

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

September 2005

from the President . . .

Summer is winding down fast, and the Club activities are picking up steam as we head into what looks to be a GREAT Fall. Biking continued with the East Hartford Ride on August 22nd, the Shelter Island Ferry/Bike Ride on August 27th, the Southington ride on August 29th. The September 10th ride is at the Riley's. Some of us got down and dirty with the MUD Volleyball on August 20th. The regular Wednesday Night meeting schedule resumes with the Board and Regular meeting on September 7th, and the Wednesday Night Program will begin soon after that. The Wednesday night schedule includes the most important event of all - Our OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Members on September 21st. I am looking forward to a great Member turnout! Make sure that anyone you know who would be a valued addition to the club is aware of the event and how to get there. Milli has brochures with directions, which is available on the website as well.

Make sure that you mark September 18th for the Lobster Cookout - great food, fun, music, and activities for the entire day at Winding Trails. The FALL HIKE is coming up the weekend of September 30th - October 2nd at the Lodge - contact Gordon for this weekend as well as details on the fall hikes that he is planning. The CAPE GOLF Outing is scheduled for the extended weekend of October 6 - 10. Wendy is still taking reservations for Golf (there is a wait list for the hotel). The BUS TRIP to the Big Apple takes place on October 29th - see Kate for availability. The SNOW BALL is

coming up on November 12th at the Connecticut Grand Hotel (formerly the Waterbury Sheraton). Tickets will be available through Alison. They are having continuous music (2 bands) until Midnight, and we will be sponsoring a Hospitality Suite afterward with Neil, serving as our DJ.

The SKI season is fast approaching as well, and we all need to consider how we plan to enjoy our Lodge. There is no better value in Vermont for an enjoyable stay with friends! Plan to take full advantage of this wonderful asset of the Club. Be sure to remember the two Club trips in the Winter of 2006. The 'Western Trip' to Lake Tahoe on February 4 - 11th, and the 'Eastern Trip' to Jay Peak on March 5 - 10.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to personally thank Barbara Wysocki for her hard work over the years as the Chairperson of the MTL Charity Auction. She has raised a lot of money (and good will) for the various charitable causes that we support. If there is anyone interested in picking up the event as Chair this year, please coordinate the time and date with the activities already planned for the Wednesday Night Program.

I hope you all have the time to take full advantage of the many benefits of membership in Mt Laurel Skiers. Let the GOOD TIMES ROLL!!!

Jonathan Houck

Save the Dates
November 5-12 2006
MTL 60th Anniversary
Cruise (see page 3)



Proposed Change to Club By-Laws •

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP:

There is a proposed change to the Club By-Laws that will remove the requirement for a ski test to be considered for Membership. The Board discussed this at length, and feels that this change is necessary in order to place us in a more competitive position with other clubs in Connecticut. Other requirements (meeting attendance, serving on event Committees, etc.) will remain.

The proposed change would be to delete: Article III, Section 3, Paragraph E - "and (3) pass a Basic Proficiency Test as specified by the Board of Directors under club rulings or race with the Club".

Ski Trip, 4-11 Feb '06

Our ski trip is doing very well. We have approximately 15 seats left for Lake Tahoe on February 4-11, 2006 staying at the Luxurious Harvey's Hotel. Pricing is \$1049.00 per person and includes airfare out of Hartford, transfers, and 7 nights hotel with tax. Questions, please see www.mtlski.com or call me at 203-265-9293.

Eric Ardolino • 203-265-9293



Important Numbers •

Membership • Alison Reno
860-977-2142
Hike Chair • Gordon Gaulin
860-688-2934

Bike Ride at the Lake in Holland MA •



Ernie, Judy, & Stacy invite you to join them on Saturday, Sept 10th, for a day of biking, water skiing, tubing, kayaking, eating, and fun at their lake house in Holland, MA. Choices include 10, 18, or 45 (approx. mileage) road rides or mountain biking (let us know ahead of time if mountain biking is your plan so we can have a leader ready). If you are not a biker, you can walk around the lake or bring your kayak if you want.

Water activities, bocce, volleyball and plenty of food and beverages will complete the day. Hopefully the weather will be as warm and sunny as it has been for our party in past years. Rides leave around noon. If you are doing the long ride and want to start earlier, that's fine too.

PLEASE RSVP to assist us in appropriate planning. Cost is \$15.00.

