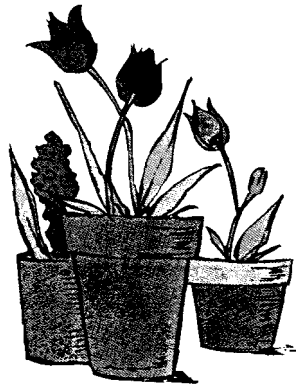


Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

May 2007



from the President . . .

Spring is in the air, and the snow is pretty much gone, which means that Mountain Laurel Skiers will be taking to the biking, hiking, camping, golf, tennis (etc.) activities shortly.

There was one final fling at the Lodge, of course, the infamous Pig Roast! Jack Uhrynowski and his merry band of gastronomic geniuses filled the bellies of 69 attendees on an unseasonably cold weekend, and did a great job as usual. Thank you Jack, for making this such a great time!!!

John (Rodney Dangerfield) Ewen hosted the Annual Lip Sync contest at Zabbara's on the 18th, and 7 great acts made this one of the best ever! Aletta Chamberland, Betsy Gaudian, Linda Dinda, and Sharon Houck took top honors with their rendition of music from the play 'Menopause.' What a tremendous time we all had!

Hiking has gotten off to a new season with our new Co-chairs, Rick Sullivan and Jeanne Delehanty. They will be posting the times and places on the website, with hikes taking place on most Sundays.

Monday Night Biking began on April 30th and Andy Le Clair, biking Chairperson, has posted the schedule in this newsletter, as well as on the Club website.

Maureen Gaherty closed a memorable

Lodge season with the Pig Roast, but as you will see in this Newsletter, she and the Lodge Committee are already planning many events for next season - she is always looking for volunteers to help.

I want to point out the article on the Jay Peak trip run by Dave England and Jenny Ebner. I have posted their article in this newsletter, as it was inadvertently left out of last month's issue. Please take the time to thank them both for the wonderful job they do on these trips (they already have next year's trip planned).

At the annual meeting on April 25th, we held our Officer and Board elections. Key Leatherman will continue as VP, Eric Ardolino as Treasurer, Mandy Lavalee as Secretary, and Kathy Culhane as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Phil Palermo will continue on the Board, and will be joined by Fred Murray (1 year term), and Chuck Hannah and Hank Berger (both for 2 year terms). I thank you for the honor of serving for the coming year as President, and will be completing the Board with three 1 year appointees very shortly.

DO NOT MISS IT!!! The 61st Annual Mountain Laurel Banquet is coming up on May 19th. This is our opportunity to award our skiers, our outstanding Members, officially install the Officers and Board, and generally

celebrate this wonderful Club that we have. Please make every effort to attend this event. The article and flyer are in this newsletter. **The last day to sign up is May 9th at the meeting.** I look forward to seeing everyone there.

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!!



Jonathan Houck

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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

Thanks from the Lodge •

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the lodge this year. It may not have been our best year financially, however, that which we lost in income, we gained in spirit and enthusiasm.

We already have several events planned for next season, including Wine-tasting, New Year's, Moonlight Snowshoe/Make-Your-Own-Gourmet-Pizza-Weekend, Spa Weekend (no nachos please), Pig Roast, and of course, a murder mystery. Don't forget the Bike Weekend this July 20-22 and Fall Hike! If you have any suggestions or would like to host an event weekend, please let me know. I promise that the schedule of lodge events will be published much earlier this year, so that you can plan your purchase of lodge vouchers.

It's been a pleasure! Enjoy your summer.

Moe Gaherty • Lodge Manager

Jay Peak Trip • Memories & Thanks •

The attendees of the Jay Peak trip have returned once again with smiles on their faces. Another great trip! Even with wind chill factors of minus 40 and snow falling at the rate of three inches an hour one evening, some hearty skiers managed to ski every single day, while others chose to not ski the day of wind and snow and played cards by the fireplace or read a book, went on a snow shoe hike led by Fred and Irene Murray. All other days the skiing was terrific with lots of powder and groomed trails.

In my 17 days of skiing this season my two best days were: Monday with over a foot of light powder and Friday was the best packed fine powder.

Our own Chip Laput won the Gold on a mountain race on Thursday.

I believe Jenny and I speak for everyone that it was indeed a wonderful time had by all.

Thank you, Jenny, for all your help in making this trip most enjoyable, and a big thanks to our new member, Dave Sergio, for his incredible music.

Dave England

Deadline for June 2007 • 16 May • Third Wednesday •

May 16 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the June 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

Sunday Hikes • May & June



We will be hiking this spring in May and June. Since we just took over the Hiking program from Gordon Gaulin, there are only two May hikes scheduled Avon and Mansfield at the newsletter deadline. We will post scheduled hikes on the website calendar and announce them at Wednesday meetings. 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 during the off season and requires very little equipment expense. We are looking for leaders to help us lead hikes this spring.

