

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

April 2008



from the President . . .

Mt. Laurel is finishing the Winter Season with a real flair!

Not only did we finish first in the CSC Monday Night Racing series, but, under the leadership of Race Captain Pat Moore, and the inspiring work of Rob and Claire Dexter, and Penny Trick, we won the On Snow Winter Carnival competition as well!!! Congratulations to all who came out to participate in these events.

Speaking of Pat, he recently came back from the National NASTAR races held at Steamboat with 2 first place finishes (skiing and snowboarding). This is the first time EVER, for any age group, that an individual has accomplished that feat.

The Lodge season is fast coming to a close, with the most recent event the St. Patty's Day weekend. Many Thanks to Kathy DiMeola and Chuck Hanna and those who helped with the wonderful meals that were enjoyed by all lucky enough to be Irish and at the Lodge. The Spa weekend is coming up for the first weekend in April, and we finish the season with the Pig Roast April 12th and 13th.

The Lodge Lease Committee is currently negotiating the next lease, so if you have suggestions for us to consider for the 2008-09 season, please let me know.

The Jay Peak (drive) trip has taken place, and the 87 people who were fortunate enough to go had a great time. Dave England and Jenny Ebner did their usual fabulous job. Thank you

both for the hard work and many hours that you both put in. There is already talk of another Jay Peak excursion for '09.

Eric's trip planning is already in the works for next season, so please give feedback to him as to where and when you want to be on the 'fly' trip. The Board needs to approve both the trips early, so that we can give the specifics on location, cost, etc.

A special Thank You to Kay Leatherman and Mandy Lavallee and their Committee for the wonderful St. Patty's Day Dinner on March 12th.

Finally, the Annual Meeting and Officer/Board elections will be held on Wednesday, April 16th. We have delayed the on-line newsletter one month, so that everyone gets this issue in the mail. The slate of Candidates is presented in this issue as required. However, nominations can be made from the floor that night, so if you want to join us on the Board, please let us know.

Jonathan

Hey Yakkers •

It's time to start thinking about getting your paddle wet! We're busy making plans to get you out on the water (and bring you back too). Here's our tentative schedule so far. More details to come in May. And remember, you never have to scrape ice off your car to go kayaking.

May - Intro lesson at Collinsville Canoe & Kayak (cont to pg 2)



LIP SYNC SHOW •



April 23 is the date this year. It is shaping up nicely and I know you are all going to enjoy it. Plus, there are loads of jokes! Now we need a big audience. Spread the word to family, friends, and acquaintances. They will love it. See you on the 23rd.



John Ewen

Lodge News •

We have two final events coming up: the Spa Weekend, April 4-6 and Pig Roast, April 11-13. Spa weekend activities include skiing and/or snowshoeing, chick flicks, facials, exercises, games, etc. The highlight of the weekend will be yours truly's kick-it-up-a-notch-and-burn-the-lodge-down nachos, combined with a blind box wine-tasting and dinner Saturday night. There will be a nominal charge for the wine-tasting and dinner. Are there any guys out there that want to prepare dinner for us? Men are, of course, included in this weekend, as long as you're willing to wait on us!

The lodge closes with the highlight event of the season, our annual Pig Roast, hosted by Chef Jack Uhrynowski. Don't forget to bring all of your "pig wear" and pig accessories. If you are not staying at the lodge but plan to join in on the fun, please contact Jack at least a week in advance, so that he can plan accordingly.

Thanks everyone who has worked so hard to make the lodge a success!

Cheer •



A lot of good things to report. Charlie Luckhardt is the proud grandfather of a baby boy and Andy and Charlotte Le Clair recently welcomed a new grandson into their family. Everyone was very happy to see Harry Fisher, Effie Economou, and Wendy Fitzsimons at the Saint Patty's Day dinner and Anne Alden at Jay Peak. All four looked great and are on the mend. Also mending are Lindsey Dandeneau who had surgery on her knee; Milli Arnold who has a broken wrist after being hit by a familiar club member while skiing in the woods at Jay; and Aletta Chamberland who cracked some ribs skiing fast at Okemo.

If you have any news of our members, please contact Milli at 860-871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com.