Rain date is Sunday, 9/11 same times. See, call, or email one of us to RSVP and for directions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stacy • riley3s@comcast.net • 860-677-9088
Ernie & Judy • jsoule8619@aol.com • 413-245-0475

MTL Open House •

Bring any and all interested friends, relatives, neighbors to the Open House on Wednesday, Sept 21 at 8p.m. at Zabbara's. Besides providing prospective members with an introduction to the many activities that keep MTL people busy, two lucky people will go home with new skis. This great raffle will also include many other ski items which are being donated by local ski and sport shops. There is a flyer for the Open House that can be downloaded from the MTL website, so you can distribute the information easily. Flyers are also available at the meetings. **If you can help with the Open House, please call Milli at 860-871-0484.**

Jay Peak VT, March 5-10, 2006 •



Those who attended the Jay Peak trip last year were treated to a party at Rena Miller's house on Sunday, August 14. Sean Bakus, the rep from Jay Peak attended and gave a pair of skis away as a door prize. The lucky winner was Marilyn Gordon.

The trip for March 5 through 10, 2006 is 60% full. Get your deposit in ASAP if you want to join the trip. Trip registration can be downloaded from the website. For additional information call Dave England 860-614-1348 or Jenny Ebner 860-402-6232 or email Jebner@bright.net.

Did you Forget To Send Your Membership Renewal?

The "Official" membership renewal period is now over - for those of you who forgot, please keep on sending them in BUT REMEMBER to ADD the \$15 late fee to your renewal!!! Any questions - please let me know.

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

Deadline for October • 21 September 2005 • Third Wednesday •

September 21 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the October 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 •



Hike with fellow MTL members on Sundays beginning Sept 11th through 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.**

04 Sept • NO HIKE • Labor Day

11 Sept • East Granby • Metacomet Trail • Gordon Gaulin 860-688-2934 •

Take I-91 north to Exit 40, Rt 20. Take the Rt 20 (New Gate Prison) exit continue on Rt 20 until you reach Rt 187. Take a left on Rt 187 (South Main St) go approx. 2 miles to the next traffic light, take a right on Hatchet Hill Rd. Go up a hill and park off the road under the power lines. Hike is rated C (average terrain; moderate ups and downs with some need to watch footing), a 6-mile hike.

18 Sept • NO HIKE • Lobster Cookout

25 Sept • Hamden • Sleeping Giant State Park • Florence & Tom Knudsen • 203-281-6769

Free parking is available at Quinnipiac College, which is across the street from the park entrance. Take I-84 to exit 27 (Rt 691E) to exit 3 (Cheshire). Take Rt 10S - go exactly 9 miles to Hamden, turning left on Mt Carmel Ave to park entrance on left - or take I-91 to exit 10. Take this connector to the end. Then go north on Rt 10 for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Mt Carmel Ave to park entrance on the left. To avoid the \$5 parking fee - free parking is available across the street at Quinnipiac College. **A picnic BBQ follows at Tom & Florence's house after the hike. Bring something to share and BYOB. There are several hikes with various levels of difficulty.**

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman

Fall Hike in VT • 30 Sept -2 Oct



Reserve the weekend of Sept 30th through Oct 2nd for hiking, biking and good times at the club lodge in Proctorsville, VT. We will be hiking on Saturday, Stratton Mountain, a 3.4 mile one way. This hike is rated C (average terrain; moderate ups and downs with some need to watch footing). There will be a hike on Sunday, but biking, horseback riding and golf are other options.

The cost of the weekend will be \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members, which includes: lodging for two nights, two breakfasts, happy hour and dinner on Saturday. A pasta dinner on Friday will cost \$5 for everyone attending. For people not staying at the lodge, dinner and happy hour will be \$15 and must be paid in advance; just happy hour is \$5. Jack Uhrynowski and Dan Giordano will be our chefs for Saturday's dinner. Wine will be provided only for the dinner. Sign-up is first come, first serve.

Jean Leonard has agreed to help me with reservations. Please contact her at 43 Stone Pond Drive, Tolland CT, 06084-3539 or 860-872-6740.

Dinner on Saturday night is a cooperative effort. We will need food contributions (desserts and hors d'oeuvres). We will need help with breakfast preparation and clean-up after meals. Prospective members are encouraged to help with this - it will satisfy one of your committee requirements.

