

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

October 2005



from the President . . .

The Fall Season is here, and the Skiing is not far behind!

Our activity schedule has picked up with the ending of summer, and we have had spectacular weather for most of our recent events.

The Bike Ride and Picnic at the Riley's was a great day. Thank you Ernie, Stacy, and Judy!

Gordon has the fall hiking season under way, with Sunday Hikes and the upcoming Fall Hike weekend.

Michelle and Kay's Lobster Cookout was another great time - great music, dancing, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and LOBSTA!

Charlotte and John's Wednesday Night program has begun, with the upcoming Fashion Show and the Holiday dances.

Ski vouchers are available for all of the mountains, and Stratton has been added for the upcoming season, so there is no excuse not to save a ton on your ski budget this year! Lodge vouchers are also available, so let Lisa know what nights you need - first come, first serve - as always. Remember that the Lodge is our greatest treasure - make sure that you take full advantage of this asset, while saving yourself some money. The increase in Lodge attendance IS THE ANSWER!

If you have any doubts about what we have in Mountain Laurel Skiers, you probably were not at the Open House for prospective Members. It was extremely well attended, and we were able to show off our many activities to a "standing room only" crowd of prospective members. Thank you Milli

and Alison - you did a great job. Also thanks to the vendors who were there and contributed three pairs of skis and many other great prizes to our raffle.

Last but not least, while we have agreed to donate the remainder of our charity fund to the Katrina relief effort, I am looking for suggestions on how Mountain Laurel can continue to be involved with worthwhile efforts to assist our Community. If anyone wants to pick up the Chairmanship of the Charity Auction, or has an alternate suggestion that will allow us to give something back, I would love to hear from you.

Jonathan Houck

60th Anniversary Banquet Committee Meeting • 12 October

Join us Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30pm for a dinner meeting to discuss the plans for the 60th Anniversary Banquet planned for April 29, 2006. Agenda items to include:

1. Plans to Date - Karen Grossman & Paula Felt
2. Denim Shirt Sales - Shirt Sale Chairperson is Terri Tabshey
3. Organization of the Raffle Solicitation - Raffle Committee Chairpersons: Aletta Chamberland & Sharon Houck.

Contact Karen Grossman, 860-583-8332, if interested in helping.



Save the Dates Nov 5-12 2006 MTL 60th Anniversary Cruise

10 Rooms already booked. Join in the fun with Mt. Laurel Skiers and A & S Travel, as we celebrate our Club's 60th Anniversary in grand style. We will cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Freedom of the Seas." Watch Pat Moore try out the spectacular surfing pool!!!

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 island of Labadie. Option to fly to Miami on Saturday for dinner and cocktails in South Beach!!!

Prices range from \$799.00 for inside room to \$1099.00 for outside room, based on double occupancy; 3rd and 4th person in room is \$499.00 each. Prices include 2 private cocktail parties and port taxes.

Reserve now for best choice of rooms. Deposit \$300.00 per person.

Contacts: **Karen Grossman**
860-583-8332
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Important Numbers •

Membership • Alison Reno
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Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladder Update •

The 2005 MTL Tennis Ladder match play ended Aug 31, 2005. The following is a list of reported matches, final standings and the draw for the 2005 tournament.

Tennis matches played and reported from 7-7-05 - 8-31-05

7/24 Lloyd Frauenglass & Gloria Parent def. Dave Spear & Margaret Kehoe 6-3, 6-4
8/1 Brian Hunter & Milli Arnold def. Dave Spear & Margaret Kehoe 6-1, 6-2
8/25 Lloyd Frauenglass & Gloria Parent def. Rich & Monica Meinzer 6-4, 6-3
8/26 Rich Meinzer def. Monica Meinzer 9-3
8/31 Rob & Claire Dexter def. Rich & Monica Meinzer 8-3

The final 2005 standings are:

