

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

August 2006



from the President . . .

Hi everyone - I hope that everyone is having a great time this Summer.

The hikes are over for now, but will resume in the fall. Monday Night Biking is still going strong (and HOT!)

The summer Bar-B-Que went well despite the uncertainty of the weather, with 90 plus attendees on July 12th at Currier Woods. The band was great, the food was great, and the pool was cool. Sharon and I thank all who helped us with this event.

Stan Wasel ran another successful Bike weekend at the Lodge on July 15th - 16th. Meals were served both Friday and Saturday nights, and the ride was well attended on Saturday.

Your lodge committee met this past Wednesday before the regular meeting, and selected Ken Ryan to serve as the Chair for the coming year. The Lodge Lease has been finalized and is being reviewed by the Board for approval. We will be setting the rates for the coming season at the Board Meeting on August 2nd. We all should be aware of the tremendous value that the Lodge represents to us all. It is also our biggest single expense.

Begin to think about taking full ad-

vantage of our Lodge, and encourage others in the Club to do so as well. It is one of the major factors in making Mountain Laurel the Premier Ski Club in Connecticut. Also, when you see Frank Piscatello (our landlord and long-time Club Member), take time to thank him for leasing the Lodge to Mountain Laurel Skiers.

Don't forget that the Membership renewals are due (Alison is receiving more every day). I know that it is hard to focus with all of the Summer activities, but be sure to get this in prior to the deadline.

Finally - we are having our fall Open House on September 20th. This is our chance to bring in new Members to Mountain Laurel. Our greatest asset is the Members, so be sure to mark the date, and be there to welcome and inform the Prospective Members in attendance.

I wish you all a fun and healthy remainder of the summer.

Jonathan Houck



Mountain Laurel Open House - Sept. 20

Lets welcome the 2006-2007 ski season with a great annual Open House scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 8:00 pm. We're starting early but already there are several mountains, ski shops, and bike shops on board with great prizes going to be raffled off. Now is the time to start talking up the Open House - getting friends, co-workers and any prospective skier to come to this event. Bring as many people as you can to see what our club is about. Flyers will be available for distribution at the August 2nd meeting. Please take a few and put them in public places in your neighborhoods.

If any of you want to bring attention to an activity you're involved in, you can have a space to show it off. I'll be contacting many of you soon about displaying the activities you sponsor. Thanks in advance.

Milli Arnold 860-871-0484

Important Numbers •

Membership • Alison Reno

860-977-2142

Bike Chairman • Andy LeClair

860-283-4889

Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin

860-688-2934

MLT Lobster Cookout • Sunday Sept 17, 2006 •

Make sure you don't miss our Annual Lobster Cookout! Come join us for a fun day at Winding Trails in Farmington. Michelle Rioux & Kay Leatherman are again co-chairing the event and would love some volunteers to help. See us at a meeting, contact via e-mail. See enclosed Flyer for information on this fun event!



Anniversary Cruise • Nov 5-12, 2006 •

The 60th Anniversary Cruise on the Freedom of the Seas on November 5th is full; the ship itself is also full. There is one exception we have one female looking for a roommate in an outside balcony room. Please call me for further information at 203-265-9293.

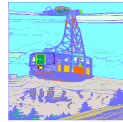
Eric Ardolino



Davos Switzerland • Club Trip 2007 • 9-17 Feb

Trip is currently full and have a small waitlist; we do need a female roommate for another female. If interested please call me at 203-265-9293.

Eric Ardolino



Jay Peak Filling Up Fast • March 4-9, 2007

The club sponsored Eastern drive trip to Jay Peak is 40% filled as of July 18, 2006. This is certainly one of the best deals in the Northeast. One again, gourmet meals, superb trails for all levels, fantastic glades and fun social activities. Download the Registration or pick one up at a meeting, and send it to Dave England ASAP. More information call: Dave at 614-1348 or email Jenny at jennyebner@sbcglobal.net

Cheer...

Mountain Laurel wishes a speedy recovery to Dick Brazil as he recuperates from surgery and our condolences go out to Tom Marino and his family on the loss of their Mother.

Milli Arnold 860-871-0484



Deadline for September 2006 • 16 August • Third Wednesday •

August 16 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the September 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

MTL: On the road again to NYC

Please join us for a day in the Big Apple - that day being Saturday, October 21st. The cost for the deluxe motor coach is \$30 per person. The itinerary:

Leave Zabarra's around 8:30 for NYC. Your adventure in the city will be of your own making. We provide the bus, you provide the activity. The bus will pick us up in the theater district around 5:30 and take us to Little Italy/China Town for dinner. We will be homeward bound after dinner.

