

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

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April 2007

## from the President . . .

Hello all - April, and Spring, are upon us, but there is still skiing left to be done! The mountains are still open as I write this, and will be until the weather changes, so take full advantage. If you cannot get out there in time to use your vouchers, please pay attention to the turn-in dates on the Mt Laurel website.

The lodge season is coming to an end as well, with the 'Spa' weekend, which will have taken place by the time that you read this, and the ever popular Pig Roast on the weekend of April 13-15 (the last weekend for our use of the Lodge). When you see Ken Ryan (Lodge Committee Chair), Moe Gaherty (Lodge Manager), or Lisa Durland (Lodge reservations), please take the time to thank them for the time and effort that they have put in to the Lodge in order to make it a very special season.

As one season ends, we look forward to the many activities of Spring and Summer. Monday Night Biking begins on April 30th, and continues for most Mondays through June. Thanks to Andy and Charlotte LeClair for continuing to coordinate these rides.

We will resume the Sunday Hiking season as soon as I have a volunteer to coordinate the dates and places (remember, Gordon Gaulin has 'retired' after his 18 year tenure as

Hiking Chairperson). I look forward to finding our new Hiking Chairperson soon.

The Wednesday Night Program continues, with the Board Meeting on April 4th, 'Lip Sync' on the 18th, and the Annual Meeting and Elections to be held on the 25th. There is a slate of candidates in this newsletter for your consideration, but Joe and Angie Mangione, and Penny Trick-Moore, our Nominating Committee, are still taking names of those interested. Please plan to attend and vote that evening. Upcoming programs for May include the Annual Fashion Show, and our Appreciation Dinner for the staff of Zabbara's.

DO NOT MISS the 61st Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 19th. It is being held at the Wethersfield Country club (same as last year), and it will be an evening of honoring our racers, installing the newly elected Officers and Board, Dining, Mixing, and Dancing. Please reserve the date with Sharon Houck and her Committee as soon as you can.

As I complete the second full year as your President, I want to thank all of you for the Mt Laurel experience. You are a special Club, and wonderful individuals. I just hope that you all are having as much fun as I am! As always, the best is yet to come!!!

**Jonathan Houck**



## Lip Sync • 18 April



The Lip Sync Contest for this year, on April 18th, is shaping up nicely. What we need now is attendance. Ask your family, your friends, and anyone else you know. It will be lots of fun. There will be lots of jokes (all new ones).

See you on the 18th!

**John Ewen**



## Kayaking Time!

It's time to start thinking about kayaking. To get you in the right frame of mind, we will have a guest speaker from Collinsville Canoe & Kayak at the May 2 meeting to talk about kayaks, equipment safety, and to answer your kayaking questions. Other kayaking events to look for this year:

**Late May/Early June** -  
lesson at a local lake

**Late June** -  
Mansfield Hollow Paddle

**July** - VT Paddle (bike weekend)

**August** - CT Paddle

**Fred Murray**



## Important Numbers •

**Membership • Kay Leatherman**  
203-879-7722

**Monday Night Bike •**  
Andy LeClair • 860-283-4889

**Lodge Manager • Moe Gaherty**  
860-632-0179

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Mt Laurel website • [www.mtlski.com](http://www.mtlski.com)  
CT Ski Council website • [www.skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com)

## News from the Lodge ·

Can you believe it? We finally get a dumping of snow and it's time to close the lodge? Mother Nature was not too cooperative this winter. The entire ski industry suffered a 40% hit, and unfortunately, the lodge was no exception. In spite of the weather, we had several fun weekend events, with the most popular event still to come!

Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, April 14. If you have never experienced Pig Roast, you don't know what you are missing! Blues Brothers, Babes and (hopefully) Elvis will make an appearance. There is always a waiting list for this weekend but don't let that stop you from adding your name to the list - there are always last minute cancellations. (Note to anyone who has signed up but has a change of plans, PLEASE let Lisa know if you will not be attending so that someone on the waiting list can use your bed.) If you are planning to come just for the party, RSVP our host, Jack Uhrynowski, 203-386-3510.