Singles

1. Rob Dexter*
2. Lloyd Frauenglass*
3. Harold Barenz
4. Rich Meinzer*
5. Monica Meinzer*

Mixed Doubles

1. Rob & Claire Dexter*
2. Lloyd Frauenglass & Gloria Parent*
3. Brian Hunter & Milli Arnold
4. Dave Spear & Margaret Kehoe*
5. Rich & Monica Meinzer*

* Indicates two matches completed; qualified for ladder 2005 tournament

2005 Mt. Laurel Tennis Ladder Tournaments

The first tournament round is underway and includes the following matches for both singles and mixed doubles: 1 vs. 5 and 2 vs. 4. The winners of these first four matches will advance to the final round.

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. So far we are 62 strong and room for just 8 more. Questions, please call Eric Ardolino at 203-265-9293. We do expect to be sold out on this trip fairly quickly.

Mountains other than Okemo •

Bulk tickets for Killington, Sugarbush, Stratton, Mt. Snow, Ascutney, Bromley, Pico, Jay Peak. Order form on website or at meetings. **Deadline is Wednesday, October 5th.**

Eila McCloskey

Jay Peak VT, March 5-10, 2006 •

Jay Peak was sold out; however, Dave negotiated with Jay Peak for a few additional rooms. Anyone still wishing to join us on the trip contact Dave England at 860-614-1348 or Jenny at Jebner@bright.net.

Monday Night Biking •

The summer is over but MTL bikers ride on through the fall on weekends or for early evening rides. Thanks to all the members and ride leaders who participated each week. A reminder: strong riders make good hikers and skiers.

Andy LeClair, Chair

Deadline for November • 19 October 2005 • Third Wednesday •

October 19 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the November 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

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

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.**

02 Oct • Fall Hike • VT

09 Oct • Kensington • Ragged Mountain • Mike Smestad & Joanne Nilsen • H: 860-313-0774 C: 860-518-1663 •

Take I-84 to Rt 72; or Take I-91 to Rt 9 N to Rt 72. Take Rt 72 to exit 7 (Corbin Ave.) Take Rt 372 East 1.6 miles to Rt 71A South, 1.2 miles to West Lane. Right on West Lane, go 0.6 miles (past stop sign) to parking lot on right. Hike is rated C.

16 Oct • Leatherman Cave • Thomaston • Black Rock State Forest • Andy & Charlotte LeClair • 860-283-4889 •

Follow Rt 6 West (exit 38) off Rt 8 in Thomaston to Black Rock State Park and park in parking lot. Hot dog roast to follow, BYOB and something to share, RSVP: Andy and Charlotte LeClair, 860-283-4889.

23 Oct • Chatfield Trail • Killingworth • Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015 •

A 6 mile loop hike on the Chatfield & Deer Lake Scout Reservation Trails, across Rt 80 from Chatfield Hollow. Meet at Chatfield Hollow State Park parking lot. Take Rt. 9 South to Exit 9. Turn right onto Rt 81 South. Turn right on Rt 80 West at the rotary. Entrance to the park is approx. 1.5 miles on the right.

30 Oct • Manchester • Hockanum River trails & Laurel Marsh • Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015 •

Take I-84 to exit 60 in Manchester. At the end of exit turn toward Manchester and park near the "Laurel Marsh" sign a few hundred ft. ahead. This is a 6 mile hike, a perfect hike for a hot or cool day walking along the river's edge and around Laurel Marsh. Parking is limited, so car pool for gas savings. Rain will cancel part of the hike in the Laurel Marsh because of slippery conditions near the Hockanum River.

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman

From the Ambassador

The Snowball is coming ! The Snowball is coming! The Snowball is on Nov. 12th at the CT Grand Hotel in Waterbury this year. The theme is Bella Northeast in honor of the Olympics in Italy this winter. Tickets will be on sale at the meetings until the end of October and the cost is \$20.00. This is the only fund-raiser that the CSC does so please support them. The CSC has reserved a block of rooms at the cost of \$75.00 each so reserve early! Any questions, please contact me.

