

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

June 2007

from the President . . .



The Mt. Laurel Skiers have put the winter season behind them, and, never missing a beat, are hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, partying, and generally continuing our relentless pursuit of happiness!!!

We had a great turnout at the May 9th Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner and Bike-wear Fashion Show. Penny Trick and Charlotte LeClair did a wonderful job of coordinating this event, and everyone had a great time. As always, we encourage everyone in the club to support Zabbara's with your business at every opportunity.

Charlotte also arranged for a wonderful Birthday bash for Eila McCloskey at the Masonic Lodge in Cheshire on the 12th. Bobby Darling kept everyone dancing, and we can't wait for Eila to turn 70 again next year so that we can do it again.

Our premier event of the season was, of course, the 61st Annual Banquet, held May 19th at the Wethersfield Country Club. Sharon Houck and Karen Grossman and their committee did a fantastic job of making this the perfect event for honoring the efforts of all of the outstanding skiers from the past season. Aletta Chamberland and Lisa Durland handled the raffle and donated prizes, and Tom Knudsen and Pat Moore awarded the Ski awards for Monday Night Racing and the Club Race.

We had the honor to acknowledge the tremendous contributions, and offer lifetime membership to two valuable Mt. Laurel Skiers - Eric Ardolino and Nancy Nolan. We also had the opportunity to acknowledge Paul Fehrenbach's 50 years as a Member of the Club. John Pappalardo (President in 1957!!) handled this presentation.

Lisa Durland was awarded the Outstanding Member of the Year, and Bob Dickinson was named the New Member of the Year. And, we have our new Ambassador for the coming season - Jeanne Clark was chosen, and is eager to assist the CSC as the Mt. Laurel Representative. Thank you to all who participated in, and have been such a big part in, the many activities that make Mt. Laurel such a fulfilling and enjoyable experience!!!

We have a calendar that is chock full of activities in the coming months, so keep a sharp eye on the website, and newsletter, and the calendars that are available at the meetings. We are doing our very best to ensure that everyone in the Club is aware of what is available in time to make plans to participate. Just as important are the volunteers who assist Chairpersons as these activities come up, so please do not be shy to offer your help.

Finally - be aware that the summer meeting schedule is in effect, with



meetings being held every other week, instead of every week.

Jonathan Houck

CAPE GOLF OUTING •



We have the Cape House from Oct 4th through Oct 8th (4 nights, 5 days). The fee will include 4 nights accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners and 18 holes with a cart on Sat at Brookside. The price will be \$200 for golfers staying at the house, non golfers \$130, food only \$50, golf and food \$120.

Please forward your checks made payable to Mt. Laurel Skiers as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Priority will be given to golfers. If you have any questions, my phone number is 860-741-3343 or email me at fitzy31@cox.net.

Please mail the checks payable to Mt. Laurel Skiers to 24 St. James Ave; Enfield CT 06082.

Please note: The checks will not be cashed until after the event.

Important Numbers •

Membership • Kay Leatherman
203-879-7722

Monday Night Bike •

Andy LeClair • 860-283-4889

Sunday Hikes •

Rick Sullivan • 860-675-3403

Jeanne Delehanty • 860-651-3257

Eastern Trip Returns to Jay Peak •



As long as Jay gives us the bang for our buck that they give us, we will return. After much research, it is impossible to even come close to the amenities and price that Jay gives us anywhere else. If you haven't joined us in the past, you are missing out. If you have joined us, we hope you will return with us in 2008.

The trip is March 2 - 7, 2008. The price is \$650 for a single occupancy and \$475 per person for double occupancy. It includes 5 nights lodging, 5 buffet breakfasts, 5 1/2 days skiing, 5 order-from-the-menu dinners, one wine and cheese cocktail party, five 2 1/2 hour ski lessons, one welcome party with three drink vouchers, one Karaoke and DJ night (drinks can be purchased at the bar). Children aged 14 and under stay and ski free for a meal fee of \$115 per child. The registration form is on the Internet and included in this newsletter. We have reserved 25 rooms and five, 2 bedroom, slopeside condos at \$1836 per condo, which accommodates four people and sports one bathroom and a fireplace. You can purchase a meal package for \$190 per person if you want the condo and don't want to cook. Get your deposit in soon and don't miss out on this tremendous deal. Please keep in mind that the "No Refund" dates will be strictly adhered to. **Any questions? Call Dave England, 860-614-1348 or Jenny Ebner, 860-402-6232, or email jennyebner@sbcglobal.com**

CRUISE October 13 2007 and/or Sept 13 2008

For those interested in going on a cruise on October 13th of this year, we have some outrageous rates just for the Club. The ship is the Liberty of the Seas. This is the same ship as last year, but one year newer and less expensive. We have inside rooms from \$699 and outside balconies from \$939.

