in the Brattleboro area in VT on the CT river. Meet in Brattleboro at 11:00am.

August 16 • Great Island (mouth of the CT river) Old Lyme, CT. Meet at 10:00am. Spray skirt recommended.

September ? • Thimble Islands, date to be determined.

There will be a rescue lesson scheduled, probably in August, keep your eye on the newsletter for date & locale.

Bootleg Kayaking •



Bootleg Kayaking can occur any weekend that a member wishes to organize a trip. If you would like to lead a kayak trip on any Saturday or Sunday during June, July, August or early September, let Angie, Joe, Fred, or Irene know and an email will be sent out and/or an announcement will be made in the appropriate newsletter. An email list is kept of interested participants for bootleg trip. Contact either Joe Mangione, joemani@comcast.net or Fred Murray fred_g_murray@sbcglobal.net if you wish to be added to the list.

mt laurel skier's calendar

May Meetings ·
Whinstone Tavern
Stanley Golf Course
245 Hartford Road
New Britain CT



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
31	May 2009			1		2
						 Newport Cliff Walk (Hike)
3	4 Monday Night Bike Bristol	5	6 Bd & Reg Meeting Whinstone Tavern	7	8	9 Race in the Park (Hike)
10	11 Monday Night Bike New Hartford	12	13 Regular Meeting Whinstone Tavern	14	15	16 ANNUAL BANQUET
17 Sunday Hike Meriden	18 Monday Night Bike South Windsor	19	20 Regular Meeting News Deadline	21	22	23
24 Sunday Hike Mystery	25 NO RIDE Memorial Day	26	27 Regular Meeting	28 Intro to Kayaking	29	30

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- 02 Newport Cliff Walk (Hike)
- 04 Monday Bike, Bristol
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- 09 Race in the Park (Hike)
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- 13 8pm Meeting @ Whinstone Tavern
- 16 ANNUAL BANQUET
- 17 Sunday Hike, Meriden
- 18 Monday Bike, South Windsor
- 20 8pm Regular Meeting
- 24 Sunday Hike, Mystery
- 25 Monday Bike, NO RIDE
- 27 8pm Regular Meeting
- 28 Intro to Kayaking, Collinsville

June

- 01 Monday Bike, Berlin
- 03 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Whinstone Tavern
- 07 Sunday Hike
- 08 Monday Bike
- 10 NO MEETING
- 14 Sunday Hike or Kayaking
- 15 Monday Bike
- 17 8pm Regular Meeting
- 19-21 Camping Weekend, RI
- 21 Sunday Hike
- 22 Monday Bike
- 24 NO MEETING

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- Irene Murray
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- Angie Testa



MT. LAUREL SKIERS ANNUAL AWARDS AND OFFICERS BANQUET

SATURDAY MAY 16, 2009

WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109

6:30 PM Cocktails & Hor D'oeuvres

7:15 Dinner & Awards

9:00 to 11:30 Dancing with D.J.- Patti & Brad Adkins



Member Price \$35.00 Guest Price \$40.00

Dancing only (9:00) \$15.00

Dinner includes choice of:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Chicken Francaise

Stuffed Sole with crabmeat stuffing

Vegetarian Plate

Gluten Free Dinner

**Also including Hor D'oeuvres, Panna ala Vodka, Salad, Potato, Vegetable,
and Triamisu for Dessert**

Purchase tickets at club meetings or send check and a

SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE

to: Carol Rowan 218 Brian Lane Windsor, CT 06095

DEADLINE FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS - - FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

Name Dinner choice Member/Guest Price

Total _____

Make checks payable to MTL Skiers