**Ambassador Alison •
860-977-2142**

Things to do for Prospective Members

Help with the Halloween Dance, Wed Oct 26th. **Co-Chairs Joanne Nilsen & Mike Smestad • 860-313-0774 or see them at a meeting.**

We need **volunteers for the Nov 4th weekend**. Stay for free, help paint, clean, organize, and associate with fellow MT Laurel Members. Prospective members, take this opportunity to have this weekend count towards one of your requirements. Maureen Gaherty will be the "Project Manager" who would make Donald Trump proud with her anticipated results. Our lodge survey said "60% of the responses replied that they would help out with a work weekend". November 4th is everyone's chance. Contact Maureen at 860-632-0179 or email or mgaherty@msn.com. **Russ Pacino**

CSC Ski Trips for 2006

CSC is sponsoring two ski trips: Steamboat Colorado, Feb 11-18, \$1140 includes: rt air, rt transfers from airport to resort, 7 nights lodging at Storm Meadows (dbl), 5 day lift ticket, wine & cheese party, welcome party, Pub Crawl & BBQ. Discount on lessons, equip rental, rental car, airport parking. For Info: George Krampetz 203-743-1801, cell: 203-470-4178, or SkiCouncil@aol.com. Online registration & info www.moguls.com/csc06. Eastern trip: Smuggler's Notch, VT, Mar 14-19; \$540 (dbl) \$800 (single) includes: 5 nights slope side lodging, 5 day lift pass for 3 mountains, rt motorcoach, Sat night dinner & dance party. For Info: Bill Doster, 860-644-1155 after 6pm or billd@dostar.necoxmail.com or Dave England, 860-614-1348.

MTL in NYC • 29 October



The bus list of "who is going" to NYC on Saturday, Oct 29th is filling up, but there are **10 spots available**. Call Kate and reserve your deluxe motor coach seat for your adventure to the "Big Apple." Here's the plan... We'll leave from Zabbara's parking lot early in the morning (there will be a second pickup at the commuter parking lot in Cromwell), 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 bus is \$28 per person. (This price also includes the tip for the driver.) Please, invite your family, friends from work, whoever - we need to fill the bus. Make your check payable to **MTL** and give/send it to me as soon as possible. **Thank you. Kate Robertson • 860-344-1292**

Boston Wine Expo • 28-29 January 2006

One night at the Boston Hyatt Regency. Cost \$170 per person. Price includes round trip bus from commuter lot across from Target Store in W Hartford - departure promptly 7:30a.m. Sat, January 28, 2006. Wine tasting Expo ticket - Saturday night accommodations at the Boston Hyatt Regency. Return Sunday Jan 29, 2006 afternoon. Snacks & Belini's will be provided for return trip. Deposit of \$100 pp payable to **Ronald Colaresi 860-402-3209 or email Octanehi5@aol.com for reservations to the largest wine tasting in the East.**

From the Vice President

What a great start to the New Year! A big thanks to Milli Arnold for chairing the Open House. We had a great turnout with 20 new members joining! This is going to be a busy year so Prospective members remember to become involved!

Alison Reno • membership@mtlski.com • 860-977-2142

CSC Membership Stickers

New CSC membership stickers are ready for pickup to add to your membership cards at any meeting. There will be a \$5 fee for lost cards this year since we went to the cool new plastic ones last year. If you did not pick up your card last year or are a new member we have the cards at the Wed night meetings for you. If you cannot get to a meeting, please contact me and we can get one to you!

Alison Reno • vicepresident@mtlski.com • 860-977-2142

Wednesday Night Programs •

- October 19** **Get ready for Skiing!** "Able Body Conditioning" presented by Jonathan Durham, certified strength and conditioning specialist.
- October 26** **Halloween Party & Dance.** Prizes awarded for costumes, join the fun with new and prospective members. Chairs, Joanne and Mike - 860-313-0774

Upcoming in November: Fashion Show, contact Charlotte or Milli at meetings if you are interested in modeling. New or prospective members are encouraged to participate.


