

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

October 2006



from the President . . .

Mountain Laurel is roaring into the new season!!! The calendar of activities is full (and getting fuller), and we are living up to our reputation as the most active Ski Club in the State.

The fall hike season has already kicked off, and Gordon Gaulin is waiting to take you into the woods on (almost) any given Sunday. In addition, the Fall Hike Weekend 29 Sept to 1 Oct at the Lodge, is being hosted by Jean Leonard and Gordon.

Ernie and Stacy Riley and Judy Soule hosted their bike ride and picnic on the 9th at the estate on the lake in Holland, Mass. As usual, a wonderful time for all!

The Lobster Cookout was held on the 17th for over 150 Members and Guests at Winding Trails in Farmington. Kay Leatherman and Michelle Rioux and their Committee did an outstanding job, with everything from the activities, to the food ... even the weather (how did they do that?) planned out to the last detail.

On the 20th, Milli and her Committee had the Fall Open House at Zabbara's with well over 150 in attendance. We had great support from the Vendors who were present, and signed on 20 new Members that night alone!

The Fall Golf Outing on Cape Cod is scheduled for October 6-9, and is full, but Wendy Fitzsimons is still taking reservations for the Golf Tournament.

I want to remind everyone that the bulk ticket orders for all of the mountains MUST be in to Wayne Cormier and Susan Forsdick by October 4th. Please keep in mind that we will not be meeting on that date, so DO NOT WAIT until the last minute. We will have the regular meeting on Sept 27, and are looking into an alternate site for Oct 4, so be sure to check the website for further information.

As we prepare for the Lodge to open, I am pleased to announce that Moe Gaherty has agreed to serve as the Lodge Manager for the coming season. Ray Taksar has served us well for eight seasons, but due to other commitments does not have the time to continue. Please take the opportunity to thank Ray when you see him, and to congratulate Moe as she assumes this new role. Above all, get your planned purchases of Lodge Vouchers ready - we open the Lodge on December 1st.

Jonathan Houck



Okemo Discount Ticket ... DEADLINE Wednesday 4 October!

Get the form to order tickets from the MTL web-site and get to me by October 4th. Susan Forsdick, 31 DaCosta Drive, Newington CT 06111.

Urban Hike - Boston Freedom Trail



On October 14th, MTL hikers will venture to the wilds of Boston for an "urban hike" on the famous Boston Freedom Trail. We will be meeting at 8:00 A.M.!!! At the commuter parking lot at exit 67 off of RT 84. The plan is to drive into the city and park a block from Quincy Market. After we park, we will walk to the Boston Commons where the Freedom Trail starts. At this point, people can walk the trail to the Old Iron Sides or they can do their own thing. This is not a structured hike.

In Review: Urban Hike - Boston
Freedom Trail

When: Saturday, October 14

Time: 8:00 A.M.

Where: Commuter parking lot.
Exit 67 off of I-84

Leave backpacks & hiking sticks at home.

RAIN CANCELS

Important Numbers •

Membership • Alison Reno
860-977-2142

Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin
860-688-2934

Lodge Manager • Moe Gaherty
860-632-0179



News from the Lodge •

I am both excited and honored to be Manager and thank everyone for their very enthusiastic Lodge Committee this year, and under the leadership of Ken Ryan, we have some great suggestions for the coming season. In addition to New Years, the Pig Roast, and Work Weekend, we are planning a wine tasting, moonlight x-country/snowshoe party, and ladies' mid-week "spa experience"/ pajama party (guys - do you want your own pj party?). And of course we will have a murder mystery! If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear from you!

Good News! No price increases since last year! Barbara Wysocki will be selling vouchers shortly.

Prospective Members: If you want to get involved in club activities and meet new friends, there is no better way than spending a weekend with 38+ seasoned members. You'll never be the same! Volunteer to serve on one of the many lodge events and fulfill one of our membership requirements.

And, yes, I am looking for weekend lodge innkeepers. For a minimal amount of work, you get a free weekend at the lodge! For more info, see myself or Lisa Durland. Kudos to Lisa, for offering to handle lodge reservations again this year; we all thank you for a job well done!

We had a fantastic season at the lodge last year and with your support and suggestions, we can make this the most successful season ever! THINK SNOW!

Moe (Maureen) Gaherty • mgaherty@msn.com



your new Lodge support. We have a

MTL: On The Road Again to NYC, 21 Oct

Please join us for a day in the Big Apple - that day being Saturday, October 21st. The cost for the de-luxe motor coach is \$30 per person.

The Itinerary:

Leave Zabbara's around 8:30 a.m. for NYC. Your adventure in the city will be of your own making. We provide the bus, you provide the activity. The bus will pick us up in the theater district around 5:30 p.m. and take us to Little Italy/China Town for dinner. We will be homeward bound after dinner. Please contact Kate at 860-344-1292 to reserve your spot(s). The coach has 54 seats - so do not delay with your decision.

Looking forward to a fun day - as always. P.S. Leave room for those Italian pastries.



70th Running • Manchester Road Race •

Join many of your MTL friends, as well as thousands of others, on November 23, 2006, Thanksgiving morning, for a run or walk prior to stuffing yourself later that day. Our group meets in the parking lot next to the Army/Navy Club on Main Street by 8:30 AM each year to participate and tail-gate. A growing group of The Leopard Ladies walks each year - the only requirement is leopard clothing, tail optional, and your walking shoes. Maybe Elvis will make a reappearance this year!

