

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

June 2006



from the President . . .

What a bittersweet month it has been. We all lost a dear friend and true Mount Laurel Skier when Jim Mays passed away suddenly on April 24th. Jim truly lived life to the fullest, and enjoyed the Club activities every chance that he got. We'll miss you deeply, Jim, and know that your spirit is with us always.

We gathered that same weekend, on April 29th, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of MTL Skiers at the Wethersfield Country Club. Karen Grossman and her committee did an outstanding job in organizing the event. The food, music and ambience were perfect! Pat Moore had a continuous slide show going, with over 10,000 images of our past and present flashing on the screen throughout the evening.

Kay Leatherman was announced as our incoming CSC Ambassador, Gene Forte and Cheryl Woodin were honored as co-Prospective Members of the year, and Maureen Gaherty was recognized for her many activities in supporting the Club with the Outstanding service award.

Congratulations to all of the ski racing award winners! Tom Knudsen awarded the Club Race Winners, and Pat Moore did the honors for Monday Night Racing Winners. Thanks and congratulations to all who participated

for MTL - you have a lot of fun and make us proud at the same time!!!

The new Board sat for the first time on May 3, with the entire slate of past Officers serving again for the coming year. Pat Moore graciously accepted the post of Secretary, filling the void left by Jim and the Board unanimously agreed with my nomination of Jeanne Clark, Aletta Chamberland, and Kay Leatherman to fill the appointed positions. Kay also sits on the Board as our CSC Ambassador.

A special, heartfelt thanks to Kathy Amenta for organizing our first ever Spring Open House on May 10th. To my knowledge, it is the first time that any of the Ski Clubs in CT have reached out with an early season event. It was a great time, and a good first step in offering the MTL experience to potential Members, who are interested in our year round activities.

We will be challenging Members to step up to fill the various event and activity Chairs for events and committees for the coming year. The Chairs are also constantly looking for volunteers for their Committees. It is never too early to get involved, so please think about it. Open Chair positions will be announced at the Regular Meetings, and posted on the Website for your consideration.

Jonathan Houck

Remembering Jim Mays •



Mountain Laurel Skiers will be making a donation of \$100 to the East Coast Greenway Alliance in memory of our good friend and avid biker, Jim. Moe hopes to obtain matching funds from her employer, AMICA. The alliance is connecting 2600 miles of off-road bike trails from Maine to Florida and Jim's name will be noted at a kiosk in Connecticut, where there are still gaps to close in the existing trails. This money was collected from those who had pizza after the first bike ride to cover the costs of our birthday boy, Neal, and his parents. Thanks to those who enjoyed the pizza and to the owners of the Pavilion for the break on the bill.

Charlotte and Moe

Davos Switzerland '07

Please see enclosed flier for our next year's trip to Davos Switzerland. Space is limited to 50. Currently 14 spots left.

Important Numbers •

Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin

860-688-2934

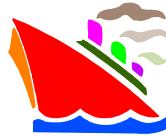
Membership • Alison Reno

860-977-2142

Bike Chairman • Andy LeClair

860-283-4889

Save the Date - November 5-12, 2006 • Mt Laurel 60th Anniversary Cruise



Join the fun with Mt Laurel Skiers and A&S Travel, as we celebrate our Club's 60th Anniversary in grand style sailing on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Freedom of the Seas." The debut of the "Freedom of the Seas" was just featured on the "Today Show." 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 beach stop of Labadee. Option to fly to Miami on Saturday for dinner and cocktails in South Beach!!!

Join the 85+ MTL Members who have already booked our 60th Anniversary Cruise. Prices range from \$799.00 for inside room to \$1129.00 for outside balcony room, based on double occupancy. Third and 4th person in room is \$509.00 each. Prices include 2 private cocktail parties and port taxes. Federal taxes and gratuities are extra. **Cabin availability -- 3 staterooms left, possibly one with a balcony, and two inside that will accommodate up to 4 people.**

Contact Eric Ardolino 203-265-9293 or Karen Grossman 860-217-0533.

