

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

April 2006



from the President . . .

Holy Cow!!! Winter is almost over! What happened?

Well - plenty!!! Despite less than perfect conditions, MTL Skiers had another fantastic season - the Lodge was used more than the past several years, and plenty of skiing/snowboarding/snow shoeing, partying, etc. were to be had.

Once again (five years in a row) we were the overall winner of the On Snow winter carnival held this year at Sugarbush ski area. We were well represented in all categories, and on a VERY wintry weekend had a great time! The Connecticut Ski Council did a great job, and there was a fabulous dinner and party on Saturday night. Pat Moore once again did a stellar job as our Race Chairman.

There is still time to get some skiing in, so use those vouchers! Also, keep an eye to the newsletter and web site for tickets that may come up for sale.

The Eastern Ski Trip was once again enjoyed by all who attended, and Dave England and Jenny Ebner are to be congratulated for the work that they did in getting the details worked out. What a great value for those who take advantage of this trip.

The St. Patti's Day dinner was held; (Thanks Janice Bacon and her committee, as well as the staff at Zabbara's), for making this such a wonderful (and delicious) time. The Murder Mystery Weekend was March 17-19 (Thanks MO!), and the

Cruise Presentation was on March 29th (Thanks Eric).

There is a lot of activity coming up, including the 'Pig Roast' weekend on April 7-9 (Thanks Jack and Dan!!), the Lip Sync on April 12th (Thanks John), Sunday Hikes start this month (Thanks Gordon), and Monday Night Biking will be starting soon.

The Annual Meeting is set for April 19th, at which time we will be choosing the Officers and elected Board Members for the coming year. Penny Trick and her Nominating Committee are seeking candidates for all Offices, so if you are interested, and have been a Member in good standing for at least a year, throw your hat into the ring! It is a great way to serve the Club.

Most important of all - MTL's 60th (can you believe it) Banquet at the Wethersfield Country Club is April 29th. We are all wearing our 60th Anniversary shirts at the April 22nd meeting, and Karen Grossman and her Committee are actively selling tickets - don't wait until the last minute, as seating is limited.

Jonathan Houck



Thanks •

Many thanks for all the nice cards and kind words sent to me, after the death of my wife, by all the wonderful MTL Ski Club members and friends.

Tony M.

Hey boys & girls,
What time is it?
No, it's not
Howdy Doody Time!
It's The 13th Annual
MTL Pig Roast in
Vermont Time
April 7 & 8, 2006.



Lip Sync Contest 12 April •



The date, as you all know, is April 12th. We are going to have a wonderful group of acts and hope you will all come and bring your friends and families.

As usual, between the acts you are going to hear a lot of funny jokes. Here's one of them. The fellow says, "My wife says I'm nosey ... at least that's what she wrote in her diary."

See you on the twelfth.



John Ewen

Important Numbers •

Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin
860-688-2934

Membership • Alison Reno
860-977-2142

Lodge Manager • Ray Taksar
860-647-9168

Lodge Reservations •
Lisa Durland • 860-533-1981

Lodge • 802-226-7010

Other than Okemo Tickets...

DEADLINE APRIL 26, 2006. Check those pockets, drawers, etc. and find all those unused vouchers for Killington, Pico, Mt. Snow, Stratton, Sugarbush, Bromley, Ascutney and send or give to me along with the return form. Remember, not all vouchers will be honored by some ski areas. **VOUCHERS CAN STILL BE USED UNTIL SKI AREA CLOSES.** Forms can be found on MTL website.

Eila McCloskey, 54 Wayne Lane, Meriden CT 06450-4752

Lodge News ... from Ray Taksar

Happy Spring! Ya, it's April already and there are just two weeks left. The last day the Lodge is open is April 15th. How about a nice spring snow storm? Say about 18 inches. The Pig Roast will just about finish out the Lodge season on 7 & 8 April. Now it's time to take out the warm weather toys. Clean up the 9 iron and sort out the balls. Monday Bike Rides start in 4 weeks. Are you and your bike ready?

Now this from the misinformation files. "The Lodge Manager stays at the Lodge for Free." The Lodge Manager (that's me) does not stay free and nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, I spend lots of \$\$\$ for weekends and midweek stays. OK, that takes care of that!

A very big thanks to all of you who helped the Innkeepers and myself with Lodge chores this season and a special thanks to Lisa for all the time she spends 7 days a week taking care of the reservations. Also, thanks to those who made hot breakfast for all of us. Well, time to hop on the bicycle. **Best to All ... Ray**

Sunday Hikes...