The Lodge will be closing for the season on Sunday, April 15. See you on the slopes next year. Meanwhile, get your summer toys out of storage.

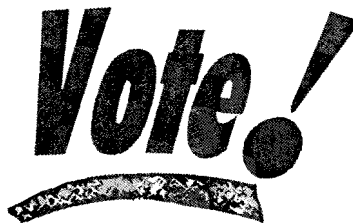
**Maureen Gaherty • Lodge Manager**

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## Slate of Candidates ·

The candidates for Officer and Board of Directors are as follows:

<b>President:</b>	Jonathan Houck
<b>Vice President:</b>	Kay Leatherman
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eric Ardolino
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jenny Ebner
<b>Asst Sec/Treas:</b>	Kathy Culhane
<b>Board of Directors:</b>	Hank Berger
	Alison Reno
	Cheryl Woodin



The elections will be held on April 25th. Nominations can also be made from the floor that night.

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## Deadline for May 2007 • 18 April • Third Wednesday •

April 18 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the May 2007 newsletter. All information should be to **Jonathan Houck** by that date.

If you do not see Jonathan at a meeting, please mail to:

**6 Promontory Drive • Cheshire CT 06410**

**or email [president@mtlski.com](mailto:president@mtlski.com)**

**h 203-272-0560**

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## Camping Weekend • 15-17 June



We're Going Camping Again. Join us for a fun weekend at Melville Pond Campground, Portsmouth RI, June 15-17 2007. We have reserved the same large open area as last year, which will accommodate approximately 40 people. The fee is \$10, non-refundable, per person. Make checks payable to Joe Mangione. Get your group together and see Joe to choose a spot to pitch your tent. If you have a pop-up camper, you can make reservations directly with the campground (\$30/night including water & elec) by calling 401-682-2424 from 9am to 8pm. Things to do include: biking from Bristol to E. Providence (bike path), Newport and Fort Adams; golf, visits to wineries, shopping, partying. Directions from Rt. 114 to campground will be provided when you sign up with Joe.

**If you have questions, or would like to sign up, call Joe Mangione at 860-646-7505.**



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## Davos 2007...

The ski trip is over and the skiing was fantastic. We had 67 people come with us. None were disappointed with the hotel or the skiing. As always, we will have our picture party in May. We are considering Snowmass for next year on February 2nd. Please advise your feeling about this to me. I can be reached at 203-265-9293 or email [eric@astravelcenter.com](mailto:eric@astravelcenter.com). Thanks again for being such a great group and I look forward to next year.

**Eric C. Ardolino**

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## 2006 - 2007 Ticket Voucher Return Information ·

The ticket voucher committees hope is that everyone had a wonderful skiing season ... and will enjoy the April skiing where available. While the ticket vouchers indicate that the season ends on March 31, most ski areas will remain open and honor ticket vouchers while there is still now ... check their individual websites.

Those of you that will have unused 2006-2007 ticket vouchers purchased from MTL Ski Club will have until April 30, 2007 to return ticket vouchers to the Club's ticket voucher committee, in order to receive possible credit for the 2007-2008 skiing season. As stated on our website, Pico returns had to be done prior to March 30.

Susan, Elizabeth, or Wayne will be at club meetings until 8pm through April 25th to receive returned ticket vouchers. If you cannot make it to a meeting, you may mail your vouchers to the appropriate individual. All envelopes must be postmarked by April 28th. In order to receive a receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope:

**For Okemo Mountain to:** Susan Forsdick, 31 DaCosta Drive, Newington, CT 06111

**For Other Mountains to:** Elizabeth Hook, 18 Lebanon Road, North Franklin, CT 06254

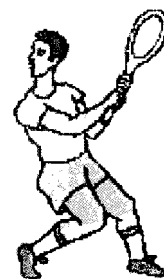
We thank everyone for their anticipated cooperation.

