

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

November 2008



## from the President . . .

It's TIME!!! Mt. Laurel presented our ski voucher purchase to the CSC this past week, and we purchased over \$50,000 in vouchers for the coming season! This is an increase of \$8,000 over the past season. Please take time to Thank Susan Forsdick and Gerti Laesser for the many hours that they put into this effort, and to Eric Ardolino for working with them both ensuring that the vouchers and money all added up correctly - a lot of work, and much appreciated!!!

Now we can concentrate on some place to stay while enjoying the use of those ski vouchers - YES - the Lodge vouchers are on sale now through the middle of December. Maureen Gaherty and the Lodge Committee have finished the Lodge event schedule, and by the time that you get this newsletter, it will be posted. Plan your purchases around the events that you want to attend - remember - first come, first served!!!

Lisa Durland is once again handling the reservations (Thank You, Lisa). Guidelines on the making of reservations is on the web site.

We all know that the Lodge is the heart and soul of the Club, so make every effort to support all of us by making use of it to really add to the value offered by the ski vouchers. Also, look to the web site to see if you can car pool with anyone going

at the same time that you are. What a great way to keep skiing affordable, and enjoy the company of friends at the same time.

Speaking of the company of friends, Wendy Fitzsimons hosted the Annual Cape Cod Weekend, featuring the greatest golfers in MTL (ESPN 9).

And, let's not forget the NYC bus trip run by Kate Robertson - everyone had a great time, and we remembered to bring everyone back.

Coming up is the CSC Snow Ball on November 22nd at the Crown Plaza in Southbury - Gerti Laesser is representing Mt. Laurel as our Ambassador, and is selling tickets to the Ball for \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door). Let's all come out and support the CSC (our source for ski vouchers).

Finally, Paula Felt has done a superb job of updating a written Roster for those who are interested. We will print these for you at a price of \$2.00 per Roster (proceeds to Mt. Laurel). Please let Paula know if you are interested.

Here's to a great season of skiing, snowshoeing, partying and just enjoying the many blessings that we lucky Mt. Laurel Members have!!!



**Jonathan**

## MTL Roster

The 2008-2009 Roster has gone to print ... they are available for \$2 per roster (prepaid) ... please place your order along with the \$2 fee with Betsy Gaudian, Terri Pappagallo, or Paula Felt. Corrections due to typo's should be sent to Paula Felt at ptfelt@aol.com. If you move, change your email address, phone number or name - this information should be sent to Kay Leatherman for updating the membership database. I would like to thank Betsy, Terri, Jonathan, Kay, and Patrick for their help in compiling the Roster and creating the cover design.

**Paula Felt**

## To All Prospective Members •



We will have an orientation meeting for all prospective members at 7pm on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. Please come to get your membership cards and to review important information about our club.

Our prospective member weekend at the Ski Lodge in Proctorsville will be the weekend of Dec. 12 - 14. It is also the Wassail Weekend which is a great time to visit Woodstock, VT and enjoy the beginning of the holiday season. Please make plans to join us at the lodge for a fun weekend.

## SAVE THE DATE • 10 December



Save the Date for the Holiday Party on December 10 from 7:30 to 10:30pm and the band is Family Connection. Donations for the Plainville Food Pantry can be either food, or money which can buy non-perishable food or fuel.

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## News From the Lodge •



The lodge committee has been hard at work, “brainstorming” for the coming season. Thanks to the committee members: Kathy Amenta, Lisa Durland, Charlie Luckhardt, Lana Parks, Ken Ryan, Barbara Wysocki and our Chairperson, Cathy DiMeola. If you have any suggestions as to what we can do to make your stay at the lodge more enjoyable (within reason of course), please contact any of the committee members.

Lodge vouchers for members are on sale through November 5th. Cost is \$45/weekend and \$15 mid-week. Without a voucher, it will cost a member \$65/weekend and \$22.50 mid-week. Mid-week family vouchers are \$200. Don't delay! See Kathy Amenta/Barbara Wysocki at Wednesday meetings. Lodge vouchers are available for prospective/regular club members only, and cannot be purchased for guests, are not transferable, and are non-refundable.

