

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

February 2006



from the President . . .

Happy New Year Mt. Laurel Skiers!

As we begin the year, we heard the news about the aneurism suffered by John Pappalardo. John has been a member of Mt Laurel Skiers since 1952, and all that we enjoy about the Club we owe to John and the other founding members. Please keep John and Susan in your thoughts and prayers.

2006 finds us hard at play as the calendar is full of activities for all of us to enjoy! And when I mean all of us, I am pleased to include the 65 prospective members that are busy getting into the MTL activities. As we all go to the meetings, to the Lodge, and party together, be sure to introduce yourself to them and help them get the most out of their experience with us.

The Lodge is experiencing record breaking attendance, even though there has been a recent lull in the winter weather. There are event weekends planned for February 11 & 12 (Cross Country/Valentine weekend - hosted by Pat Revoir and Penny Trick). This is also the 'Survivor's' weekend at the Poirer's. March 18 & 19 (St. Patty's Day/murder mystery weekend - hosted by Maureen 'Mo' Gaherty), and TBA (Pig Roast - hosted, as always by our

favorite team - 'Jack & Dan').

Skiing activity is well under way, with Monday Night Racing at Mt Southington, the MTL Club Race on February 25th. The Senior games on February 28th, and the CSC ON SNOW festival at Sugarbush on March 4 & 5. The Western Ski Trippers are ready to go to Tahoe February 4-11, and the Eastern Ski Trippers are headed for Jay Peak March 6-10.

The Wednesday Night calendar is full as well thanks to the efforts of John Bazzano and Charlotte LeClair. Off site meeting at Dusty's Alpine Haus in Wethersfield February 15th, Wine Tasting March 1st, St. Patty's Day Dinner March 15th, 60th Anniversary Cruise presentation on March 29th, and the ever Popular Lip Sync on April 12th.

Most important of all, the 60th Anniversary Banquet on April 29th at the Wethersfield Country Club. If you want to be involved in the committee, contact Karen Grossman. We look for a super turnout to mark this milestone!

A special congratulations to the upcoming marriage of Jason Frechette and his lovely Darla.

Take the time to explore the events



that you are interested in by reading through this newsletter, and in going to the MTL website (one of the best in the land!).

Jonathan Houck

Okemo Discount Tickets •

There are plenty... give a call if you want to purchase any from Susan Forsdick.

60th Anniversary Shirt

Mt. Laurel Skiers, Inc., 60th Anniversary denim shirt, \$30 long sleeve, 100% cotton with embroidered MTL logo and date 1946-2006. Sizes currently in stock: small to XX large. Contact Carol Rowan at Meetings or by E-mail.

Important Numbers •

Membership • Alison Reno

860-977-2142

Monday Night Racing •

Pat Moore • racing@mtlski.com

Lodge Manager • Ray Taksar

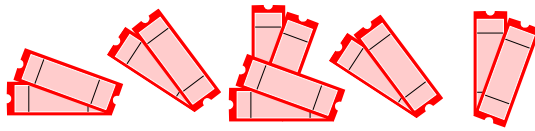
860-647-9168

Lodge Reservations •

Lisa Durland • 860-533-1981

Lodge • 802-226-7010

Bulk Tickets...



The season is flying by so use your tickets. If you don't think you will, put them on the forum to sell or bring them to a meeting and try to sell them there. Remember, April I will be accepting them for return to the CSC in early May, but not all will be credited, only 10% or 15% of what YOU purchased. Do the math! The best deal is to enjoy them now.

Eila McCloskey

Lodge News ... from Ray Taksar



Wow! Another outstanding New Year's Party and feast. Thanks to Ron Scardacchi for leading this year's feast. It would take 3 pages to list the menu. Thanks to assistant chefs Joe Mangione and Ray... Oh, That's me. Also, Hank Berger, who looked busy for hours. You had to be there. And the music played on as the dancing went on and on. A very special thanks to Angie for the chocolate shoes and socks. Once again, you had to be there.

