

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

October 2008



from the President . . .

The Open House took place last night, and it serves as the perfect reminder of what a special thing we have at Mt Laurel Skiers.

From the vendors who came to support us, to the various stations describing the many activities that we have to offer, to the wonderful staff at Zabbara's, to the Club Members who came out in great numbers, we all worked to show the prospective Members who joined us how much Mt. Laurel has to offer!

A very special Thank You to Kay Leatherman and her Committee, who built on the past years' example set by Milli Arnold to make it a wonderful evening. Kay also worked with the vendors to provide many valuable raffle prizes. We signed up 12 new Members that night alone.

Since the Open House is also the unofficial opening of the new season, remember that Susan Forsdick (Okemo) and Gerti Laesser (all other mountains), our current Ambassador, have just until October 8th to get the ski voucher order together. We need to present the check for all of our voucher purchases at the October 14th Connecticut Ski Council meeting. Figure out your needs now, as this is supposed (Farmer's Almanac) to be one of the best ski seasons in years.

Also, be aware that the Lodge vouchers soon will soon go on sale as well. We will be publishing the calendar for the entire season in the coming weeks, so that you can figure

what you need to purchase.

The fall hiking season is in full stride under the fantastic leadership of Jeanne Delehanty and Rick Sullivan, with hikes planned for just about every Sunday through October and November. And Thanks again to them both for organizing the Fall Hike Weekend.

Don't forget the upcoming (October 18th) New York City bus trip. There are still seats available - see Kate Robertson ASAP to reserve yours!

We also have the annual Halloween party at Zabbara's on the 19th - Thanks in advance to Leslie Koonz, Cheryl Woodin, and Betsy Chase for serving as co-chairs for what will surely be a boo-tiful time!!!

Also coming up fast is the CT Ski Council Snow Ball, which will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Middlebury on November 22nd. Gerti is selling tickets for \$20.00 for the dance (they will be more at the door). We will be hosting a hospitality suite for the after dance party, so plan to attend and cheer Gerti on as our Ambassador.

So - enjoy this best of times to be in Connecticut - have a wonderful October!!!

Jonathan



MTL to NYC

At last count, there were 20 seats left for the bus to NYC on Sat., Oct. 18th. (But, hopefully I sold most of them at the Open House!) Contact me ASAP if you have friends who would like to join us. Here are the details...

Be at Zabbara's parking lot no later than **7:45am** for the prompt **8:00am** departure. We will depart from Cromwell at **8:15am**. There will be a coffee stop along the way. We will arrive in NYC around 10:40am. The driver will let people off at the Met, along 5th Avenue, Times Square...

You are on your own for the day. We will regroup in the theater district at a time agreed upon with the bus driver. Off to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner. We will leave NYC for home around 8:00pm.

\$36 per person (check made payable to MTL Ski Club) will pay for a seat on the bus to get there and back. This price also includes the tip for the driver.

Things I need to know: where you will get the bus (New Britain or Cromwell) and your cell phone number. I will have a card for you with my cell phone number.

Want to purchase tickets for a play? check out www.playbill.com or www.broadway.com.

Call me to see if there are any seats left or for details. See you Saturday, October 18 at 7:45 in New Britain (or later in Cromwell).

**Kate 860-344-1292 (home)
860-573-6654 (cell)**

Hike Heublein Tower on November 15 in memory of Pete Noyes ·

On November 10, 2006, we all lost a good friend when Newington Ski Club Member, Pete Noyes, passed away. Newington has invited MTL to please join them on Nov 15, 2008 to hike the Heublein Tower in Pete's memory. Joanie would like to thank all of their friends for their support, and in keeping Pete's passion for skiing alive.

News From the Lodge

It seems like we just put the skis away and closed the Lodge for the season! Well, think again! The Lodge will be opening for the 2008-2009 season in less than two months, as in "Think Snow"!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Lodge a success last year. We are in the planning stages of MTL Lodge Activities for the 2008-2009 season and welcome any and all suggestions for weekend activities. Consider planning a Friday night happy hour or Saturday night dinner. Use your imagination! We are looking for Club Members to step forward and take charge of "one," just one weekend's activities. This would enhance our activities and go a long way to involving club members with active participation and filling the lodge on weekends.

We are also compiling a list of individuals who are interested in being Inn-keepers. If you would like to be considered, please contact Moe Gaherty mgaherty@sbcglobal.net or Cathy DiMeola - CPROHRT@aol.com and indicate whether you have a specific weekend preference.