**Some other Tidbits** - Our landlord, Frank, has purchased a new, hi-tech TV for the living room. Thanks Frank!! • For security purposes, the entrance door combination will be periodically changed. • If you plan to come up mid-week, make sure that you contact Lisa. • If you are a weekend Inn-keeper, or have purchased anything for the lodge and are looking for reimbursement, you must first submit your receipts to me or Cathy DiMeola, within 30 days, in order to be reimbursed. • Expenses are very high and we need your help! We have already paid over \$6,000 for fuel for this coming season. Please think of the lodge as your home, and do what you can to keep costs down. Turn lights and TV off when you leave the room, lower thermostats. If you are not staying at the lodge, but stop in for a cup of Java or a bagel, we would appreciate it if you would drop a buck off in our kitty.

Enclosed is the preliminary schedule for the lodge (subject to revision). (**Schedule of events follows the last page of newsletter.**) We welcome your suggestions for weekend events.

**Always, Moe Gaherty, Your Lodge Manager**

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## Cheer •



Get well wishes go out to Phil Palermo who is doing well after surgery. Congratulations go out to two couples on their weddings in October; the marriage of Alison Reno to David Leeds and the wedding of Mandy Lavalley to Scott Weber. Best wishes from all Mt. Laurel Skiers. Please contact Milli Arnold, 860-871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com if you have any news about our members.

Thanks, **Milli**

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## Deadline for December 2008 • 19 November

The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 19 - 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

## Jay Peak • 8-13 Mar

We have 65 people signed up for the trip and even though our deposit deadline has passed, the mountain still has rooms available and this trip is still the best bargain around. Check out MTL website and see who is going. If you want to join us, contact Dave England at 860-614-1348 or Jenny Ebner, 860-402-6232 or email jennyebner@sbcglobal.net

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## Ski Vouchers •

Our check has gone to the CSC. Our vouchers for Okemo and all the other mountains are ordered for new and reorders. They should be in for mid-November. We will let you know when they arrive, hopefully with an order for lots of snow for the season.

Thanks, **Gerti and Susan**



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## Steamboat Spring '09

We are currently full with our air allocation of 67. All those attending should expect the final invoice in the mail shortly. Final payment is due the 15th of November.

We can try to accommodate any others interested in going and are willing to fly in and out of Denver on an as need basis (you go back to Denver with the group but take a shuttle from Denver and meet up with the group in Steamboat). Cost should be about the same or a little cheaper depending on the flights that you are on. We currently have one male who is looking for a roommate. Again the dates are 1/31/09 - 2/7/09.



Any questions, please call me at 203-265-9293. And, yes there is snow already on the ground in Steamboat.

**Eric Ardolino**

## MTL Skiers Fall Hike Schedule • November



Hike with fellow Mount Laurel members (guests are welcome, too!). Most hikes are of moderate length and difficulty, and begin at 12:30 on Sundays. Generally, they are followed by beer and pizza. Bring snacks, water, rain gear, and sturdy hiking shoes. Fall hiking is an excellent way to maintain your conditioning for skiing and requires very little equipment expense. This year the weather seems to be cooperating with our hike schedule; as we go to press, no hikes have been rained out!

**Nov 2 • Colchester • Day Pond State Park • Paula & Gary Felt (860-267-6084) •** Rte 2 East to exit 16. Right at end of ramp - South on Rte 149 to Congregational Church. Make a sharp right, turn into Day Pond State Park.

**Note: On 2 November we go back to Eastern Standard time!**

**Nov 9 • Middletown • Wadsworth Falls • Terry Pappagallo (860-635-1474) •** From the junction of Route 66 and Route 157 in Middletown, take Route 157 Southwest, following signs to Wadsworth State Park. You will reach the park entrance on your left in 1.6 miles. This is a very easy hike with a vertical rise of 200 feet and is approximately 3 miles long. Rain will cancel this hike.

**Nov 30 • Bolton • Valley Falls • Alexis Kuchel (860-432-0015) •** Take I-84 east to exit 66. At end of ramp take a left, then a right onto Bolton Rd. Continue on Bolton Rd to a right onto Bread and Milk Rd. At the end of the road take a left. Valley Falls Park is on the right for parking. Due to the shorter days this hike will start at 11:30am.