What to do after six hours of eating? Why get up and eat some more. Mr. "Pancake" Ebner and Jack "Eggs & more Eggs" Mut. Thanks for the breakfast guys. Also, many thanks to Bruce and Annie for helping me with the day after cleaning. I'm sorry if I left any one out, but I can't remember what I did yesterday. Thanks to all who moved furniture, did set-up and clean-up. Those of you who missed out may want to think about it next time. It keeps getting better and better. Reserve early. The next party will be hosted by Pat and Penny for Valentine's weekend. More info to follow. Hope you all had a great New Year's See you on the Mountain.

Best Always - Ray

Save the Date - April 29, 2006...

Mt Laurel 60th Anniversary Banquet. Join Mt. Laurel at the Wethersfield Country Club for an evening of dinner, dancing. This annual event promises to be a special evening as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary. We will also have the Presentation of our Member and Club Race Awards. Price for dinner is \$45.00 with the choices of Prime Rib, Shrimp, Chicken, or a Vegetarian dish. The next Committee meeting will be Wed, Feb 1 at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to solicit prizes for our Raffle. If interested, contact **Karen Grossman 860-217-0533.**

Lip Sync Contest • 12 April

The date for our Lip Sync Contest this year is April 12th. Now we need participants.



John Ewen

Deadline for March 2006 • 15 February • Third Wednesday •

February 15 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the March 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

Cross Country Weekend at Lodge



Penny Trick and Pat Revoir are co-hosting a cross country weekend at the Mt. Laurel Lodge in VT on February 11 & 12th. Book your bunk at the lodge now!

We will piggy-back onto the Poirier's Survivor Challenge by cross country skiing the back roads behind their house (conditions permitting). If the snow doesn't co-operate, we will still rendezvous at the Poirier's house to car-pool to a back-up location (probably Green Mt. Golf course or Mountain Meadows). We will participate in the post-event pot luck at the Poirier's house and then have our own Valentine's Dance back at the lodge (subject to sore muscles).



Contact either Penny Trick @ 860-666-7885 or Pat Revoir @ 860-793-1824 if you want cross country instruction either prior to that weekend or on that weekend.

Lost & Found •

Found on last hike in December, a pair of winter gloves left in my car. Please call Jim Mays (860) 570-0480 with description. Sorry this is so late.

Connecticut Senior Winter Games • Ski Sundown • Feb 28

As long as you turn 50 before the end of 2006, you are eligible! This is a fun day for everyone. Plan on competing in the Downhill (helmets required), GS, Cross Country, and Snowshoe races (snowshoes provided). Meal and medal ceremony follow. Applications can be picked up at a Wednesday night meeting or downloaded from the Mt. Laurel Website.

Pat Moore - racing@mtlski.com

On Snow Winter Carnival - Sugarbush March 3-4-5



The Connecticut Ski Council's annual winter carnival, On Snow, returns to Sugarbush this year. Mt. Laurel has won this competition the past four years and we'd like to replicate our success this year. A special web page will be devoted to the event and will be accessible from the Homepage www.mtlski.com. We'll need participants in all events: ski races (adult and junior), snowboard race, ski rally, run race, tug-of-war, volleyball, XC race, and more! As of this submission we only have room for 2 more at the Christmas Tree Inn but there are alternate opportunities for lodging. Check the website. Lift tickets will need to be purchased in advance with the following exception: If you are competing on one day only (Fri, Sat, or Sun) you'll be able to purchase a ticket at a designated window. Our meal coordinator for the Saturday night dinner is Kathy Culhane and those tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Details on all of the above will be on-line.

Pat Moore
webmaster@mtlski.com

Carpooling •

Steve B. looking to carpool ski weekends mainly. Call 223-5268.

Celebrations & Concerns •

Happy Healing wishes to John Pappalardo after his recent surgery to correct an inter cranial aneurysm... And, he thanks everyone for their good wishes.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Save the Date - November 5-12, 2006 •



Mt Laurel 60th Anniversary Cruise. Join in the fun with Mt. Laurel Skiers and A & S Travel, as we celebrate our Club's 60th Anniversary in grand style. We will cruise 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 island of Labadie. Option to fly to Miami on Saturday for dinner and cocktails in South Beach!!!

Prices range from \$799.00 for inside room to \$1099.00 for outside rooms, based on double occupancy. 3rd and 4th person in room is \$499.00 each. Prices include 2 private cocktail parties and port taxes. Check the Mt. Laurel Website for Room Availability. Reserve now for best choice of rooms. Deposit \$300.00/person.
Contacts: Karen Grossman 860-217-0533 or Eric Ardolino 800-523-5279.

