

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

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November 2005



## from the President . . .

It must be SKI SEASON!!! I can tell, because the activity level is really picking up! The ski vouchers have been purchased, and the Lodge season is about to begin.

Russ Pacino and the Lodge Committee are planning a "Fall Cleanup Weekend" at the Lodge on November 4th through 6th. Stay free and help with some light maintenance. Group meals are planned with plenty of free time to enjoy the Vermont Fall weather.

Monday Night Racing will soon begin (12/19 - weather permitting) at Mount Southington, and we are looking forward to full participation from our Mt Laurel Team. Pat Moore is once again our Go-To-Guy for racing.

The Wednesday Night Program, run by Charlotte LeClair and John Bazzano, is also hitting stride. Last month we had a presentation by Jon Durham on conditioning techniques geared to making sure that we're all in great shape for skiing - one of the best presentations we have had in some time. Pat has posted the information on our website for review. The Halloween Dance was fabulous. On 16 November, there will be a Fashion Show and 30 November a presentation on High Altitude entitled "Heavy Breathing." Our Christmas Dance is scheduled for 14 December.

By the way, if you haven't checked out the Website, you need to - it is chock full of all of the information that you need to know about the many activities of the club, as well as the Roster, meeting minutes, pictures from recent events, etc. Pat Moore is doing a great job on keeping it up-to-the-minute. Don't forget to share the Website address for friends that might be interested in joining Mt Laurel!

There are a number of great weekend events at the lodge this season including: New Year's, Cross Country, Winter Carnival, St. Patty's, Murder Mystery, Pig Roast, and more to be announced. These weekends are a great way to support the Lodge while sharing some unbelievable times.

Don't forget the upcoming CSC Snowball at the Connecticut Grand Hotel in Waterbury - Alison Reno is still selling tickets for this 2 band (no resting) night of dancing, followed at midnight by a wee morning get-together at the Mt Laurel Hospitality suite (DJ'd by Neil Fisher).

In short, MTL Skiers (as usual) are planning a lot of fun!!! I'm looking forward to joining in - how about you?



Jonathan Houck



## Open House!

A lot of interested new people were among the crowd that circulated around the tables at the Open House. I want to thank all of the members who sat at the tables telling people about the club activities and answering questions. They represented the Club and all we do. The result was a whopping number of prospective members. Want to also thank the two "raffle ladies" who worked so hard selling tickets. As always Mt Laurel knows how to give a good party!!! **Milli**

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## Dave announces that Jay Peak is SOLD OUT.

We have created a waiting list for those who still wish to sign up. Call Dave at 860-614-1348 or Jenny at 860-402-6232 or email Jenny at [JEbner@bright.net](mailto:JEbner@bright.net)

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## Important Numbers •

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860-688-2934  
**Lodge Manager • Ray Taksar**  
860-647-9168  
**Lodge Reservations •**  
**Lisa Durland • 860-533-1981**  
**Lodge • 802-226-7010**

## Summer Tennis Wrap-Up •



The Mountain Laurel Summer Tennis Program for the second year in a row was fully subscribed with 24 players supplemented by 10 substitutes. It was a mixed doubles format indoors on six courts, Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8pm, at the Tennis Center of Newington for 12 weeks from June 7 to August 30. The participants were by and large very good sports contributing weekly to a fun environment. And, when Pizza Nights were organized every two weeks by Marie Slayton (thank you Marie) attendance always peaked as our interests shifted easily from tennis to apre's. Sharon Weston and her gracious staff headed by Nancy Frost were wonderful hosts. On our last night Erika and Jack (thank you) hosted an irreverent, cute, and low fat Tennis Oscars Night, a fitting closeout to the season.