Susan, Elizabeth, and Wayne

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## Summer Tennis · 5 June to 28 August

Do you like to smack balls? Well, join us playing indoor tennis during the summer at the Tennis Center, 60 Prospect Street, Newington. We play Tuesdays, June 5 to August 28, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Thirteen weeks indoors rain or shine. And, for a price of only \$131.00. All levels of play are welcome. Seven pizza nights are included in the above cost. Also, balls are provided each night. It is great fun and you can't beat the price. Sign ups for Summer Tennis are on a first come/first serve basis with only 24 slots available. Friends of members are welcome to participate. We are also looking for people willing to sub.



Make checks for Summer Tennis payable to Claire O'Connor. Sign up at meetings on Wednesday nights, or mail your check to me at 10 Westfield Road, West Hartford, CT 06119-1533.

Claire O'Connor

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## Cheer · · ·

Mountain Laurel sends good wishes to several members who have suffered setbacks. Hersch Klein was in Hartford Hospital recently and we hope he is doing well. Terri Tabshey had a short hospital stay and is recovering at home. Get well to Walter Chieffo, who also spent some time in the hospital in Florida recently and is back home. Please keep Lucille Struwas in your thoughts and prayers as she struggles through a long illness. There is sad news as we send our condolences to Lynn Vance on the loss of her grandson, to Rosalie Strano on the loss of her mother, and to Emil Demikat on the death of his mother.

News from the Club Trip at Davos, Switzerland: Perry Silansky had a heart attack but after 4 stents, an airlift to Chur, and a few days in hospital, he was able to fly back with the group on the 17th; Patty Ardolino, using her nursing skills, helped Perry but then got sick herself, and was forced to stay in Davos an extra day after being admitted to the hospital there. Phil Roberts was extremely sick with a severe virus and other new members, Greg Pollock and Chip Laput were laid low with similar symptoms. And, Eric Ardolino came back without a voice or his skis. When's the next trip???

Ski related injuries: Pat Moore broke some ribs forerunning the Nastar course at Okemo and Rob Dexter suffered the same injury while skiing some moguls.

**Congratulations and best wishes to Jean Clark and John Menze who were engaged on the Jay Peak trip.**



**If you have any news for Cheer, please contact Milli Arnold, 860-871-0484.**

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# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Board Regular Meeting			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Regular Meeting		Pig Roast Weekend @ The Lodge	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pig Roast Weekend @ The Lodge			Lip Sync Contest News Deadline			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Annual Meeting/ Officer Elections			
29	30					

Monday  
Night Biking  
Begins!!!

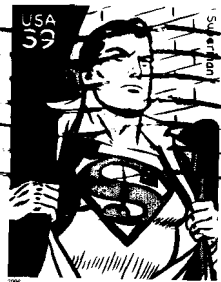


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- Treasurer • Eric Ardolino • [treasurer@mtlski.com](mailto:treasurer@mtlski.com)
- Asst Sec/Trea • Tina Oswald
- Past President • Tom Knudsen

CSC Ambassador • Kay Leatherman

## Board Members • [Board@MtlSki.com](mailto:Board@MtlSki.com)

- Aletta Chamberland
- Jeanne Clark
- Russ Pacino
- Phil Palermo
- Stan Wasel

PATRICK & PENNY TRICK MOORE  
122 HUNTERS LANE  
NEWINGTON CT 06111



April Meetings •  
Zabbara's Restaurant  
Stanley Golf Course  
245 Hartford Road  
New Britain CT  
Wednesdays, 8:00pm

Save These Dates

## April

- 04 Board of Director's Meeting @ 6:30
- Regular Meeting @ 8:00
- 11 Regular Meeting @ 8:00
- 13-15 Pig Roast Weekend
- 18 Lip Sync Contest!!!  
News Deadline
- 25 Annual Meeting/Election of  
Board and Officers @ 8:00
- 30 Monday Night Biking begins

## May

- 02 Board of Director's Meeting @ 6:30
- Regular Meeting @ 8:00