

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

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June 2005



## from the President . . .

It is hard to fully express the pleasure that Mountain Laurel Skiers has brought to my life over the past several years. Ever since Sharon brought me to a Club Christmas Party, I have had the greatest time with our many activities. The opportunity to serve as President for the coming year is an honor, and I will work hard to continue the Mountain Laurel experience for all of our Members. This past year as Club Secretary has been a great learning experience in how the Club is run. I have been in a position to appreciate the hard work and contribution made this past year by Tom Knudsen and my fellow officers and Board Members. I look forward to Tom's continued presence on the Board as the outgoing President.

Please take time to personally thank Kathy Amenta, Susan Forsdick, Karen Grossman, Pat Revoir, and Ray Taksar, as they finish their terms. I look forward to their continued counsel and help with Club activities.

At the Annual Banquet on May 14th, I had occasion to speak with several Members who asked me what the agenda is for the coming year. My answer is 'TO HAVE FUN'! I do recognize that having fun and providing the many activities that we enjoy is hard work, requires a lot of coordination, communication, and above all - spirited and involved Members.



We have all been involved with many 'volunteer' organizations where no one seems to want to volunteer. Not so with our Mountain Laurel Skiers! There are always Members ready to step up to run events, serve on Committees, and do the heavy lifting that make us such a successful organization. For example, the Monday Night Biking season is under way thanks to Andy and Charlotte LeClair and their sponsoring Members. We have also enjoyed the Sunday afternoon Hikes organized by Gordon Gaulin and his sponsoring Members.

The Wednesday Night Program run by Charlotte LeClair and John Bazzano continues to run strong, with our most recent event the presentation by Sharon Sklar of 'Rolfing,' a form of deep tissue massage at the May 11th meeting. The Annual Mountain Laurel Banquet organized by Alison Reno and her Committee was a great success, with over 100 in attendance. We also raised \$378.00 at the raffle.

Please take time to review these and the many other activities discussed at our meetings, in this newsletter, and on the Mountain Laurel web site. As the song says - 'These are the good old days' so ... LET'S HAVE SOME FUN. Have a great summer and coming season, and continue to enjoy our Mountain Laurel Skiers.

**Jonathan Houck**

## Summer Picnic Currier Woods 20 July •



A summer picnic will be held at Currier Woods on Wednesday, 20 July from 6:00 to 10:00pm. Bring a dish and dessert to share. Also, bring friends and chairs. **B.Y.O.B. \$7 members, \$8 guests.** Swimming, tennis, and volleyball are available.

**Call Sharon • 203-272-0560  
Aletta • 860-747-3523**

## MTL 60th Anniversary Celebration

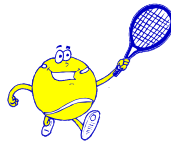
2006 marks the 60th Anniversary of Mt Laurel Skiers! If you are interested in working on the planning Committee for the MTL 60th Anniversary Banquet, we are having a dinner meeting at Zabbara's at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 22. The 50th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success with 220 attending that Banquet! Join in the FUN for our 60th Anniversary!

**Contact Karen Grossman  
if interested.**

## Important Numbers •

**Membership • Alison Reno**  
860-977-2142  
**Bike Chair • Andy LeClair**  
860-283-4889  
**Tennis • Harold Barenz**  
860-243-8136

## 2005 Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladders •



The 2005 Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladders are gearing up for a season of competition and fun. Ladder play runs from June to August. Play your first match in June to retain last year's standing. Play two matches to be eligible for the tournament that begins in September and will be completed in October. Start early and play often. Trophies will be awarded to the singles and mixed doubles champions and finalists.

This year we will have a round robin on July 9, 16, 23, or 30. In early July an e-mail will be sent to all players and/or recent players to determine which day, time and location is best for the round robin. All players will record at least one match equivalent towards the minimum requirements for competing in the final ladder tournament.

Please call in all of your match scores to **Dave Spear at 860-298-9316** or E-mail them to **dlspe@aol.com** (the winner is responsible for reporting the match). Match results will be published in the newsletter. In addition, updates will be sent to participants by e-mail.

Any member(s) or prospective member(s) in good standing can challenge a singles player or a mixed doubles team. If you are interested in playing mixed doubles and need a partner, call me and I will try to find a partner for you. Three set matches are normally played on outdoor courts. However, 8 game prossets and senior matches (i.e. if first two sets split, an 11 point tie breaker is played for the third set) are also acceptable through August. Matches may also be played during Tuesday night tennis. Ladder rules are available upon request.