Lodge vouchers will go on sale on October 15 and will be available through December 10th. See Kathy Amenta/Barbara Wysocki at the Wednesday night meetings.

Back by popular demand, a raffle will be held for "A Bed for the Season." Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. Tickets will be on sale each Wednesday night until the drawing at the November 27th meeting. Good Luck!

Contact us if interested. Lodge Committee Members: Lodge Manager, Moe Gaherty; Lodge Reservations, Lisa Durland; Lodge Vouchers, Kathy Amenta/Barbara Wysocki; Lodge Committee Chair, Cathy DiMeola.

Deadline for November 2008 · 15 October

The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 15 - 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 are happy to tell you that we have filled our contract with Jay and Jay Peak has graciously offered us additional rooms which are not guaranteed. Therefore, if you want to join us, you better get your deposit in.

Checks are to be made out to Group Travel which is a bank account we have set up to be used for this ski trip only. It is a money in - money out account. Plus we photocopy every check. Anyone wishing to see the balance sheet or account records is welcome to do so.

This is a real vacation that is cheaper than staying at home. You eat, sleep, and play; you don't cook, do dishes or even make your bed.

For more information, call Dave England at 860-614-1348 OR Email Jenny Ebner at jennyebner@sbcglobal.net



Cheer

Congratulations are overdue to Jean Clark and John Menze on their marriage, August 9. More recently, Marge Freeland and Stan Wasel were married on 20 September. We wish both couples much happiness in the years ahead. MTL weddings continue through October so stayed tuned for the next installment of good news.

The medical report is that Lana Parks, who had knee surgery, is recovering well and will be racing down Okemo's slopes as soon as they open. If you have any news of our members, please call or contact Milli at milliarnold57142@aol.com or 871-0484 so that the Club can acknowledge them and send a card.

Thanks, Milli

MTL Skiers Fall Hike Schedule •



Hike with fellow Mount Laurel members (guests are welcome, too!). Most hikes are of moderate length and difficulty, and begin at 12:30 on Sunday. 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!

Oct 5 • Somers • Soapstone Mountain • Chuck Hannah (860-918-3399) and Cathy DiMeola (860-872-1894) •
From Rte 190 in Somers, 1.2 miles east of Rte 83, go southeast on Gulf Rd. In 1.8 miles, turn right (south) on Soapstone Rd. In .8 mile park at the Soapstone Mountain Parking lot. This hike is rated moderate to easy with one steep section at the beginning.

Oct 12 • NO HIKE SCHEDULED • Cape Golf Weekend •

Oct 19 • Windsor • Northwest Park • Gordon Gaulin (860-688-2934) • Take I-91 North to exit 38. Take a right onto Rte 75N (Poquonock Ave) for 1.4 miles, then take a left on Prospect Hill Rd. for 1.2 miles. Then, right on Lang Rd for .4 miles to parking lot entrance on left. Hike is moderately flat, rated CD. Fall foliage will be beautiful.

Oct 26 • 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. This time I guarantee I'll take the correct turn so we can get to the "Wall." The park has many picnic tables near the brook. The apres hike activity will be a picnic, bring your drinks and something to snack on.

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.

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.

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

Kayaking • 2008

Kayaking is officially over for the summer season, 'bootleg kayak' trips can still be arranged by email.










If you are not on the list, send your email address to Joe Mangione or Fred Murray.

Thanks to everyone who made this an enjoyable and Safe paddling season.

Your kayak co-chairs, Joe Mangione and Angie Testa and Fred and Irene Murray.



mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	October 2008		1 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	2	3	4
5  Sunday Hike Somers	6	7	8 Regular Meeting	9	10  Cape Golf Weekend	11
12  Golf Wknd cont. NO HIKE	13	14	15 Regular Meeting News Deadline	16	17	18  NYC Bus Trip
19  Sunday Hike Windsor	20	21	22 Regular Meeting	23	24	25
26  Sunday Hike Middletown	27	28	29  HALLOWEEN PARTY	30	31 	

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



October

- 01 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's
- 05 Sunday Hike - Somers
- 08 8pm Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's
- 09-12 Cape Golf Weekend
- 15 Reg Mtng @ Zabbara's, NEWS DEADLINE
- 18 NYC Bus Trip
- 19 Sunday Hike - Windsor
- 22 Regular Mtng
- 26 Sunday Hike - Middletown
- 29 HALLOWEEN PARTY @ Zabbara's

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
- 22 SNOW BALL
- 26 NO Meeting (Thanksgiving)



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