We are going to try it again next summer, so keep your Tuesdays open and remember to sign up early next spring as the 24 slots go quickly. **Harold**

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## Ski Trip • 4 Feb 2006 • Lake Tahoe • 7 nights

We are going to Lake Tahoe on February 4th 2006, spending 7 nights at Harvey Deluxe Hotel. We will be planning skiing at Alpine Meadows, Kirkwood, Heavenly Valley and 1 other place during the week. Price is \$1049 and air is on American Airlines out of Hartford. **Questions, please call Eric Ardolino at 203-265-9293.** We do expect to be sold out on this trip fairly quickly.

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## Deadline for December • 16 November 2005 • Third Wednesday •

November 16 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the December 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](mailto:kathleen.augustyn@inginvestment.com)**

**or fax: 860-275-2845 • h 860-632-1280 • w 860-275-2389**

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## MTL Lodge Reservations •

Lodge reservations for this year will open at the Wednesday Nov 2 meeting. I can also be reached by e-mail at [lodge@mtl.com](mailto:lodge@mtl.com) or by phone 860-533-1981 - please no calls after 9pm. Keep in mind that payment is expected at the time the reservation is made.

New this year, we are offering the Appalachian Room (big room over the lounge) to the Meriden Ski Club for their members. They will have exclusive reservation access to this room until Tuesday 9pm each week for the upcoming weekend; starting Wednesday each week, any remaining beds in this room will be available to both MTL and Meriden members on a first come - first serve basis.

Complete reservation information is posted on the MTL website under the Lodge link. Bed availability listings will also be posted on the website - keep an eye there for open beds - especially if you want to make last minute plans to head north for the weekend.

If you are new to the club, staying at the lodge is a great way to get to know other club members. We are looking forward to another great snow season - don't miss out on the fun.

**Thanks, Lisa Durland**

## Sunday Hikes •



Continue hiking with fellow Mt. Laurel members on Sunday's thru mid-Dec. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty and begin at 12:30pm. Bring snacks, water, rain gear and sturdy hiking shoes. I need people to help me in leading hikes this fall. **Please contact Gordon Gaulin 860-688-2934.**

**06 Nov • Riverwalk • Riverside Park • Hartford • Claire O'Connor • 860-232-7862 • Flat 3.5 mile walk along CT River.**

**From North of Hartford:** Take I-91 South to Exit 33, Jennings Rd. At the end of ramp, turn left onto Jennings Rd and then take your first right onto Liebert Rd. Travel approximately 1/2 mile to the park entrance on your left.

**From South of Hartford:** Take I-91 North to Exit 33, Jennings Rd. At the end of ramp turn right onto Jennings Rd and then take your first right onto Liebert Rd. Travel approximately 1/2 mile to the park entrance on your left.

**13 Nov • Redding • Collis P. Huntington State Park • Gordon Gaulin • 860-688-2934 •**

**Directions:** From the junction of CT 302 and CT 58 in Bethel, go south on CT 58 (Putnam Park Road) for 1.3 miles and bear left and then right on Sunset Hill Road. After 2.2 miles on Sunset Hill turn left into Collis P. Huntington State Park. The entrance is flanked by wildlife sculptures, wolves baying at the moon at the left and mother bear with cubs at the right. Hike is rated CD, a 5.5 mile hike.

**20 Nov • Wolcott • Peterson Memorial Park • Irene Deneen & Fred Murray • 860-628-5364 •**

**Directions:** Take exit for Marion Ave off I-84W in Southington. Turn right onto Marion Ave and go approx

## Hikes continued...

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 69S) to Mad River Rd on right. **From Waterbury:** Take Wolcott Rd (Rt 69N) 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, love (yeah, love) bus, overlook, duck pond, cave, short section on paved road, ending at great views of falls.

**27 Nov • Barkhamsted • Tunxis Trail • Jim Mays • 860-570-0480**  
**Directions:** Meet at Barkhamsted Reservoir. Take Rt 219 north at the junction of Rt 44 in New Hartford. At the junction with Rt 318 take a left and park in the parking lot on the left side of the reservoir.