### The 2004 final standings are:

#### **Singles**

1. Rob Dexter
2. Harold Barenz
3. Rich Meinzer
4. Dave Spear
5. Lloyd Frauenglass
6. Monica Meinzer

#### **Mixed Doubles**

1. Rob & Claire Dexter
2. Dave Spear & Margaret Kehoe
3. Rich & Monica Meinzer
4. Lloyd Frauenglass & Gloria Parent
5. Harold Barenz & Margaret Murray

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## From the Vice President •

What a fun filled year we have had! Now that the Annual Banquet is over, I am looking forward to continuing the job as VP: Membership renewal forms will go out at the end of June so look for them in your mail. I also want to start a membership committee and if anyone is interested please let me know. I would love to hear new ideas! There are a lot of fun filled events this summer. LET'S GET INVOLVED!!! Have a great summer!!! **Alison Reno, VP, 860-977-2142**

**vicepresident@mtlski.com**

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## Deadline for July • 15 June 2005 • Third Wednesday •

June 15 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the July 2005 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**

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## Lake Tahoe •

### 4 - 11 Feb 2006

If you have not heard, our next year's trip will return to Lake Tahoe. It will be on February 4th - 11th, 2006.

Air will be out of Hartford to Sacramento on American Airlines through Dallas.

We have a limit of 65 seats and typically this trip has sold to 80. Our Hotel will be the Deluxe Harvey's Hotel. Price is \$1049.00 and deposit requirement is \$300 to hold a spot.

Any questions, feel free to call me.

**Eric Ardolino • 203-265-9293**

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## THEATER



### MTL in NYC on 29 October 2005

Save the date - details to follow. My contact said the busses are new (54 passengers instead of 55 passengers.) Does that mean more leg room for fewer legs?



### Bushnell

September - My Fair Lady

October - The Rat Pack

November - Dr. Doolittle

December - Wicked

March - Golda's Balcony

(with Patty Duke)

April 21 - June 4 LION KING

(\*\*\*\*\* fabulous show)

For the Bushnell, 20 people is considered a group. To order the tickets, payment upfront is required. If you can get a group together with a date(s) in mind, you can get the group rate (whatever that is). Let me know if you are interested.

Please call me if you are interested in NYC or the Bushnell offerings.

**Kate Robertson • 860-344-1292**

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## Monday Night Bike



After a rainy start, the weather has been cooperating with our Monday rides. Despite the rain, 30 people showed up for the first ride and most had dinner together afterwards. Thank you to the ride leaders for May - John, Angie and Joe, Annie and Bruce. As always, helmets are mandatory, as is sign out/in policy to ensure your safety. There are rides for all ability levels and for those who don't ride, come out for a walk and the picnic or pizza after the ride.

**Andy LeClair,**  
860-283-4889

**June 6 • Manchester • Deane Young • 860-283-4884** Rt 84 to Rt 384 East, Exit 3, bear right off the exit, straight through downtown. At the top of the hill see the big white church, left on Center St. at light. Second house on the right after the first light #141. **A gourmet picnic to follow, rain or shine, bring a chair.**

**June 13 • Bloomfield • Jim Mays • 860-313-1120** I-91 exit 35B, Rt 218 W, go through 3 lights, 3rd blinking, turn right on Blue Hills Ave (Rt 187), at 2nd light turn left on Park Ave, go past Bloomfield High School, cross RR tracks and turn into NE plaza on right. **Pizza at Park Avenue Pizza in Plaza.**

**June 20 • Wethersfield • Marsha Baretta • Board of Education building on Willow Street**

**From Berlin Tpke:** (Rt 15) take Rt 175 (Wells Rd) East into Wethersfield. After the light, on the top of the hill, take the next right at the light (Willow St). Park in school lot on right. **From Silas Deane Highway:** Go West on Rt 175. After passing Ridge Rd., take a left at the next light onto Willow St. Park in school parking lot on the right. **Pizza to follow at Hamilton's Bunker at 580 Silas Deane Highway.**

**June 27 • Middletown • Mandy Lavallee & Neal Fisher • 378 Fowler Ave • 860-638-3821** Rt 9 to Exit 11. Left off exit onto Randolph Rd. Go through flashing light at the fire house. Go through next light at Millbrook Rd. Next right on Fowler Ave, 8th house on the right #378. **Fabulous picnic to follow.**

**11 July • West Hartford • Rob & Claire Dexter • 860-232-7862** Exit 43 off Rt 84. Take right off exit, first left onto Troutbrook. At 2nd light, take right onto Farmington Ave. Go through one light, take first right onto Westfield (no sign) - 8 mile, 16 mile, 30 mile. **Cookout rain or shine - bring a chair.**

## AMBASSADOR'S ANGLE •

Hi Everyone ... Wow what an honor to be chosen to be your Ambassador along with the Vice President. This is going to be a bust year but I am looking forward to it and promoting the club not only outside but also within the CSC! I am following in the footsteps of a great Ambassador and am looking forward to it!