Also, a lot of people have shown interest and deposited for our 2008 Cruise to the Mediterranean on the Voyager of the Sea on September 13, 2008.

Any questions, please call me at 203-265-9293 or home 860-426-1580. This year's cruise does have a deadline of June 15th before we lose these rates. Rooms will be converted to much higher rates on the 16th of June.

Eric C. Ardolino

Deadline for July 2007 • 20 June • Third Wednesday •

June 20 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the July 2007 newsletter. All information should be to **Jonathan Houck** by that date.

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

6 Promontory Drive • Cheshire CT 06410

or email president@mtlski.com

h 203-272-0560

MTL to NYC

Reserve your deluxe motor coach seat(s) for your adventure to the "Big Apple" on Saturday, October 20th. Here's the plan..... We'll leave from Zabbara's parking lot early in the morning, arrive NYC in late morning, spend the day doing "whatever" you want, we then travel to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner, and return to Zabbara's in late evening.

The "whatever" part of this is up to you. You can elect to see a play, shop, eat, and/or sightsee.

The cost for reserving your spot/s on the motor coach is \$32 per person. (This price also includes the tip for the driver.) Invite your family, friends from work, whomever. Make your check payable to MTL. Thank you.

Kate Robertson 860-344-1292

Thank You •

Thank you to all my friends in Mt. Laurel Skier's who attended my sister Connie's funeral and those who sent messages of condolence, as well as contributions to various places. I appreciate your concerns and support.

John Pappalardo

ASPEN/SNOWMASS TRIP • 2 Feb '08

Our Aspen/Snowmass Trip for 2 February 2008 is doing very well. We have filled 2/3 of our 60 spots. If you are interested, please send in your deposits today. See our website for a form and other information or call me at 860-426-1580 at home or 203-265-9293 at the office.

Eric C. Ardolino

Hey Yakers! • Kayaking



Now that you have a brand new kayak, it's time to get out there and paddle! Join us for these wet and wild events this summer. Don't forget your paddle, pdf, sunscreen, hat, snack, water and whatever else you might need. Fred Murray 860-628-5364 or Joe Mangione 860-646-7505 for more information.

June 17: Camping weekend. Newport Harbor in Newport RI checking out the yachts, seeing how the other half lives. Lunch with the Kennedy's after? Leave the campground at 10AM, meet at Fort Adams State Park. Directions: From Thames St, downtown Newport, head south. Turn right on Wellington Ave. continue on Halidon Ave. Turn right on Harrison Ave. Turn right to stay on Harrison Ave. Turn right on Fort Adams Drive. Straight to the boat launch.

July 1: Mansfield Hollow Lake in Mansfield, CT for a day exploring coves and islands. If interested, bring a picnic lunch for after the paddle. Meet at 10AM at the boat ramp. Directions: Take I-84 east to exit 68. Turn right and take Rte 195 south past UCONN. After *passing* Rte 89, go 1/2 mile and turn left on Bassett Bridge Road. The boat ramp is 1.4 miles on the left.

July 22: Bike weekend. Springfield Reservoir in Springfield, VT for a relaxing paddle among the wildlife. Look out for giant beavers! Meet at 10AM at the launch area. Directions: From the lodge, take VT Rte 131 east (left out of driveway). Turn right on Rte 106. At intersection with Rte 10, turn left. Turn left again on Maple St to boat ramp. Rentals are available from Joe Jones in Ludlow 802-228-5440.

August TBD: Paddle in CT.



Monday Night Biking...

The season is off to a great start thanks to those who hosted rides last month as well as to all those who participated. All rides are marked and you have the option of a short, medium, or long route to follow. Even if you don't ride, please join the group for pizza or the party afterwards. A reminder that helmets are mandatory and you must sign out for each ride, then sign in after the ride. Ride leaders do not want to lose anyone. It is always a good idea to ride in a group so plan to arrive before the 6:00pm start time.



June 4 • Avon • leaders Trish Macelletti/Steve Molloy • 860-693-9181 • Pizza follows.

