

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

November 2006



from the President . . .

The excitement is building as we enter the ski season!

The Lodge lease has been signed, and the Lodge Committee (headed by Ken Ryan) is looking forward to the season, starting December 1st. Make sure that you purchase the Lodge Vouchers that you need from Barbara Wysocki. It is a great way to plan your time at the Lodge, 'lock in' your favorite times to go, and save some money at the same time.

The Committee is also planning the 'fix-up' weekend on November 17-19, and welcomes volunteers for various projects. The weekend offers free lodging and food for those who can donate their time, and offers some time for work and socializing. Be sure to contact Lisa Durland to reserve your bed, and Ken to let him know that you are going to be there.

The Fall Hike was well attended, and the hike, food, and party were great. Thank you to Gordon and Jeanne for making this such a fun time. Gordon is continuing the Fall hike calendar (most Sundays @ 12:30), so make sure you check out the location in the Newsletter or on the Website.

The Cape Golf weekend was held the following weekend, and everyone who was there had a wonderful time - Thank you Wendy! The Cape House was full, and the Golf Tournament enjoyed perfect weather.

The Wednesday Night program is in full swing, with the presentation by

Olympic Skier Doug Lewis and the Halloween Dance. Future events include the Harvest Ball, Christmas Dance, and more to be announced shortly.

One hundred and fifty-nine members and friends are looking forward to the 60th Anniversary Cruise in November. Bon Voyage, and have a great time!

For those of us left behind, I want to remind you of the Connecticut Ski Council Snow Ball to be held at the Trumbull Marriott on November 11th at 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Leatherman, our CSC Ambassador, for \$20.00 through November 1st. I look forward to our whole Club Membership joining Sharon and I at this important fundraiser for the CSC. Remember that the Council is responsible for the bulk ticket discounts that we enjoy from the mountains that participate. Please support them at this important function, and come to PARTY!

Jonathan Houck



Important Numbers •

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860-977-2142

Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin
860-688-2934

Lodge Manager • Moe Gaherty
860-632-0179

Ski Trip 2007 • Davos Switzerland

Limited space at an alternate hotel for our trip to Davos February 9 - 17. One double room



left at the Hotel Art Quissana. People will eat at the National Hotel with the group. Please call me with any questions. For the rest of those who have signed up, bills are going out this week, and final payment is due on December 1st. Keep in mind, airline fuel surcharge and currency adjustment will be added to the final bill. Please call with any questions, 203-265-9293.

Eric Ardolino

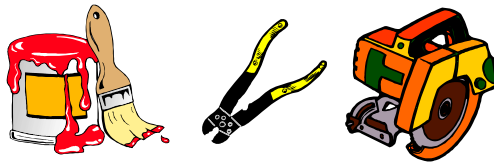
Okemo Discount Ticket ...

All orders are in to the mountain.

We should be getting our tickets mid-November. I will have them at the meetings, where you will pay the difference for 06 returns. I will mail those requested with a stamped self-addressed envelope, if you trust the mail. All we need now is snow.


Thanks, Susan Forsdick

News from the Lodge •



Dust off your work gloves and strap on your tool-belts! Back by popular demand: WORK WEEKEND!!! November 17 - 19. What more could you ask for: accommodations are free, and to reward you for your hard work, breakfasts and Saturday dinner will be provided. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and BYOB. Check out our awesome new stereo system - PARTY CENTRAL! Prospective members - this is an excellent opportunity to acclimate to the lodge and socialize with MTL members, while fulfilling your membership requirements. We have received some excellent suggestions for the lodge "makeover," and if you have any ideas, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me for bed reservations. (I will be away on the club cruise from Nov 4 - Nov 12).

A "taste" of upcoming events:

- December 1-3** Wine Tasting/Prospective Member Weekend
December 9 Wassailing in Woodstock VT - 2PM
December 31 New Year's Eve - Remember what a fantastic dinner we had at the Fall Hike? Well, Chef Ron Scardacchi has agreed to prepare another gourmet meal. This weekend will sell out quickly!

January 19-21 Murder Mystery Weekend - another sell-out weekend. Actors Needed.
February 2-4 Moonlight x-c skiing and snowshoeing (Yes, there is a full moon). Tentative weekend for the club x-c race.

See Barbara Wysocki for your lodge vouchers, which will be on sale until December 6th. Lisa Durland will begin taking lodge reservations at the Nov 1 meeting. Check www.mtlski for updates.