**Gordon Gaulin  
Hike Chairman  
860-688-2934**

## Fashion Show •



New fashions for skiing, lounging by the fire and hitting the Killington night spots will be on display at the Mt Laurel meeting on Nov 16. Suburban Sports will be supplying the styles and eight good looking members will be modeling. Come and enjoy.

**Charlotte and Milli**

## Fall Hike Thank You...



I want to thank everyone that helped me with the Fall Hike this year, with special thanks to Dan Giordano, Jack Uhrynowski, Ron Colaresi and the cooking crew for an excellent dinner and to all of the people that brought desserts and appetizers. A thank you also goes out to Jean Leonard for taking reservations. The weekend would not have been the success it was without this help.

**Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman**

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**Wassail Weekend in Vermont  
Save the Date ... December 9, 10, and 11  
This will be our 10th Annual Wassail Holiday!  
Jack Uhrynowski**

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## Wednesday Night Programs •

**November 16 Fashion Show.** Come see the newest looks in ski wear from Suburban Sports, modeled by our club members. Suburban Sports generously donated a pair of skis to the Open House and has agreed to host this event as well.

**November 30 "Heavy Breathing"** or how to avoid this on the slopes. A presentation on skiing at high altitudes will be presented by nurses, Patti Ardolino and Marge Freeland.

**We have many more programs planned for the winter and would appreciate your ideas for more.** Prospective members - helping on an event held on Wednesday night fulfills one of your obligations. Questions? Input?

**Contact Charlotte LeClair & John Bazanno at meetings or by email.**

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## Lodge News from Ray Taksar •



Four Weeks. Yes! The Lodge will be open in just four weeks. Are you and your skis ready? Reservations for the Lodge will begin the first Wednesday in November and run through the first Wednesday in December. Voucher sales will be done by Ernie Riley again this year and Reservations will be taken by Lisa Durland. Lucky for all of us to have such a great crew to work with.

If any of you wish to be an Innkeeper for a weekend at the Lodge, see me at a meeting or call me and I'll put your name on the list. Innkeepers are "comped" a Free Stay at the Lodge.

Okemo continues to grow with two new trails at Jackson Gore. Both are expert trails. You can check them and the whole mountain out at the interactive map at Okemo's Web Page. Not on line? Your local library has computers for your use. When at the Lodge, the library on Main St in Ludlow has computers to use for one or two dollars per hour.









Price menus for the Lodge are on the Club info table or available from Lisa, Ernie, or myself. Also on line MtlSki.com. Please have your checks made out ahead of time. Makes the line go much faster. Thanks.

That's all for now boys and girls. Hope to see all of you at the Lodge.

**Best Always, Ray**

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# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2	3	4	5  Fall "fix-up" weekend at the Lodge - Vermont
6  Sunday Hike Riverwalk Hartford	7	8	9 Regular Meeting	10	11	12  CSC Snow Ball
13  Sunday Hike Redding	14	15	16 Regular Meeting Fashion Show News Deadline	17	18	19
20  Sunday Hike Wolcott	21	22	23 Regular Meeting	24	25	26
27  Sunday Hike Barkhamsted	28	29	30 Regular Meeting "Heavy Breathing"	<b>November 2005</b> 		

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

## Save These Dates November

- 02 Board & Regular Meeting
- 4-6 Fall "fix-up" weekend at  
the Lodge
- 06 Sunday Hike - Riverwalk -  
Hartford
- 09 Regular Meeting
- 12 CSC Snow Ball
- 13 Sunday Hike - Redding
- 16 Regular Meeting plus  
Fashion Show  
News Deadline
- 20 Sunday Hike - Wolcott
- 23 Regular Meeting
- 27 Sunday Hike - Barkhamsted
- 30 Regular Meeting plus  
"Heavy Breathing" high  
altitude skiing presentation

## December

- 07 Board & Regular Meeting
- 9-11 Wassail Weekend in Vermont
- 14 Christmas Dance

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