Club Race Results •

Club Race 2008 at Magic Mountain was a glorious day of sunshine and competition. Congratulations to Ladie's champion Marguerite Meinzer, Men's champion Chip Simplicio, and Junior champions Sean Dexter and Taylor Jones. Plan to visit our new friends at Magic Mountain and enjoy a day of classic New England skiing.

Submitted by Tom Knudsen

MTL Hiking •

This month we say good-bye to ski season, put away our skis and snowshoes, get out our hiking boots. We need to continue to give those quads work to be ready for next winter! All hikes begin at 12:30pm Sunday afternoons. Most hikes are of moderate difficulty; we hike at a moderate pace which allows plenty of socializing. Prospective members, hiking is an excellent way to get to know more members. Bring water & snacks. We recommend hiking boots for most trails as the paths are often uneven. We're open to new ideas about where to hike and we're always looking for hike leaders.

We have one hike scheduled for April. Watch the calendar and the Web Site for new hikes. Our objective is to have a hike scheduled for most Sundays in May and June, as well as the last two in April.

April 20 • Indian Council Caves • Barkhamsted • Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403, 860-324-4952 cell) From intersection of Rt 219 and 318, near Barkhamsted Reservoir Dam, proceed east on Rt 219 for 1.7 miles to small parking lot on right, about 100 feet west of intersection of 219 and Hillcrest Rd. This hike is rated moderate difficulty. AMC's CT Day Hikes book describes this hike: "... arguably the most attractive length of trail in the state.... boulders and outcrops, open hardwood forest, mountain laurel thickets ... historic boulder cave..."

Jeanne Delehanty & Rick Sullivan, Hiking Co-Chairman

Deadline for May 2008 • 16 April

The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 16 - Third Wednesday.

There is a New Newsletter Editor ... Irene Murray
Please email news items to: irene_murray@sbcglobal.net
or fax 860-644-3951 if you do not see Irene at a meeting.



Cross Country Racing

Thank you to all of the members who participated in the club, state On-Snow Cross Country Race at Okemo Valley on March 2, 2008.

Congratulations to Rob Dexter and Trish Malloy who took first place. Second place went to Bill Balocki and Liz Hook; third place went to Steve Malloy and Cathy DiMeola. Thanks again to everyone who raced or helped (Jonathan, our President assisted me with timekeeping duties).

Penny Trick

European Cruise 2008 •

The ship is the Voyager of the Seas. We will be leaving on September 11th and returning on September 20th. Ports include: Nice, France: Verona, Rome, Naples, and Palermo, Italy. The rate for the cruise portion starts at \$999.00 per person. I will be releasing space back to the cruise line at the end of April as the ship is filling. Our rates for the cruise and the airfare are about 30 percent below than the current rate (the \$999 rate is currently selling for \$1379). Do not hesitate as we will lose these rates at the end of April. Any Questions, please call me or email ASAP, there are currently 8 cabins left.

Eric Ardolino

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Yackers continued •

June	Camping trip near Newport RI Rescue lesson at Collinsville Canoe & Kayak
July	Bike weekend in VT (CT River) Great Island, Lyme CT
August	Mystic River, Mystic CT
Sept	Thimble Islands, Branford CT

**Joe Mangione, Angie Testa, Fred Murray,
Irene Murray, Kayaking Chairs**



April 2008 • Slate of Officers for the Coming Year

**President - Jonathan Houck • Vice President - Kay Leatherman • Secretary - Mandy Lavalee
Treasurer - Eric Ardolino • Asst Sec/Treas - Cathy Culhane**

Board of Directors Nominees: Two are needed for a two year term. Going off the board are Fred Murray and Phil Palermo. Nominees for the Board are as follows: Ellen Gilbert, Irene Murray, Fred Murray, Rick Sullivan, and Angie Testa. Members may submit other names for nomination for any office when elections are held on April 16.

Okemo Discount Tickets • return May

Please be reminded that vouchers you haven't used need to be returned to me in May. I will return them to the mountain and get you new ones for next year. Thanks for your cooperation. I hope you had a great season. **Susan Forsdick**

MTL Banquet Time is Here • 17 May • Come One, Come All...