Hike with fellow MTL members on Sundays beginning April thru June. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty, and begin at 12:30pm followed by beer and pizza, after, of course. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and sturdy hiking shoes. I am looking for leaders to help me in leading hikes this spring. For more info call individual hike leader or Gordon Gaulin 860-688-2934.

02 April - NO Hike • 09 April - NO Hike - Pig Roast in Vermont

16 April - NO Hike - Easter

23 April - Bolton - Valley Falls - Alexis Kuchel - 860-432-0015

Take CT 84 East to exit 66. At end of exit take a left. Take a right onto Bolton Rd., then take a right onto Bread & Milk Rd. At the end of the road take a left. Valley Falls Park is on the right for parking.

30 April - Granby - McClean's Game Refuge - Gordon Gaulin - 860-688-2934 Take I 91 North to exit 40, Rt 20. Take the Rt. 20 (Old Newgate Prison) exit. Continue on Rt 20 until you reach Rt 10/202 in Granby. Take a left and go approx 1/2 mile. Parking lot for McClean's is on the right, additional parking is available across the street. **Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman**

Deadline for May 2006 • 19 April • Third Wednesday •

April 19 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the May 2006 newsletter. All information should be to **Kathy Augustyn** by that date.

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

17 Rising Trail Drive • Middletown CT 06457

or email kathleen.augustyn@inginvestment.com

or fax: 860-275-2845 • h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389

Jay Peak - A Success second year in a row •

This year's trip to Jay Peak was better than ever. Everyone expressed having a great time, and a desire to return next year. Jenny and I would like to thank everyone who joined us and helped to make the trip what it was. The surprise appearance of Sonny and Cher helped to make Karaoke night a real winner with everyone participating. The weather was terrific. The ski conditions were excellent (some said "better than Telluride"). Jay Peak is Colorado in the East. Jenny and I would also like to thank everyone for the generous and unexpected gift both last year and this.

We missed Steve and Lucy and our prayers are with Lucy for a speedy and complete recovery.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Jay, March 4-9 2007.

Dave England & Jenny Ebner

We're Going Camping Again • 16-18 June

Please join us for a fun weekend at Melville Pond Campground, Portsmouth, RI, 16-18 June 2006. We have reserved the same large open areas as last year which will accommodate approximately 40 people. \$10 Non-Refundable deposit for each person required, payable to Joe Mangione. Also, see Joe to choose a spot to pitch your tent. Pop-up campers need to make reservations at the campground by calling 401-682-2424 from 9am to 8pm. They will pay their own per night fee. 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. Two and 1/2 hour drive (approx.) Questions, call Jean Leonard 860-872-6740. Sign up and pay \$10, Joe Mangione 860-646-7505.

60th Anniversary & Awards Banquet •

The 60th Anniversary Officers and Awards Banquet will be held **Saturday, April 29** at Wethersfield Country Club. Cocktails at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:15, followed by dancing to the "Family Connection."

Tickets are on Sale now for \$45/ Dinner, Guest/\$50, and Dance only/\$15. Tickets can be purchased at any Meeting or by sending a check, payable to MTL Skiers, and a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Carol Rowan, 13 Hartford Ave., Enfield CT 06082.

As promised, we have some fabulous raffle prizes that evening, including Volk1 Skis and bindings; 2 night stay at the Echo Lake Inn in Vermont, deluxe Jacuzzi suite, includes breakfast; \$50 gift certificates to Newington Bike Shop, Carbone's Restaurant, and much much more. Check out the list of Raffle Prizes on the MTL website.

For details, download the Banquet flyer from the MTL website. Deadline for purchase of Tickets is Wednesday April 19.

The next Committee Meeting is Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30pm.

All volunteers welcome.

Karen B. Grossman
860-217-0533

Okemo Tickets •

The final return date for Okemo tickets is Wednesday, April 26. Please use the form in this newsletter and mail or see me at that meeting.

Thanks, **Susan Forsdick**

Cheer •

Our sympathies to Judy Soule in the loss of her mother and to Tony Mirabelli in the loss of his wife, both last month. Wishing Lucy Kempe a speedy recovery.

Thanks, **Susan Forsdick**

Save the Date - November 5-12, 2006 • Mt Laurel 60th Anniversary Cruise



Join in the fun with MTL Skiers and A & S Travel, as we celebrate our Club's 60th Anniversary in grand style sailing on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Freedom of the Seas." With a debut in June 2006, the "Freedom of the Seas" will be the largest cruise ship afloat with all the amenities PLUS!