I-84 West to Exit 39, Farmington center, take a right onto Rt. 10 North. Take a left at the first light onto Old Farms Rd. Meet at Fisher Meadows.

June 11 • Manchester • leader Deane Young • 860-647-8884 • Picnic follows, bring a chair & your appetite.

I-84 East to Rte 384, exit 3. Bear right off the exit, straight through downtown Manchester. At top of the hill is a big white church, turn left on Center St. at light. Second house on the right after the first light, #141.

June 18 • Bloomfield • leader Neal Fisher • 860-346-5782 • Jim Mays Memorial Ride • Pizza follows.

I-91 North to exit 35B, Rte 218 West. Go through 3 lights, 3rd blinking. Turn right onto Blue Hills Ave/Rte 187; at 2nd light turn left on Park Ave. Go past Bloomfield High, cross RR tracks, and turn into North East plaza on right.

June 25 • Meriden • leaders Debbie and Dan Roman • 203-237-1727 • Picnic & pool party afterwards. Bring a chair and your appetite.

I-91 to exit 18/Rte 691 West to exit 4. Go to left at end of ramp. Go to first red light and take a right onto Spruce St. Go to end and take a left on Johnson Ave. Take first right on Goodspeed Ave - #166.

From I-84 West. Take exit 27, Rte 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 2 • Wethersfield • leader Marsha Baretta • 860-529-9072 • Pizza follows.

From Silas Deane Highway - go west on Rte 175. After passing Ridge Rd., take a left at the next light onto Willow St. Park in school parking lot on the right.

From the Berlin Tpke/Rte 15 - take Rte 175/Wells Rd. East into Wethersfield. After the light, on the top of the hill, take the next right at the light, Willow St.



Andy Le Clair, bike chair, 860-282-4889

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday



June 2007



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1st Friday
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3 Sunday Hike W. Hartford Reservoir	4 Monday Night Biking Avon	5 Tuesday Night Tennis Begins Kayaking Lessons	6 Regular Meeting Board Meeting	7 Informal Bike Ride	8	9
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24 Sunday Hike E. Granby	25 Monday Night Biking Meriden	26 Tuesday Night Tennis	27	28 Informal Bike Ride	29 Moonlight Kayaking	30

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

June

01 1st Friday - British Museum of American Art

03 Sunday Hike, W. Hartford

04 Monday Bike, Avon

05 Tuesday Night Tennis begins, Kayaking Lessons

06 Regular & Board Meeting

07 Informal Bike Ride

10 Sunday Hike, Castle Craig, Meriden

11 Monday Bike, Manchester

12 Tuesday Tennis, Kayaking

14 Informal Bike Ride

14-17 Camping Trip in R.I.

18 Monday Bike, Jim Mays Memorial

19 Tuesday Tennis, Kayaking

20 Regular Meeting, NEWS

21 Informal Bike Ride

22 Zabbara's Memorial Golf Tournament

24 Sunday Hike, East Granby

25 Monday Bike, Meriden

26 Tuesday Tennis

28 Informal Bike Ride

29 Moonlight Kayaking

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MT LAUREL JAY PEAK SKI TRIP MARCH 2 – 7, 2008



Hotel Accomodations: (All rooms are non-smoking)

Double Occupancy (2 people per room)	\$475 per person
Single Occupancy (1 person per room)	\$650 per person
No Skiing	deduct \$105 per person
Nonmembers (After Oct 1)	add \$35.00

****Inquire about 2-bedroom, slopeside condos

Pricing includes:

- 5 ½ days of skiing
- 5 nights lodging (ski in/ski out)
 - 5 breakfasts
- 5 sit down, order from the menu dinners
 - 5 two-hour ski lessons
 - wine and cheese party
 - tax and gratuity on meals

Deposit: \$175 deposit per person due by 10/1/07

No refunds on deposit after December 2, 2007

Balance due: January 10, 2008 * No Refunds after February 1st, 2008

Rooms are first come/first served – 25 rooms reserved

(Checks payable to Mt. Laurel Ski Club)

Mail or Give Checks and Registration Form to:

Dave England, PO Box 330614, W. Hartford, CT 06133-0614

For additional trip information contact either:

Dave England (Cell) 860-614-1348, or Jenny Ebner (Cell) 860-402-6232

(E-mail) jennyebner@sbcglobal.net

Jay Peak is the Colorado in the East

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**MT. LAUREL JAY PEAK SKI TRIP**