Moe (Maureen) Gaherty • 860-632-0179 • mgaherty@msn.com

Wassail Weekend in Vermont
Save the Date ... December 8, 9, and 10
This will be our 11th Annual Wassail Holiday!
Jack Uhrynowski

Deadline for December 2006 • 15 November
• Third Wednesday •

November 15 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the December 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

Harvest Charity Dance 15 Nov, 8-11pm •



Join us Wed, Nov 15 from 8-11 for an evening of **Awareness, Dancing, and Fun!**

Members of the "Brake the Cycle of Poverty" team will be present to alert us to the rising poverty in Connecticut, our richest state. This group of avid cyclists began in 2003 pedaling into Washington DC with others from San Francisco to raise consciousness in the U.S. and then have led annual rides within Connecticut ending their journeys at local Habitat for Humanity home sites. Their story is available within the Hartford H for H site. The door donation of \$5 will go to their cause also a 50/50 raffle will be held.

Reggie Bellamy will spin CDs for us so wear your dancing shoes along with your biking clothes in keeping with the spirit of the evening.

For fun, participate in our "Best Legs" contest! We know all our bikers have great ones so **you won't be able to see who they are attached to!** Be creative, don't be so serious and join in the laughter!

Help with door, raffle sales, set up and take down is needed. Friends and family are welcome. See our site to print out the flyer for posting.

Thanks to you all in advance for making MTL's first event a memorable success! **Tina Oswald &**

Aletta Chamberland



Wed Night Programs

Given the schedule of dances and other events lined up for the rest of 2006, we won't be having any Wednesday night programs until January. If you have an idea or someone you want to come and speak, please see either Jonathan Houck or Penny Trick.



Sunday Hikes • November



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

5 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 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, overlook, duck pond, cave, short section on paved road, ending at great views of falls.

12 Nov • High Rock, Naugatuck Forest • John Menze & Jean Clark • 860-919-3247 • HIKE STARTS AT

10:00AM From the South, take Rt 8 N, exit 42 (Beacon Falls), right at light (Rt 42E), continue straight towards Rt 8, 1.5 mile, turn left onto Depot St, cross steel bridge. Park and Ride (Rail Road Station) located across the street. From the North, Take Rt 8 S, exit 24 (Beacon Falls), turn right end of ramp (pass Fire Dept), right on Depot St., Park & Ride (Rail Road Station) located across the street. **We will car pool to the trail head. We will hike on many rocks, wear appropriate shoes. Pack a lunch. Rain will cancel this hike.**

19 Nov • Leatherman Cave • Thomaston • Black Rock State Forest • Andy & Charlotte LeClair • 860-283-

4889 Directions: Follow Rt 6 West (exit 38) off Rt 8 in Thomaston to Black Rock State Park and park in parking lot.

26 Nov • NO HIKE • Thanksgiving Weekend



Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman - 860-688-2934

Cheer...



Received a note from Neal Fisher that goes out to all of our members: "I thank all Mt. Laurel Members for the kind words, cards, and friendship concerning the loss of my mother. I especially appreciate the friends and shoulders to cry on."

Wishes for a quick healing go out to Marilyn Drew who had a hip replacement and to Larry Stevens who underwent knee surgery.

Milli Arnold 860-871-0484

Fall Hike Thank You...



I want to thank everyone that helped me with the Fall Hike this year, with special thanks to Ron Scardacchi and Jack Uhrynowski 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 and Lois Anderson for being the lodge manager and for preparing the breakfasts, the prospective members that helped out during the weekend, and all others that helped with the cleanup. The weekend would not have been the success it was without this help.

Gordon Gaulin

From the Ambassador...

I want to thank everyone for their support as I represent Mt. Laurel at the Ambassador Tea. Please don't forget the CSC Snow Ball at the Trumbull Marriott on Saturday, November 11, 2006. It's a fun time and it would be great to have a lot of you attend.

The CSC Council Awareness Days are set for the season. Please see the list on the website and get out there to enjoy the much reduced pricing on those days.



Your Ambassador, Kay Leatherman

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

 November 2006		1	2	3	4
5	 Sunday Hike Wolcott	6	7	8	Board/ Regular Meeting
12	 Sunday Hike Naugatuck Forest	13	14	15	60th Anniversary Cruise Week
19	 Work Weekend Sunday Hike Thomaston	20	21	22	Harvest Charity Ball News Deadline
26	NO HIKE	27	28	29	NO Meeting Happy Thanksgiving
				30	 Regular Meeting

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

Save These Dates

November

- 01 Board of Directors meeting
6:30 @ Zabbara's
- Regular Meeting
8:00 @ Zabbara's
- 05 Sunday Hike - Wolcott
- 05-11 60th Anniversary Cruise
- 11 CSC Snowball - Trumbull
Marriott
- 12 Sunday Hike
Naugatuck Forest, 10am
- 15 Harvest Charity Ball @
Zabbara's
- News Deadline
- 17-19 Work Weekend at the Lodge
- 19 Sunday Hike - Thomaston
- 22 NO Meeting
- 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 26 NO HIKE
- 29 Regular Meeting

December

- 01 LODGE SEASON OPENS
for MTL

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