Depart Miami on Sunday, November 5 and cruise the Western Caribbean with ports of call at Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, and Royal Caribbean's very own beach stop of Labadee. Option to fly to Miami on Saturday for dinner and cocktails in South Beach!!!

Join the 65+ MTL Members who have already booked for our 60th Anniversary Cruise. Prices range from \$799.00 for an inside room to \$1099.00 for outside balcony rooms, based on double occupancy. Third and 4th person in room is \$509.00 each. Prices include 2 private cocktail parties and port taxes. Federal taxes and gratuities are extra. Cabin availability - 6 Balcony rooms left with one that will accommodate up to 4 people, and 4 inside cabins.

Contact Eric Ardolino 203-265-9293 or Karen Grossman 860-217-0533.

2005 Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladder Tournaments •

Thanks to everyone who played in the tennis ladders this year. Although we have a small group, the matches were very competitive. Half of the matches went three sets and several tie breakers were played. Rob Dexter is our 2005 singles champion and Rich Meinzer is the singles finalist. The 2005 mixed doubles champions are Rob and Claire Dexter; the finalists are Lloyd Frauenglass and Gloria Parent. Tournament results are shown below:

Semifinal Singles Matches:

1. Rob Dexter def. 5. Monica Meinzer 6-0, 6-1
4. Rich Meinzer def. 2. Lloyd Frauenglass 6-7 (8-10), 6-1, 6-2

Final Singles Match:

Rob Dexter def. Rich Meinzer 6-4, 6-2

Semifinal Mixed Doubles Matches:

1. Rob/Claire Dexter def. 5. Rich/Monica Meinzer 6-1, 6-3
2. Lloyd Frauenglass/Gloria Parent def. 4. Dave Spear/Margaret Kehoe 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

Final Mixed Doubles Match:

Rob/Claire Dexter def. Lloyd Frauenglass/Gloria Parent 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3

Submitted by Dave Spear

CT Walk in the Park •

This year's event is in support of Lucy Kempe.

When? May 13, 2006

Where? Walnut Hill Park

Why? Breast cancer affects all of us. MTL has many survivors in our midst.

How? Register at info@ctrace.org with the MTL Skiers.

Registration is \$20.

Support our team by making pledges as well.

See your team leaders at meetings or email us.

Karen Grossman and Charlotte LeClair

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30 Sunday Hike Granby	April 2006					1
2 NO HIKE	3	4	5 Board & Regular Meeting	6	7 Pig Roast Weekend in VT	8
9 NO HIKE Pig Roast Weekend in VT	10	11	12 Lip Sync	13	14	15 Last Day Lodge is Open
16 NO HIKE Easter	17	18	19 Annual Meeting News Deadline	20	21	22
23 Sunday Hike Bolton	24	25	26 Regular Meeting Return Tickets	27	28	29 60th Anniversary Banquet & Awards Presentation

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

Save These Dates

April

- 02 NO HIKE
- 05 Board Meeting 6:30pm,
Regular Meeting 8:00pm
- 07-09 MTL Pig Roast in Vermont
- 09 NO HIKE - Pig Roast
- 12 Lip Sync Contest
- 15 Last Day Lodge is Open
- 16 NO HIKE - Easter
- 19 Annual Meeting - election
of Officers and Board
News Deadline
- 23 Sunday Hike - Bolton
- 26 Regular meeting
Return Date of Tickets -
Okemo & Other than Okemo
- 29 60th Anniversary Banquet
and Awards Presentation
- 30 Sunday Hike - Granby

May

- 13 CT Walk in the Park



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2005 - 2006 Officers

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**Okemo Discount Ticket Returns
Deadline April 26, 2006**

Return your unused 2005-06 Okemo Ski Lift Tickets for credit toward the 2006-07 ski season. Please get them with this completed form to:

**Susan Forsdick
31 DaCosta Drive
Newington, CT 06111**

Okemo tickets for the new season will be issued in the fall of 2006 ---- additional charge will be collected at that time.

Remember if your 2005-06 tickets have not been picked up or the difference paid by now, they automatically become the property of MT Laurel Skiers, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Ticket official **numbers** (not amount)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Cut here for receipt

Name _____ Date _____

Number of tickets returned _____

Signed by Susan Forsdick or John Pappalardo _____