Cheer...



Mountain Laurel lost a great guy, very active member, and a good friend with the passing away of Jim Mays. Jim was an organ donor in life and death and donations in his honor can be made to LifeChoice Donor Services, 8 Griffin Rd., North Windsor CT 06095-1573. Our condolences to Peter Piwarzyk on the passing of his mother.

Wishing Stan Wasel a speedy recovery, Joe Sullivan a speedy recovery from surgery, and no more auto's crashing into Bob Wallace. As this is my first Cheers article, I'm asking all of you to let me know of any news that I can pass on. My email is milliarnold57142@aol.com and my phone number is 860-871-0484.

Thanks, Milli



**Davos Switzerland 2007 •
See Flier in this Newsletter.**

**Deadline for July 2006 • 21 June
• Third Wednesday •**

June 21 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the July 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

Camping Weekend Melville Pond Campground Portsmouth, RI 16-18 June •



Hi Folks, Good News on our camping weekend. All sites in our group area are filled up, however, you can put your name on our waiting list by contacting Joe Mangione or call Melville Pond Campground at (401) 682-2424, 9am to 8pm, directly and reserve a site within the campground.

If you have a pop up camper, you can make a reservation for a site as well. What a Deal!!! See you then.

**Jean Leonard (860) 872-6740 and
Joe Mangione (860) 646-7505**

Sunday Hikes •



I want to thank the following people that helped me in leading a hike this spring: Alexis Kuchel, Terri Pappagalo, Irene Deneen and Fred Murray.

Fall hikes begin in September.

Gordon Gaulin

CT BHI Walk in the Park... 13 May

Thank you to the six hardy team members who showed up on May 13 for a soggy stroll - Aletta, Charlotte, Eila, Marge, Moe and Wayne. The other nine members were with us in spirit.

In honoring Lucy Kempe, we raised over \$500 for research. Special thanks go to Karen Grossman, who raised the most in pledges.

Charlotte LeClair

Monday Night Biking •



Ignore the rain and the pollen, we have three full months of biking ahead of us. Thanks to those who led (or attempted to lead) bike rides in May - Angie and Joe, John, and Anne. Thanks to Stacy and Charlotte for coordinating the party after the first bike ride where we celebrated Neal's birthday. His parents were able to surprise him by joining us and as always, love a good time. Neal not only bikes whenever possible, he also marks many of the rides for the leaders throughout the season.

June 5 • Middletown • Neal Fisher • 860-346-5782

Rt 9 to Exit 11, Randolph Rd. Left on Randolph, down the hill to the fire house. Left on Lee at the flashing light. At stop sign, go right on Chaucey. 1/4 mile to first left, Village Drive. Straight to condo, #12-6 Countryside Lane, park on street. Cookout follows, please bring chair.

June 12 • 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 19 • Bloomfield • Jim Mays Memorial Ride • Ride and Pizza will be coordinated by Neal, Andy, Moe and Charlotte. We are looking for the ride sheets from the short and long rides. If anyone has one, please call me.

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 26 • Meriden • This is a new ride led by Dan Roman who is part of Kathy Augustyn's supportive family group. Picnic will follow. Bring your bathing suit and a chair.

I-91 S to exit 18 - Rt 691 W to Exit 4 - Go left at end of ramp. Go to first red light and take a right on Spruce St. Go to end and take a left on Johnson Ave. Take first right on Goodspeed Ave - #166.

Directions from Rt 84 West. Take exit 27 - Rt 691 East - Exit 4 - Right at end of ramp. Go to first red light and take a right on Spruce St. Go to end and take a left on Johnson Ave. Take first right on Goodspeed Ave - #166.

July 3 • NO RIDE • Holiday

Picnics are the theme for June, so please support the efforts of the leaders and come even if you don't ride. The club has purchased a 10 x 10 foot canopy that is being kept at the Dexter's home. Call Rob if you would like to use this for your ride. It will also be available to borrow for other club functions.