For more information, Please call either Rick (860-675-3404) or Jeanne (860-651-3257), Hike Chairpersons.

Cheer...



Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Terri Tabshey on the loss of her sister, Rosemary Prestillio and to John Pappalardo on the death of his sister, Connie Pappalardo.

Unfortunately, Jean Clark finished the ski season with a knee injury and surgery but that leaves her plenty of time to heal. We're looking forward to seeing her on the slopes.

A late report but one that is such good news that it must be told. Barbara Murkowicz was the lucky winner of the Cash 5 Lottery in October for \$100,000. Way to go.

If you have any news, please call Milli Arnold at 860-871-0484

Mountain Laurel Skiers • 61st Annual Banquet • 19 May



The 61st Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday night, May 19th. We are looking for a great turnout, so that we properly honor the Outstanding Members this past year, the many award winners during the course of the ski season, and to recognize and install the new Board and Officers.

We will be holding the banquet at the Wethersfield Country Club (the same site as last year), and will be entertained by the music of Bobby Darling.

The flier with details is included in this newsletter. Please be aware that we are accepting reservations through the night of May 9th at the Zabbara's awards dinner and fashion show.

Our committee is looking forward to seeing a wonderful evening of dining, presentations, dancing and socializing. See you all there!

Sharon Houck, Banquet Committee Chairperson

Monday Night Biking...



The ski season is coming to a close and we are in great condition to begin a new sport - biking! Monday night rides are held throughout the Spring and Summer and are hosted by a different person each week. All rides are marked, maps are provided, and there are short, medium and long rides, ranging from 10 to 30 miles. Helmets are mandatory, as is the sign-out, sign-in policy so the ride leader is assured that everyone returns. Pizza or a picnic follows each ride, so the fun continues after you get your exercise. Rides begin at 6:00 PM, but plan to arrive before that time to get your bike ready and connect with a group to ride with.

April 30 • St. Gregory Church, Bristol • leaders Andy and Charlotte Le Clair • 860-283-4889

May 7 • Maradino plaza, Route 44, New Hartford • leader John Eason • 860-674-9348

May 14 • Joanne Fabrics Plaza, Manchester • leaders Joe Mangione & Angie Testa • 860-646-7505

May 21 • Suburban Sports, Berlin • leader Annie Alden • 860-828-3378

May 28 • NO RIDE • Memorial Day

June 4 • Avon • leaders Trish & Steve • 693-9181

June 11 • Manchester • leader Deane Young • 860-647-8884. Gourmet picnic follows the ride, bring a chair and your appetite.



In the event of rain, contact my answering machine and a message will be posted about a possible cancellation.

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

















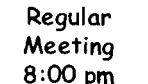



ASPEN • 2008 • 2 February...

It is finalized and the flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. We will be going to Snowmass/Aspen on February 2, 2008. We have 60 seats from Hartford available and have sold 25 percent already. Currently we have non-stop Denver flights, and will have the potential of 7 days skiing from our Slopeside hotel at Snowmass. More information, please call me at 203-265-9293 or home at 860-426-1580 or see enclosed flyer. This will sell out quickly so please do not delay!



Eric C. Ardolino

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	May 2007	1	2	3  Informal Bike Ride	4	5  Kayak Demo North Cove
6  Sunday Hike Avon	7  Monday Night Biking	8	9  Zabbara's Appreciation Dinner & Fashion Show	10  Informal Bike Ride	11 	12  Elia's Birthday Party Kayak/Bike Swap Meet
13  Mother's Day EMS Demo Day	14  Monday Night Biking	15	16  Regular Meeting, Race Awards News Deadline	17  Informal Bike Ride	18	19  61st Annual Banquet
20  Sunday Hike Mansfield	21  Monday Night Biking	22	23  Regular Meeting 8:00 pm	24  Informal Bike Ride	25	26
27	28  Memorial Day NO Monday Night Biking	29	30  NO Meeting Summer Schedule Begins	31		

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

- May
- 02 Board Meeting, 6:30
Regular Meeting 8pm,
Kayak Demo
 - 03 Informal Bike Ride
 - 05 Kayak Demo - North Cove
 - 06 Hike - Avon
 - 07 Monday Night Biking
 - 09 Zabarra's Appreciation
Dinner & Fashion Show
 - 10 Informal Bike Ride
 - 12 Kayak/Bike swap meet -
Camp Sloper
 - 12 Elia's Birthday Party
 - 13 EMS Demo Day - Coventry
Lake
 - 14 Monday Night Biking
 - 16 Regular Meeting, 8pm,
race awards, News Deadline
 - 17 Informal Bike Ride
 - 19 61st Annual Banquet
Wethersfield Country Club
 - 20 Hike - Mansfield
 - 21 Monday Night Biking
 - 23 Regular Meeting, 8pm
 - 24 Informal Bike Ride
 - 28 Memorial Day (No Monday
Night Biking)
 - 30 NO MEETING (summer
schedule begins)



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