Cost of the registration is \$18 prior to Nov 5. Register on-line at www.ManchesterRoadRace.com.

Charlotte LeClair, 860-283-4889 or charlottemy@aol.com

Deadline for November 2006 • 18 October • Third Wednesday •

October 18 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the November 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

Davos 2007 • 9-17 Feb

February 9-17, 2007. We are sold out from our original allocation.



If you are interested in joining us the Hotel Art Quissana has offered us 2 extra rooms. If you are interested, please call me at 203-265-9293. The people at this alternate hotel, which is across the street, would still eat with the group. Currently we have 7 people there and the group is at 63. Visit www.mtlski.com to see who is going.

Eric Ardolino



Sunday Hikes • October

Continue hiking with fellow MTL members on Sundays through mid-December. All hikes are of moderate length and difficulty and begin at 12:30pm, unless noted otherwise. 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.

1 Oct • FALL HIKE • IN VERMONT

8 Oct • Kensington • Ragged Mountain • Rick Sullivan • 860-675-3403 • Hike is rated C.



Directions: Take I-84 to Rt 72; or Take I-91 to Rt 9 North 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.

SATURDAY • 14 Oct • Walk the Freedom Trail • Boston • Ron Scardacchi • 860-830-4645 MEET AT 8 AM. SEE ARTICLE PAGE 1. Rain cancels this hike.

22 Oct • Middletown • Wadsworth Falls • Terri Pappagallo • 860-635-1474

From the junction of Rt 66 and Rt 157 in Middletown, take Rt 157 southwest, following signs to Wadsworth State Park. You will reach the park entrance on your left in 1.6 miles. This is a very easy hike with a vertical rise of 200 feet and approximately 3 miles in length. **Rain will cancel this hike.**

29 Oct • Berlin • Ragged Mountain • Jean Clark and John Menze • 860-919-3247 • HIKE STARTS AT 10AM.

Start of hike located in the rear of Timberlin golf course. Timberlin Golf Course, 330 Southington Rd, Berlin CT 06037. Directions: Take I-84 to Rt 72, or Take I-91 to Rt 9 North to Rt 72. Take Rt 72 to exit 7 (Corbin Ave). Take Rt 372 east 1.6 miles to Rt 71A South. Take a right onto Rt 364 to the parking lot of Timberland Golf course and park at the end of the parking lot. From I-691 east, Exit 5, north on Route 71 (Chamberlain Highway). Turn left onto Route 364. Golf Course is on the right. From I-691 west, Exit 6 (Meriden Square Mall), left past mall, then turn left onto Kensington Road. Turn right onto Route 71 (Chamberlain Highway), then left onto Route 364. Golf course is on the right. Upon entering the course, turn left at the club house. Proceed to the lower parking lot, keep to the left. Follow sign for Timberlin Park “picnic sites” and park at end. Hike is rated C.

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman - 860-688-2934

Cheer...

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Fred Murray and Irene Deneen. We wish them joy, health, calm water for their kayaks and fresh powder in their future.



We send our thoughts and condolences to Neal Fisher on the loss of his mother and to Bel Brodersen Chirico on the death of her father. All of us wish a speedy recovery to Patty Craig who had knee surgery and Glenda Thomas who has undergone back surgery.

Milli Arnold 860-871-0484

Cruise • November 5-12 • Sold Out...

November 5-12, 2006 is sold out and has 159 people in the group. We will have a meeting at Mountain Laurel either on September 27th or October 11th to distribute documents and go over everything. We will notify everyone by phone or email which meeting date it will be. Any questions, please call me. In the meantime, please register on-line as this is mandatory.

Eric Ardolino

Halloween Dance • Wednesday, 25 October • 8 to 11pm










The Halloween Dance will be held on 25 October, from 8 to 11 pm. Admission is free if you wear a costume or any part of a costume (like a hat). **The Costume competition begins at 9pm and the categories are: MOST IMPRESSIVE, MOST OUTRAGEOUS, SKIMPIEST, BEST GROUP.** Table decorations are welcome... Bring a carved pumpkin or bring your stuff! There will be a best prize for the best table. Light refreshments will be available. This is a “not to miss dance,” trust us!!!

Betsy Gaudian, Cheryl Woodin, Leslie Koonz, and Kim McDonald





mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1  FALL HIKE continues	2	3	4 NO MEETING* DEADLINE Bulk Ticket Orders	5	6  Fall Golf Outing Weekend	7
8 Fall Golf Outing Weekend Sunday Hike Kensington	9	10	11 Board/ Regular Meeting	12	13	14 Walk the Freedom Trail Boston 
15 NO HIKE	16	17	18 Talk by Doug Williams News Deadline	19	20	21  MTL in NYC
22  Sunday Hike Middletown	23	24	25  Halloween Party	26	27	28
29  Sunday Hike Berlin	30	31	 October 2006 			

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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

- 01 Fall Hike in Vermont
- 04 *NO MEETING @ Zabbara's - alternate TBA
DEADLINE bulk ticket orders
- 6-9 Fall Golf Outing Weekend
- 8 Sunday Hike - Kensington
- 11 Board/Regular Meeting
- 14 Walk the Freedom Trail Boston · SATURDAY
- 18 Regular Meeting, Talk by Doug Williams
NEWS DEADLINE
- 21 MTL in NYC
- 22 Sunday Hike - Middletown
- 25 Halloween Party
- 29 Sunday Hike - Berlin

November

- 01 Board/Regular Meeting



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