Wednesday Night Programs •

There will be no programs this month due to the club trip and the closure of Zabbara's restaurant for 2 weeks this month. The meeting on February 15 will be held at the Alpine Haus in Wethersfield.

St. Patrick's Weekend, Murder Mystery at Lodge

You are cordially invited to join us at a reception in honor of Eileen Sullivan, "one of the 10 greatest living actresses in the British Isles". (If you're afraid of Banshees then I suggest that you stay home!)

St. Pat's Festivities will commence Friday evening, March 17th, with a corned beef/ham and cabbage dinner Saturday night. Twenty dollars per person for dinner and the murder mystery. More detailed info to follow. If you plan to attend but are not staying at the lodge, or if you are interested in displaying your thespian skills, please let me know.

Moe Gaherty • (860) 632-0179 • mgaherty@msn.com

2006 CT Race in the Park •











Please join Team MTL and participate or sponsor club members in this worthwhile event which takes place each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day and raises funds for CT breast cancer. Last year the CT Breast Health Initiative surpassed it's fund raising goal! Registration will be done on-line or applications will be available at meetings as soon as we get them. **Contact Charlotte LeClair or Karen Grossman for more information.**

MTL Club Race - February 25, 2006

Pico Ski Area on B Slope. Competitive classes for all abilities, from the serious contender for the Club Championship to the just for fun novice. Preregister by mail using the form in this newsletter, or download the form at the Club website. Club provides free lift ticket for all children and grandchildren of members and prospective members (age 17 and under). Discount lift tickets at sign-in for adults (cash/check only). Free pizza/soda awards party follows at end of day in the Base Lodge. Sign-in 7:30 - 8:30am. Race starts at 10am sharp.

Questions: Tom Knudsen, Race Chairman (tfk2004@comcast.net).

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
			1 Board/ Regular Meeting	2	3 Bachelor Testimonial Jason Frechette	4 Western Trip Tahoe	
5	6  Monday Night Racing	7	8 Regular Meeting	9	10 	11 Cross Country/ Valentine's Lodge Survivor Party 	
12 Cross Country/ Valentine's Lodge Survivor Party 	13 NO RACING CSC on Trip	14 \$14 Lift Tickets Sugarbush	15 Off Site Dusty's Alpine Haus News Deadline	16	17	18	
19	20  Monday Night Racing	21	22 NO MEETING	23	24	25 Club Race	
26	27	28  CT Senior Games	February 2006				

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

Save These Dates
February

- 01 Board Meeting 6:30pm,
Regular Meeting 8:00pm
 - 03 Bachelor Testimonial - Jason
Frechette
 - 04-11 Western Trip - Tahoe
 - 06 Monday Night Racing -
Mt Southington
 - 08 Regular Meeting 8:00pm
 - 11 'Survivor' Party - Poirer's
 - 11-12 Cross country/Valentine's -
Lodge
 - 13 NO RACING - CSC on Trip
 - 14 \$14 Lift Tickets -
Sugarbush - Mt Ellen
 - 15 Off Site Event Sale
Dusty's Alpine Haus
News Deadline
 - 22 NO MEETING
 - 25 Club Race
 - 28 CT Senior Games
- March
- 01 Wine Tasting
 - 02-05 On Snow Festival
 - 6-10 Eastern Ski Trippers
 - 15 St. Patty's Day Dinner
 - 29 60th Anniversary Cruise
Presentation

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**REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORM
MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS -- ALPINE CLUB RACE
FEBRUARY 25, 2006 PICO SKI AREA, VT -- 10:00 AM "B" Slope**

All racers – Members and Guests, must complete and sign this form
Parents must sign for Juniors under the age of 18
Please read very carefully before completing and signing
Return to Club Race Chairperson :
Tom Knudsen 465 Hogan Rd. Hamden, CT 06518

NAME		RACE CLASS – SEE REVERSE SIDE TO DETERMINE	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	Email address	
ZIP CODE	WORK TELEPHONE	HOME TELEPHONE	
AGE (required for class B & Junior)	DATE OF BIRTH (req'd for B & Junior)	GENDER	
MEMBER/PROSPECTIVE	GUEST	JUNIOR (upper or lower course?)	