The Annual Banquet will be taking place on Saturday, May 17 at the Wethersfield Country Club (same place as last year). Hors D'Oeuvres will be served starting at 6:30pm; dinner at 7:15pm. Since last year's food selection got rave reviews, we will be having the same menu: Chicken Picata, Baked Stuffed Shrimp with crabmeat stuffing and Prime Rib (a gluten free selection is included).

The band this year will be 'Crisis', formerly 'Mid-Life Crisis.' The price, believe it or not, has been reduced to \$35 per person and there will be a cash bar. Tickets will be going on sale on Wednesday April 2. Carol Rowan will be accepting mail-in orders. Anyone interested in donating a raffle item or making a basket, please contact Aletta Chamberland at (860) 747-3523. **Questions, contact Sharon Houck at (203) 272-0560**

Connecticut Race in the Park

CT Race in the Park will be held on Sat., May 10 in Walnut Hill Park at 10am. You can register online @ www.ctraceinthepark.org until 4 May midnight or see Barbara Wysocki team captain for an application @ meetings. If online, be sure to register under our team name Mt. Laurel Skiers. I must get all paper registration applications in by 21 April. T-shirts will be picked up on 5 May and distributed at the 7 May meeting. Please make every effort to attend the meeting. On race day, look for me in the area of tents @ 8am. If you cannot walk that day, but want to make a pledge, contact Barbara Wysocki @ 860-563-9066. This is a 4K walk/run to raise money for breast cancer. Let's have a large turnout this year. **Barbara Wysocki**

Monday Night Biking ... begins the first Monday in May

There's still plenty of snow in Vermont, but here in CT, it's almost biking season. Monday night rides begin the first Monday in May and continue throughout the summer. Many of our rides are jointly sponsored by MTL and our NSC friends. All rides are marked and maps are provided. There are usually three routes - short, medium, and long. It is mandatory that riders wear helmets, and sign in/out so the ride leader can keep track of those who participate. Rides begin at 6:00 PM each Monday but you should try to arrive before that to prepare your bike and find buddies to ride with.

If you have never participated, please come and enjoy this activity. Pizza or a picnic follows each ride, with the cost set by the ride leader. Even if you don't ride, many members come to support the leaders and socialize.

May 5 - Bristol, St. Gregory Church - Joint ride with NSC, pizza follows. Leaders - Andy & Charlotte LeClair, 283-4889. Direction - Rte 84 to Rte 72 West. Washington St exit, turn right at end of exit. Travel about 3 miles to the intersection of Rte 6. Turn left onto Rte 6 West. Turn right at light onto Stafford Ave. St. Gregory is one half mile on left.

Additional May rides are in New Hartford, May 12 and Manchester, May 19.



Biking Chairperson - Andy Le Clair • 283-4889 • charlottemy@aol.com

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	3	4 SPA Weekend @ Lodge	5 CSC Sugar-bush/Okemo
6  CSC Sugar-bush/Okemo	7	8	9 Zabbara's Appreciation Night & Dinner	10	11 PIG ROAST @ Lodge 	12
13  PIG ROAST	14	15	16 Annual Meeting & Elections News Deadline	17	18	19
20 Spring Hike Season Begins! Barkhamsted	21	22	23  LIP SYNC!	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Regular Meeting/Golf Conditioning 	April 2008		

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

April

- 02 6:30 Board Mtng, 8:00 Regular Meeting @ Zabbara's
- 02-08 Club Trip to Aspen
- 04-06 SPA Weekend at the Lodge
- 05-06 CSC Days - Sugarbush
- 05-06 CSC Days - Okemo
- 09 Zabbara's Appreciation Night
- 11-13 PIG ROAST - Lodge
- 16 8:00 Annual Meeting and Officer/Board Elections News Deadline
- 20 Spring Hike Season begins!
- 23 LIP SYNC!!!
- 30 8:00 Regular Meeting/ Golf Conditioning

May

- 04 Sunday Hike
- 05 Monday Night Biking begins!
- 07 6:30 Bd Mtng/8pm Reg Mtng
- 11 Sunday Hike
- 12 Monday Night Biking
- 15 Regular Meeting @ Zabbara's
- 17 Annual Banquet
- 21 Regular Meeting @ Zabbara's
- 28 Regular Meeting @ Zabbara's

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