**Ambassador Alison**

## Wednesday Night Program • 15 June

**Swing Dance • 7pm to 8pm - Lesson • 8pm to 10pm - Dance**  
**Members: NO CHARGE • Guests: \$10.00**



**Charlotte LeClair & John Bazzano**

## It's Here, It's Here! 1st MTL Camping Weekend

The First MTL Camping Weekend will be held on June 17-19, 2005 - Melville Pond Campground - Portsmouth RI.

We have reserved a large open area used by large groups (boy scouts, etc.) at the campground for 45-50 people to tent on. Showers available. **A \$10 non-refundable deposit is required by June 1.**

Pop up campers need to make reservations at the campground by calling 401-682-2424 between 9am and 8pm. You will pay your own per night fee.

**Things to do:** Biking from Bristol to East Providence (bike path), Newport and Fort Adams, Golf, Visits to Wineries, Shopping, Partying. Possible Saturday Night group cookout. **Questions and Sign up - Jean Leonard 860-872-6740; Jack Mut 860-667-3192; Mike Smestad 860-518-1633.**

**Directions to Melville Pond Campground, 181 Bradford Ave., Portsmouth RI - 401-682-2424. Office Open 9am - 8pm** (2 1/2 hour ride) I-84 East; Merge onto I-90 E/MASS PIKE/MASS TURNPIKE toward N.H./Maine/Boston (portions toll). Take EXIT 10A toward US-20/WORCESTER/RT-146-PROVIDENCE; Turn RIGHT onto US-20/SOUTHWEST CUTOFF; Merge onto MA-146 toward MILLBURY/PROVIDENCE RI; MA-146 becomes I-95S; Merge onto I-195 E via EXIT 20 on the LEFT toward CAPE COD; Merge onto MA-24 S via EXIT 8A toward TIVERTON RI/NEWPORT RI; Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto RI-114 S/W MAIN RD; Continue to follow RI-114 S; Turn RIGHT onto BRADFORD AVE. End at 181 Bradford Ave. Total estimated time from TOLLAND, CT 1 hour, 55 minutes. Total estimated distance: 106.02

**Check In:** 1-8pm - To check in earlier, call campground Thursday evening at (401-682-2424) between 7-8pm or Friday AM after 9AM. Upon arrival, stop by office to sign in and get a pass to display in your vehicle.



## Sunday Hikes •

I want to thank the following people that helped me in leading a hike this spring: Alexis Kuchel, Michael Smestad, Jim Mays, Joe Mangione and Angie Testa. Fall Hikes will begin in September.

**Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman**

**Killington, Pico, Mt. Snow, Sugarbush, Bromley tickets have been returned to the ski areas and the amount to be credited is still being determined. Stay Tuned.**

**Eila McCloskey**

# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday    monday    tuesday    wednesday    thursday    friday    saturday



June 2005

			1	2	3  Block Island Weekend	4
5  Block Island Weekend	6  Monday Bike Manchester	7	8  Board & Regular Meeting	9	10	11
12	13  Monday Bike Bloomfield	14	15  Swing Dance Lessons News Deadline 	16	17  1st MTL Camping Weekend Portsmouth RI	18 
19  1st MTL Camping Weekend Portsmouth RI	20  Monday Bike Wethersfield	21	22  Regular Meeting	23	24	25
26	27  Monday Bike Middletown	28	29	30		

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Dan Giordano  
Kevin Neary  
Russ Pacino  
Stan Wasel



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

Save These Dates

## June

03-05 Block Island  
 06 Monday Bike - Manchester  
 08 Board Meeting @ 6:30pm  
 Regular Meeting @ 8:00pm  
 13 Monday Bike - Bloomfield  
 15 Swing Dance Lessons  
 Newsletter Deadline  
 17-19 1st MTL Camping Weekend  
 Portsmouth RI  
 20 Monday Bike - Wethersfield  
 22 Regular Meeting  
 27 Monday Bike - Middletown

## July

11 Monday Bike -  
West Hartford  
 20 Summer Picnic