**March 2 – 7, 2008**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Double - \$475 per person      \_\_\_\_\_ Single - \$650 per person  
\_\_\_\_\_ No Ski - deduct \$105 per person      \_\_\_\_\_ add \$35 nonmember

MTL Vermont Bike Weekend  
July 20-22 2007  
The Lodge at Proctorsville



|          |                 |                                               |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Friday:  | <u>7:00 PM</u>  | Pasta Dinner                                  |
| Saturday | <u>10:00 AM</u> | Biking<br>(featuring 26,70 miles rides)       |
|          | <u>5:00 PM</u>  | Apres Velo<br>(please bring an hors d'oeuvre) |
|          | <u>7:00 PM</u>  | Dinner Full Course<br>(wine/soda supplied)    |

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| Cost: | All Inclusive Weekend Meals & Lodging | \$60.00 |
|       | Dinner Saturday Night                 | \$15.00 |
|       | Dinner Friday Night                   | \$5.00  |

RESPOND TO: Stan Wasel & Marge Freeland  
101 Farmington Chase  
Farmington, Connecticut 06032  
860-674-0058

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

## 2007 Mt Laurel Tennis Ladders

The 2007 Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladders run 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. Trophies will be awarded to the singles and mixed doubles champions and finalists. All players must be Mt. Laurel Club members or join Mt. Laurel by the end of August. Ladder rules are available upon request.

### 2006 FINAL STANDINGS: Singles

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

### Mixed Doubles

1. Rob & Claire Dexter
2. Rich & Monica Meinzer
3. Dave Spear & Margaret Kehoe
4. Brian Hunter & Milli Arnold
5. Lloyd Frauenglass & Lucy (L&L)
6. Harold Barenz & Sharon Houck



We also need to decide in June if club members under 18 can play in the ladder. Please reply to [dlspe@aol.com](mailto:dlspe@aol.com) with your opinion on juniors playing in the ladders. I would also like to contact CT Ski Council member clubs to see if there is interest in starting a team tennis series between clubs. If at least four ski clubs are interested in fielding a team, we could set up a schedule with a tournament at the end. Fall '07, Spring '08 or Summer '08 could be selected for the team matches. Please reply with any comments on team tennis and/or if you are interested in playing on the Mt. Laurel team.

**David L. Spear, Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladder Coordinator**

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## Sunday Hike...

Hike with fellow Mt Laurel members (guests are welcome, too!). All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty, and begin at 12:30 on Sundays. Generally they are followed by beer and pizza. Bring snacks, water, rain gear, and sturdy hiking shoes. Spring and fall hiking is an excellent way to maintain your conditioning for skiing and requires very little equipment expense.



### **June 3 • Hike West Hartford Reservoir**

Gene Forte 239-287-0013, or Rick Sullivan 860-675-3403. I-84 to exit 39 (Rte 4). Right on Rte 4 past UCONN Health Center to Sign for W. Hartford Reservoir on left. Meet in parking lot at end of entry road.

### **June 10 • Hike West Peak & Castle Craig • Meriden**

Rick Sullivan 860-675-3403. I-691 exit 4 (West Main St.) South on West Main St. (toward downtown Meriden) to Hubbard Park entrance on left. Bear right at first intersection in the park to a stop sign; turn toward highway overpass and park on the road to right of concrete blocks blocking the road under the highway overpass.

### **June 24 • Hike Peak Mountain - E. Granby.**

Jeanne Delehanty 860-651-3257. From I-91 take airport exit. Continue on airport access highway to exit for route 20 west to the intersection of Route 20 and 187. Go straight on Route 20 for another .6 or .7 mile to Newgate Rd on right. Park on side of Newgate Rd.

**We are looking for leaders to help us leading hikes this year. If you have questions or suggestions concerning Hikes, please call Rick Sullivan 860-675-3403, or Jeanne Delehanty 860-651-3257.**

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## Camping Weekend • 15-17 June

Despite the exorbitant price increase, the camping trip is FULL! You can still contact the campground directly and reserve your own site in the "other" section (\$30 per night) by calling 401-682-2424, 9AM to 8PM. Make sure you get your directions if you haven't already. Don't forget your tent! And bring your new (or old) kayak to paddle on Sunday in Newport Harbor. More info in the kayaking section. **Joe Mangione 860-646-7505.**