Please contact Kate at 860-344-1292 to reserve your spot(s). The coach has 54 seats - so do not delay with your decision.

Looking forward to a fun day - as always.

P.S. Leave room for those Italian pastries.

Bulk Ticket Final Report - 2005/2006 •

As you may know, not all returned vouchers will be honored by the ski areas. They did bend their rules slightly to Mt. Laurel's advantage. Wayne Cormier and Elizabeth Hook, who are the new chairpersons for 2006/2007 Killington, Pico, Mt. Snow, Stratton, Sugarbush, and Bromley ticket orders, will handle the returns fairly. The new season's prices will be available in the September Newsletter.

Thank you all for your cooperation with me in the past seasons.

Eila McCloskey

Monday Night Biking •



7 August • Bristol • Tom and Sheree Mailhot • 860-583-1211 • 30 Carleton Place

From Hartford/Farmington: 84W to exit 33 (Rt 72W), take right on 229N (King St) 0.9 mile, take left on Woodland St., 0.9 mile, take left on Goodwin St. Right on Center St (opposite Carleton Place). Park across from St. Joseph School.
From Waterbury: 84E to exit 31 (Rt 229N), then follow directions above (0.9 miles after intersection of Rt 72 take left on Woodland St). Short 14.4, long 22.1, extra long 35.8. **Pizza follows the ride. The pool will be open, bring your suits, towels, and chairs.**

14 August • Avon • Trish & Steve Molloy • 860-878-7527

I-84 to Exit 39, Farmington Center, take right onto Rt 10 North. Take left at first light onto Old Farms Rd. Meet at Fisher Meadows. Park on your right. **Pizza to follow.**

21 August • East Hartford • Scott and Clyde, joint ride with NSC •

South on 91, East on 84, exit 58, right to Silver Lane, left on Silver Lane to Forbes, the next light after the theaters, right on Forbes, straight thru three stop signs, go by the high school, fourth house on left after third stop sign. Number 990 Forbes, green cape on the left. **North on 91**, cross Putnam Bridge to Route 2 West, Main Street exit, right at light on Brewer Street, at 7/11 store, left on Forbes, 5th house, green cape on right, 990 Forbes. **East on 84**, to exit 58, right to Silver Lane, left on Silver Lane, pass theaters, next light, Forbes, take a right. Three stop signs, 4th house on left, green cape, #990 Forbes. **West on 84**, exit 58, right on Roberts Street, to Forbes - on a slight hill, turn right at light on Forbes, go thru light at Silver Lane, thru 3 stop signs, past the high school, 990 Forbes, fourth house on left after third stop sign. Green cape. **Cookout to Follow!!! Bring a chair.**

28 August • Southington • Ron Kapraszowski • 860-621-6382 • #33 Village Gate Dr., joint ride with NSC •

I-91S to 691 West to exit 4. Take Right onto 322. Take first right at light onto Meriden Ave. Take first right onto Village Gate Dr. First house on left #33. **I-84W to 691 East to exit 4.** Take left onto 322 - same directions as above. **Pizza & refreshments to follow ride - swimming pool. Bring chairs, bathing suit, and towel.**

Remember: helmets are mandatory and water is essential.
Andy LeClair - Bike Chair - 860-283-4889

Bike Ride Shelter Island - Sat, Aug 26th •

Shelter Island Fire Dept. Annual Country Fair. We meet Sat Aug 26th / 8 am at cross Sound Ferry Services, Ferry St. New London. Boat to Orient Point leaves at 8:30 am. Lunch can be bought at the Fair, music, dancing, flea market, etc. A great day can be expected. Any questions: Call John Bazzano 860-604-0408.

Sunday Hikes: •

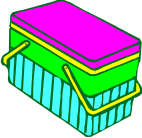







Hike with fellow Mt. Laurel members on Sundays beginning Sept. 10th thru mid - Dec. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty and begin at 12:30 pm. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and sturdy hiking shoes. I need people to help me in leading hikes this fall. Please contact Gordon Gaulin 860-688-2934. Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman.

FALL HIKE - Sept 29th thru Oct 1st •

Reserve the weekend of Sept 29th thru Oct 1st for hiking, biking and good times at the club lodge in Proctorsville, VT. We will be hiking the Long/Appalachian Trail over Pico Mountain. The hike is 2.9 miles one way. The degree of difficulty is moderate. The cost of the weekend has not yet been determined. More details will be in the September's newsletter.

