

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

February 2007



from the President . . .

Well - Here we are, in the heart of Winter, and it seems that the weather has FINALLY caught up with the calendar!

Conditions are improving daily, and all of the Mountains are feverishly making snow to get the season going.

Monday Night Racing kicked off on January 22nd, and Mount Laurel has grabbed second place in the standings - we are not that far behind first, so Pat Moore urges all who can to come and contribute to the effort as the abbreviated racing schedule continues.

Those who came to the meeting on January 17th were treated to a talk and slide show about the trip that Tina Oswald took with the 'Oprah entourage' to South Africa. She and guest Eneida Baily had loads of pictures of their once in a lifetime experience, as well as a film describing the School for Girls that Oprah has funded. Thanks also to 'Producer' Pat Moore for the visuals.

How better to follow such a serious subject than with one of Mo Gaherty's 'Murder Mysteries!' The weekend of the 20th through the 21st found us all in Cactus Gulch trying to figure out who killed Dusty! A big thanks to Peter Piwarzyk and his Son, who cooked for 69 on Saturday, and to Cathy DiMeola and Chuck Hanna for

the decorations. Another great time at our Lodge!

We held an off-site event on the 25th at Suburban Sports, where we were treated to a demonstration of the 'care and feeding' of skis and snowboards through proper maintenance. Thank you, Pat, for arranging the evening.

We wish our Davos contingent well, as they will be in the Alps from February 9th through the 17th - Eric Ardolino pulls off yet another quality trip for Mountain Laurel.

Please keep in mind that the Lodge will be filling up pretty quickly during this shortened Season, as we all try to use the Lodge vouchers and ski tickets. Remember that all bookings are first come, first serve. Lisa Durland is waiting to take the reservations and confirm the rooms/beds that are available. Some weekends are already full, so do not delay!!!

The Club Race is coming up fast, and Tom Knudsen needs to know who will be participating (all who do will need to get their waivers to Tom). This is a great Family event, and a long standing tradition. Thank you, Tom, for again hosting this event.

Finally, do NOT forget the CSC On Snow festival at Sunapee, New Hampshire. This CSC event is taking

place from March 2nd through 5th, and within driving distance to the Lodge (40 minutes). This is a lot of fun, with various events for all ages. In addition, Mount Laurel has been Number One in the overall point total for 5 years in a row. We look forward to seeing everyone there, whether as Participant and/or Spectator!!! Details are available at the meetings and on the Web Site.

THANK YOU for making the club such a fun experience. Stay safe, take advantage of all we have to offer and have a great Winter!!!

Jonathan Houck



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News from the Lodge •



Can you believe it! We're almost half-way through the ski season! My inside sources assure me that Mother Nature is planning to more than make up for the lack of snow in December and January. Just a reminder -- don't wait too long to use your lodge vouchers. They are not refundable or transferable, and must be used this season.

By the time you read this, our fourth murder mystery, "Death in Them Thar Hills" will be history. Thanks to everyone who participated, and special thanks to all of our thespians. The creativity and talent in this club continues to amaze me! Can I interest anyone in an encore murder mystery in April? More to follow.

Next event: "Moonlight in Vermont" snowshoeing/cross-country skiing and Club XC Race on February 3. Yes, of course, there will be plenty of snow! See the website for a list of all upcoming events. If anyone would like to run an activity at the lodge or is interested in being a weekend innkeeper (and staying for free), please contact myself or Lisa Durland.

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Monday Night Racing

After a record number of postponements, Monday Night Racing finally got underway on January 22nd. Several first time racers represented MTL and we greatly appreciate their contributions! After week one we trail only Newington Ski Club and the margin is very small. Plan on joining us for the rest of the shortened (six race season)!

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Cheer...

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

On Snow Winter Carnival, March 2-4 at Sunapee

For the first time ever, Mt. Sunapee is hosting On Snow, the CSC's annual Winter Carnival. Mt. Laurel is the five-time defending champion and we plan to extend that streak! If you've never participated before, it's a fun weekend starting out with the state Downhill race on Friday. Things really get rolling on Saturday and Sunday with a wide assortment of races and outdoor fun events such as volleyball and tug-of-war. It's important that we turn in signed waivers ASAP. I no longer have access to a fax machine so please bring the completed waiver to a meeting or Monday Night Racing. I'll have blank forms with me at all times and they can be downloaded from our website. There is an On Snow info page online at www.mtlski.com/onsnowinfo2007.htm, which lists the schedule of events, info on meals and lodging. The mountain is commutable from our lodge - drive time is probably close to an hour.

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On Snow



Deadline for March 2007 • 21 February • Third Wednesday •

February 21 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the March 2007 newsletter. All information should be to **Jonathan Houck** by that date.

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

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or email president@mtlski.com

h 203-272-0560

Wednesday Night Programs



If you have an idea or someone you want to come and speak, please see either Jonathan Houck or Penny Trick at a meeting.

New Member Social

Come Join the Fun

Wednesday, February 14th, 2007

8:00 pm at

Zabbara's in New Britain

EVERYONE WELCOME

COME MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

BINGO - GREAT PRIZES



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mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday



February 2007



			January 31 Board/ Regular Meeting	1	2 Moonlight Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing @ The Lodge & Club XC Race	3
4 CSC Awareness Day @ Okemo	5  Monday Night Racing	6	7 Meeting @ Alpine Haus Wethersfield 8:00PM	8	9  Club Ski Trip to Davos Switzerland through 17 February.	10
11	12  Monday Night Racing	13	14  Valentine's Day New Member Social	15	16	17
18	19  Monday Night Racing	20	21 Regular Meeting News Deadline	22	23	24  Club Race @ Pico
25	26  Monday Night Racing	27	28 Board/ Regular Meeting			

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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

- 2-4 Cross country weekend at the Lodge
- 05 Monday Night Racing - Mt Southington
- 07 Zabbara's is closed. Special MTL meeting & sale at the Alpine Haus in Wethersfield
- 9-17 MTL trip to Davos Switzerland
- 12 Monday Night Racing - Mt Southington
- 14 New and Prospective Member Appreciation Night - BINGO!
- 19 Monday Night Racing - Mt Southington
- 21 Regular Meeting - Zabbara's News Deadline
- 24 Club Race @ Pico
- 26 Monday Night Racing - Mt Southington
- 28 Board and Regular Meeting - Zabbara's

March

- 2-5 CSC On Snow Festival - Sunapee

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