Andy LeClair - Bike Chair - 860-283-4889

Sunday Hikes •

Continue hiking with fellow MTL members on Sundays through June. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty and begin at 12:30pm. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and sturdy hiking shoes.

June 4 • Union • Bigelow Hollow State Park • Gordon Gaulin • 860-688-2934

Take Rt. 84 East to exit 73, (Union). Turn right onto Rt 190 East. Follow 2 miles to Rt 171. Turn right, 1.3 miles to entrance of park, right past the pond on left. Park in the first large parking lot on the left. This hike is rated CB.

June 11 • Bolton • Valley Falls • Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015

Take Rt 84 East to exit 66. At the end of the exit take a left. Then take a right onto Bolton Rd., then take a right onto Bread and Milk Rd. At the end of the road take a left. Valley Falls Park is on the right for parking. This hike is rated C.

June 18 • NO HIKE • Camping Weekend

June 25 • Wolcott • Peterson Memorial Park • Irene Deneen & Fred Murray • 860-628-5364

Take exit for Marion Ave off I-84-W in Southington. Turn right onto Marion Ave and go approx. 1.5 miles to Rt 322 (Meriden Waterbury Tpke). Turn right onto Rt 322 and go up hill for 1 mile. At top of hill turn right staying on Rt 322 for 4.4 miles (thru Wolcott). Turn right onto Wolcott Rd (Rt 69) towards Bristol. Take immediate left (0.2 mile) onto Mad River Rd for 0.8 mile. Parking lot on right at Peterson Memorial Park.









From Bristol: (Rt 72) take Wolcott Rd (Rt 69 S) to Mad River Rd on Right.

From Waterbury: Take Wolcott Rd (Rt 69 N) to Mad River Rd on left. This hike will start at Peterson Memorial Park in Wolcott and hike to Buttermilk Falls in Plymouth. A mixed 5 mile one way hike w/shuttle back with views of Mad River, overlook, duck pond, cave, short section on paved road, ending at great views of falls. Also Mt Laurel should be in bloom.

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman - 860-688-2934



mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 June 2006 				1	2	3 'Trails in Motion'
4  Sunday Hike Union	5  Monday Night Biking Middletown	6  Summer Tennis Begins	7 Board and Regular Meeting	8	9	10
11  Sunday Hike Bolton	12  Monday Bike Manchester	13	14 NO MEETING	15	16  Camping Weekend	17 
18  Camping Weekend NO HIKE	19  Monday Bike Bloomfield	20	21 Regular Meeting News Deadline	22	23	24
25  Sunday Hike Wolcott	26  Monday Bike Meriden	27	28 NO MEETING	29	30 	

MtL Skier's newsletter is designed and produced by MG Marketing Associates of Madison 203.421.4840

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

Save These Dates

June

- 03 'Trails in Motion'
- 04 Sunday Hike - Union
- 05 Monday Night Bike - Middletown
- 06 Summer Tennis begins
- 07 Board of Directors & Regular Meeting
- 11 Sunday Hike - Bolton
- 12 Monday Bike - Manchester
- 14 NO MEETING
- 16-18 Camping Weekend - RI
- NO Sunday Hike
- 19 Monday Bike - Bloomfield
- 21 Regular Meeting, News Deadline
- 25 Sunday Hike - Wolcott
- 26 Monday Bike - Meriden
- 28 NO MEETING

July

- 03 NO Monday Bike - Holiday
- 05 Board/Regular Meeting
- 12 No Meeting/Summer BBQ

Mt Laurel Skiers

P O Box 4

Farmington, CT 06034

2006 - 2007 Officers

President • Jonathan Houck • president@mtlski.com
 V President • Alison Reno • vicepresident@mtlski.com
 Secretary • Pat Moore • secretary@mtlski.com
 Treasurer • Eric Ardolino • treasurer@mtlski.com
 Asst Sec/Trea • Tina Oswald
 Past President • Tom Knudsen