Jeanne Delehanty 860-651-3257, Rick Sullivan, 860-675-3403, Hiking Co-Chairpeople



## Fashion Show with Ski Gear by Alpine Haus • 12 November

Some lovely ladies, handsome males, and cute junior Mt. Laurel members will be modeling the latest in ski clothing provided by Alpine Haus on Wed. night, Nov 12 at Zabbara's. Join us for an enjoyable evening as we look at what the newest styles and colors will be on the slopes this winter. **If you'd like to model, please contact Charlotte LeClair, 860-283-4889 or Milli Arnold, 860-871-0484.**



## MTL Instruction Days •

Instruction Days: Jan 3; Feb 14; TBD, 2009

Lesson Time: 9:00 - 11:30am

Place: Okemo\*

**Club Discount Tickets:** Can not be purchased that day. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Susan Forsdick.

**Free Instruction:** All levels Nordic, 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 9am, so come early, take a few runs and meet me there at 9am. (I like to get a group picture.)

**Cross Country Skiers** meet at the MTL lodge.

**Contact: Anne Alden - email: Aalden30@netzero.com**

## FYI to ALL MEMBERS FROM KAY LEATHERMAN

The CAC 2008-2009 stickers for your membership cards will not be available until some time in November. I know you will have them before skiing begins, so please be patient.

I am also requesting that if you have any changes to your address/phone/e-mail, etc. that you please send them to me, [membership@mtlski.com](mailto:membership@mtlski.com) so I can update my membership database and then forward to those that need to update their information.



Kay Leatherman

# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30  Sunday Hike Bolton		<b>November 2008</b>				1
2  Sunday Hike Colchester	3	4	5 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	6	7	8
9  Sunday Hike Middletown	10	11	12 Regular Meeting	13	14	15  HIKE Heublein Tower
16	17	18	19 Regular Meeting News Deadline	20	21	22  SNOW BALL
23	24	25	26  NO MEETING Thanksgiving	27	28	29

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

## November

02 Sunday Hike - Colchester  
 05 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's  
 09 Sunday Hike - Middletown  
 12 Regular Meeting  
 15 Hike Heublein Tower  
 19 Regular Meeting, NEWS Deadline  
 22 SNOW BALL  
 26 NO Meeting (Thanksgiving)  
 30 Sunday Hike - Bolton

## December

01 LODGE OPENS!!!  
 03 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's  
 06-07 Wine Tasting Weekend at the Lodge  
 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY!  
 13-14 Wassail Weekend at the Lodge  
 17 Regular Meeting  
 24 NO MEETING  
 31 NO MEETING  
 31-04 New Year's Weekend at the Lodge



MTL LODGE ACTIVITIES 2008 - 2009



- Dec 05-06 Stacy and Ken's **Wine Tasting and Dinner** on Saturday Evening, ASIA courses Saturday and Sunday
- Dec 12-13 Prospective Members/**Wassail Weekend with Parade** on Saturday, (Bobby Darling's full band is playing at The Wobbly on Friday night!)
- Dec 19-20
- Dec 25 **Merry Christmas!** Mid-week prices are in effect. 
- Dec 26-27
- Dec 31 **New Year's Party**, Wednesday night, hosted by Kay Leatherman, \$25 for lodging; \$TBD for dinner. 
- Jan 02-03 **"Post" New Year's Party** on Saturday, Jan 3, hosted by Ron Scardacchi. Downhill instruction on Saturday.
- Jan 9-10 **Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**, Saturday evening
- Jan 16-18 **Martin Luther King/Family Weekend**
- Jan 23-24 **Murder Mystery "Murder at the Juice Bar,"** Saturday 

**Jan 31-Feb 7 - STEAMBOAT TRIP**

- 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

- Mar 06-08 **ON-SNOW CARNIVAL** at Okemo



**Mar 08-13 - JAY PEAK**

- Mar 13-14 **St. Patrick's Party**, Saturday
- Mar 21-22



- Apr 03-04
- Apr 10-11 **Easter Weekend** 
- Apr 17-18 **Pig Roast**, Saturday. **LODGE CLOSSES FOR THE SEASON!**