Charlotte LeClair & John Bazanno

Lodge News from Ray Taksar •

The vouchers are coming ... The vouchers are coming. Yes, they are and at last year's prices. They will be on sale next month and on sale until December. The price menu is on our web page mtlski.com. Also, this month, there will be a Lodge refreshing weekend. Free stay and food. Do you like to paint or wallpaper??? See Moe Gaherty to sign up. Are your skis ready? The Lodge opens December 1st. Check our web page for all the latest updates. That's it for now.

Best Always, Ray

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30  Sunday Hike Manchester	31	 October 2005 			1 Fall Hike Weekend VT	
2 Fall Hike Weekend VT NO HIKE	3	4	5 Board/ Regular Meeting	6	7 Cape Golf Outing	8
9 Sunday Hike Kensington Cape Golf Outing	10	11	12 Regular Meeting	13	14	15
16  Sunday Hike Thomaston	17	18	19 Regular Meeting News Deadline	20	21	22
23  Sunday Hike Killingworth	24	25	26  Halloween Dance	27	28	29  NY City Trip

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

Save These Dates October

02 NO SUNDAY HIKE -
Fall Hike Weekend - VT
05 Board & Regular Meeting
09 Sunday Hike - Kensington
6-9 Cape Golf Outing
12 Regular Meeting
16 Sunday Hike - Thomaston
19 Regular Meeting - "Able
Body Conditioning"
News Deadline
23 Sunday Hike - Killingworth
26 Halloween Dance
29 NEW YORK CITY TRIP
30 Sunday Hike - Manchester

November

02 Board & Regular Meeting
4-6 Fall "fix-up" weekend at
the Lodge
09 Regular Meeting
12 CSC Snow Ball
16 Regular Meeting





ALASKA CANADA/NEW ENGLAND CARIBBEAN BAHAMAS BERMUDA MEXICO HAWAII PANAMA CANAL EUROPE

Mountain Laurel Skiers 60th Anniversary Presents

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

November 5th – 12th, 2006

2 OPEN BAR COCKTAIL PARTIES

YOUR ESCORTED TRIP INCLUDES:

- *ALL MEALS AND MOST SHIPBOARD ACTIVITIES*
- *ALL PORT CHARGES*
- *PORTS OF CALL ARE; COZUMEL, GRAND CAYMAN, JAMAICA, LABADEE AND 2 DAYS AT SEA*
- *ALL DAY, ALL INCLUSIVE RESORT OPTION IN COZUMEL*

ROOM RATES START AT:

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| • INSIDE ROOM | CATEGORY L | \$ 799.00 |
| • SUPERIOR OCEANVIEW W/BALCONY | CATEGORY D2 | \$1099.00 |

RATES ARE PER PERSON BASED ON TWO PEOPLE SHARING A CABIN (THIRD AND FOURTH RATES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE BUT VERY LIMITED AT \$509.00 PER PERSON). CHOICE OF CATEGORY AND STATEROOM WILL BE ON FIRST COME FIRST DEPOSIT BASIS. AIRFARE, TRANSFERS, GRATUITIES AND GOVERNMENT TAXES ARE ADDITIONAL. \$300.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED PER PERSON TO HOLD CABIN. CASH OR CHECK FORM OF PAYMENT WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS GROUP. FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE 8/1/06. AIR AND MIAMI OVERNIGHT OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER 2005.

SPACES AT THESE RATES ARE VERY LIMITED! CALL A & S TRAVEL CENTER FOR ALL THE DETAILS.

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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CATEGORY: L INSIDE ___ D2 OUTSIDE BALCONY ___ OTHER ___ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTHDATES OF EVERYONE TRAVELING IN YOUR PARTY _____

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