CSC Ambassador • Kay Leatherman

Board Members • Board@MtIlski.com

Aletta Chamberland
 Jeanne Clark
 Rob Dexter
 Kay Leatherman
 Russ Pacino
 Phil Palermo
 Stan Wasel



MTL Vermont Bike Weekend

July 14, 15, 16th 2006

MTL Vermont Lodge
Proctorsville, Vermont



Friday 7:00pm: Pasta Dinner
Saturday 10:00am: Biking – featuring 26, 70 mile rides
with stops for swimming and lunch
5:00pm Apres' Velo (Please bring an hors d'oeuvre)
7:00pm Dinner: Full Course Meal
Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Marsala
Oven Roasted Potato/Vegetable/Salad
Dessert/Coffee
Wine/Soda supplied with dinner

Complete weekend including lodge \$ 60.00
Dinner Saturday night only \$15.00

RESPOND TO: STAN WASEL
PO BOX 91
Unionville, Connecticut 06085
860-674-0058

Send check to the above address or see me at an MTL meeting

Mt Laurel Skiers
60th Anniversary Banquet Report

Mt Laurel Skiers held their 60th Anniversary Banquet at Wethersfield Country Club with 125 attending the dinner. Dinner was served, award winners were recognized and we took time to remember our dear friend, Jim Mays. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers, Board of Directors, the Alpine, Nordic, and Tennis Award winners! I especially wish to congratulate:

- Prospective Members of the Year -- Gene Forté and Cheryl Woodin
- Outstanding Service Award -- Maureen Gaherty
- Ambassador -- Kay Leatherman
- Alpine Racing Champions -- Chip Simplicio and Marguerite Meinzer
- Alpine Racing Junior Champions -- Sean Dexter and Olivia DeAngelo
- Nordic Racing Champions -- Rob Dexter and Trish Malloy
- Terri Tabshey -- 50 years Membership in MTL

I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to the Committee who worked for over a year to bring this event to a successful conclusion:

- Raffle Solicitation -- Barbara Wysocki and Aletta Chamberland
- Printed Program -- Jonathan and Sharon Houck, Lisa Durland and her husband Jonathan Cowles, and Karen Grossman
- Ticket Sales -- Carol Rowan and Barbara Murkowicz
- Denim Shirt Sales -- Terri Tabshey, Carol Rowan and Barbara Murkowicz
- Door -- Kay Leatherman, Linda Sturtevant, Mary Ann Rodd, Wayne Cormier
- 50/50 Raffle -- Carol Rowan, Barbara Murkowicz and Faye Ewen
- Raffle Ticket Sales -- Linda Dinda, John Bazzano, Lana Parks, Joe Colette
- Decorations -- Sharon Houck
- Awards -- Paula Felt
- Internet Updates, Slide Show and Collage -- Pat Moore
- Silent Raffle -- Lisa Durland and Jonathan Cowles
- Cocktail Hour DJ -- Neal Fisher

A special thank you goes out to Alison Reno for her singing "Amazing Grace" in honor of Jim Mays.

The following Club Members either solicited and/or donated items for the Raffle and they deserve our THANKS:
Barbara Wysocki and Aletta Chamberland, Raffle Chairpersons; John Ewen (Shore Bird, 2 baskets, and wine basket); Bob LeDoux (Denim Shirt Adirondack Chair); Linda Morasutti; Paula Felt; Jean Leonard; Penny Trick; Sue, John, and Annalee Hughes; Tina Oswald; Ray Taksar; Lana Parks; Kevin Neary, Kate Robertson, Faye Ewen, Karen Grossman, MaryLou Morell, Barbara Murkowicz; Lillian Gasper; Dave England, Sharon and Jonathan Houck; Anne Alden and Bruce Alexander.

We raised a profit of approx \$1300.00 including the Banquet Raffle bringing in \$838.00 and the sale of denim shirts bringing in \$700.00.

Sincerely, Karen Grossman, Chairperson 60th Anniversary Banquet