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman 860-688-2934

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2 Board and Regular Meeting	3	4	5
6	7  Monday Bike Bristol	8	9 NO MEETING	10	11	12
13  TUBING	14  Monday Bike Avon	15	16 Regular Meeting	17	18	19
20	21  Monday Bike East Hartford	22	23 NO MEETING	24	25	26  Bike Ride Shelter Island
27	28  Monday Bike Southington	29	30 Regular Meeting 	31	August 2006	

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

Save These Dates August

- 02 Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Regular Meeting @ 8:00 PM
- 07 Monday Night Biking -
Bristol
- 09 No Meeting
- 13 Tubing on the Farmington
- 14 Monday Night Biking -
Avon
- 16 Regular Meeting @ 8:00 PM
Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Monday Night Biking -
East Hartford
- 23 No Meeting
- 26 Bike Ride Shelter Island
- 28 Monday Night Biking -
Southington
- 30 Regular Meeting @ 8:00 PM

September

- 17 Lobster Cookout



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2006 - 2007 Officers

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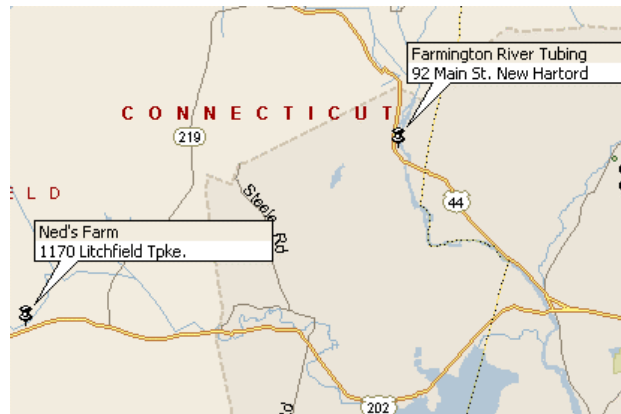
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“Quack Quack” – Tubing Down the Farmington!!



The Long Standing Tradition Returns!!

Once again Ned Mullin is hosting a floating trip down the Farmington River. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 13th (Rain date August 21st). Tubing begins at noon. Bring your own tube and life preserver or rent them. For \$10 Farmington River Tubing will rent you a tube and preserver and for an additional \$10, they will provide you with bus transportation. If you don't have a preserver, you will not be allowed on the river. Ned would like to have an idea how many folks are coming to the after party. Please send an e-mail to tubing@mtlski.com. Please bring your main course and beverages. Ned will provide corn, potatoes and grill. More info on tubing is available at: www.farmingtonrivertubing.com

Farmington River Tubing From Rt. 44 West:

Pass the "Welcome to New Hartford" sign and they're a quarter mile on the right side of the road. Look for the brown and gold sign that says "Farmington River Tubing" and "Satan's Kingdom State Recreation Area". They're inside that parking lot and parking is free.

Farmington River Tubing From Rt. 44 East:

They're 7.5 miles from the intersection of Rt. 8 or three miles past downtown New Hartford on the left, across the street from the blue roofed grocery store and just after the dog kennel. Look for the brown and gold sign that says "Farmington River Tubing" and "Satan's Kingdom State Recreation Area". They're inside that parking lot and parking is free.

Ned's farm – The party at the Farm starts at noon or whenever you get there. Go east on Rt. 44 to Rt. 202 and turn right. Go west approximately 6 miles to 1170 Litchfield Tpke.

Annual MTL Lobster Cookout!

Sunday September 17, 2006

Winding Trails, Farmington, CT

11am - 6pm

Cookout Rain or Shine

Food Includes: Appetizers, Lobster Dinner, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soda, Deserts

Activities: Volleyball, Softball, Hiking, Horseshoes
BYOB & lobster eating utensils & chairs

For more information Contact:

Michelle Rioux 860-301-0409 riouxmichelle@sbcglobal.net

Kay Leatherman 203-232-2613 akayl@aol.com

Please fill out and mail with payment to: Kay Leatherman

47 Chasse Rd.

Wolcott, CT 06716

Name(s): _____

Adult/Child Lobster: \$26.00 _____

Dogs/Burgers: \$16.00 _____

Child (under 6 free) age 7-16 Dogs/Burgers: \$10.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to MTL Ski Club

RSVP & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 10, 2006