I, _____ in consideration of being allowed by Pico MT and MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS, INC., to participate in the Mt. Laurel Skiers Club Race, and any preparatory training therefore, do hereby release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Pico MT and MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS, INC., and the directors, officers, shareholders, agents, servants, and employees of such organizations from any and all claims, actions, or damages without any limitation whatsoever, whether consisting of personal injury, property damage, or death, that does or may result in any way from my participation in this competitive sporting event, whether such injuries of any kind or nature or such death is caused by their negligence or not, assuming myself any and all responsibility and liability for same. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of those above named from any damages or costs or expense whatsoever which they or any of them may sustain as a result of any claim brought by anyone against any of them as a result of my preparation for and/or my participation in this competitive sporting event. I specifically agree that before any given competition takes place, I will, as I so desire, inspect all areas involved in the competition, fully realizing, accepting, and understanding that competitive skiing, competition in general and of this type in particular is inherently risky and dangerous, as are preparations, practice, or training for such events.

I, as a competitor, completely understand that this release constitutes a covenant and a promise on my part to fully discharge all of the above named parties from any and all liability of any kind for any injuries, loss, damage, or death which may result from my participation in this competitive sporting event.

This release is binding, and I so understand, not only upon myself but upon my heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, and I herewith again reaffirm my free and willing intent to exercise it, acknowledging a complete understanding of its terms and conditions and the totality of its effect, and the totalness of the waiver of any rights that I would otherwise have had, had this agreement not been executed.

SIGNED -- COMPETITOR

SIGNED – WITNESS

DATE

REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORM
MOUNTAIN LAUREL SKIERS -- ALPINE CLUB RACE
FEBRUARY 25, 2006 PICO SKI AREA, VT -- 10:00 AM "B" Slope

ALPINE RACE ABILITY CLASS	Please determine your appropriate race class. If unsure, contact the Race Chairperson: Tom Knudsen (tfk2004@comcast.net)
ELITE	You know who you are. <i>"No guts, no glory!"</i>
A	Advanced skier who runs gates often. <i>"Be good or eat wood!"</i>
B	Intermediate skier who runs gates, or an advanced skier who does not race. <i>"You can do it!"</i>
UPPER C (C+)	Advanced novice who can ski the course from the top with wide turns. Skiing the lower part would not be a challenge. Does not belong with beginners. <i>"Go for it!"</i>
LOWER C (C-)	Beginner skier; no racing experience. A novice skier who finds intermediate slopes a challenge. <i>"Try it. You'll like it."</i>
UPPER COURSE JUNIOR "A"	Under the age of 18. Advanced novice who can ski the course from the top with wide turns. Skiing the lower part would not be a challenge.
LOWER COURSE JUNIOR "B"	Under the age of 18. Beginner skier; no racing experience. May be too young to attempt the whole course.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

- **ADULT MEMBER LIFT TICKETS:** Purchase ticket at signup location at special price. Cash or check only.
- **JUNIOR MEMBER LIFT TICKETS:** No Charge!! Lift ticket will be purchased by the Club. (Age 17 & under), For children and grandchildren of members and prospective members.
- **NON-MEMBERS:** Lift Tickets for Adults and Juniors will be available for purchase at the Group Rate the day of the race.
- **RACE REGISTRATION:** 7:30 to 8:30 am. Place : **Base Lodge.**
- **RACE ORDER – BE ON TIME!!!** This year's race will be on **"B" Slope** . The race will start at 10 am. The Race starts in Bib Order, beginning with "B" Junior Girls & Boys, Lower C Women and Lower C Men. Then, "A" Junior Girls and Boys, Upper C Women and Men, "B" Women and Men, "A" Women and Men, and "Elite" Women and Men.
- **ATTN. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** If you race, you automatically pass the ski proficiency test. Serving on any committee will count towards membership requirements. We need volunteers to help on the morning of the race!
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:** Contact Race Chairpersons.

AWARDS PARTY/DINNER: Around 4 pm in a special area of the base lodge. The club pays for pizza and soda and there is a public cash bar close by.