Those of you who have never been to the lodge - see me or another regular member for driving directions, which are also on the club website. You are expected to bring your own bedding and towels. Bunk beds are the sleeping arrangement. On the hike - You should bring a lunch and water and sturdy hiking shoes are recommended.

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman

MTL in NYC • 29 October



The bus list of "who is going" to NYC on Saturday, Oct 29th is filling up. Call 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, 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.) Invite your family, friends from work, whomever. Make your check payable to MTL and give/send it to me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kate Robertson • 860-344-1292

Bulk Tickets 2005/2006

Good news and bad news! Killington will honor all MTL tickets returned and Mt Snow accepted 10% of the vouchers returned. Call 203-235-8141 or Email eilaski@yahoo.com to find out if you are affected. This season's prices are: Ascutney \$33; Ascutney Jr/Sr \$28; Bromley \$32; Bromley Jr. (6-12) \$24; Mt. Snow \$39; Stratton \$42; Killington/Pico, Sugarbush NO PRICE YET. Start making your order plans. As soon as I have all the prices, order forms will be on the website and at meetings. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS WED, 5 OCT.**

Eila McCloskey

Celebrations and Concerns •

Our **Happy Healing** wishes to Jack Mut after his knee surgery last month and Jean Clark who is dealing with cancer. Our **Sympathies** to John Turner, in the death of his brother last month. **Happy 26th Anniversary** to Paula and Gary Felt. Please keep me posted with any cheer, so we can send cards to our members.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Charity Auction •

The committee and I have decided not to run the Charity Auction this year. It was a difficult decision to make, but we all felt we needed a well deserved rest.

Anyone with any suggestions for a fund-raiser of any type to at least help out the Charities that club members request money for can contact Jonathan Houck.

It has been a pleasure chairing this event and thank everyone for their help and support and most of all your generosity!

Barbara Wysocki

MTL 60th Anniversary Cruise • 5-12 Nov 2006

Join the fun with MTL 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". With a debut in June 2006, the "Freedom of the Seas" will be the largest cruise ship afloat with all the amenities PLUS!

Depart Miami on Sunday, Nov 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 for inside room to \$1099 for outside room, based on double occupancy; 3rd and 4th person in room is \$499 each. Prices include 2 private cocktail parties and port taxes.

Reserve now for best choice of rooms. Deposit \$300 per person. **Contact: Karen Grossman • 860-583-8332 or Eric Ardolino • 800-523-5279.**



mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday



September 2005



				1	2	3
4 Labor Day NO HIKE	5	6	7 Board/ Regular Meeting	8	9	10 Riley Bike Ride Holland MA
11 Sunday Hike East Granby	12	13	14 Regular Meeting	15	16	17
18 Lobster Cookout NO HIKE	19	20	21 OPEN HOUSE News Deadline	22	23	24
25 Sunday Hike Hamden	26	27	28 Regular Meeting	29	30 Fall Hike Weekend · VT 30 Sept - 2 Oct	

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

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- 07 Board & Regular Meeting
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Newsletter Deadline
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- 28 Regular Meeting
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October

- 02 NO SUNDAY HIKE - Fall Hike Weekend - VT
- 05 Board & Regular Meeting
- 6-9 Cape Golf Outing
- 12 Regular Meeting
- 19 Regular Meeting
- 26 Regular Meeting
- 29 NEW YORK CITY TRIP



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2005 - 2006 Officers

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Sunday Lobster Cookout
September 18, 2005
11am - 6pm
Winding Trails,
Farmington, CT



Music by The Family Connection
Cookout Rain or Shine

Food Includes: Snacks, Lobster, Shrimp, Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers, Salads, Soda

BYOB

Activities: Volleyball, Softball, Hiking, Horseshoes

Don't forget to bring.....a Dessert to share (cut ready to eat),
lobster eating utensils & chairs

For more information Contact:

Michelle Rioux 860-301-0409 mlrioux@archchemicals.com
Kay Leatherman 203-232-2613 akayl@aol.com

Please fill out and send to:

Kay Leatherman 47 Chasse Rd. Wolcott, CT 06716

Name(s): _____

Adult/Child Lobster: \$35.00 _____

Member Burgers: \$16.00 _____

Child (under 6 free) 7-16 Burger \$10.00 _____

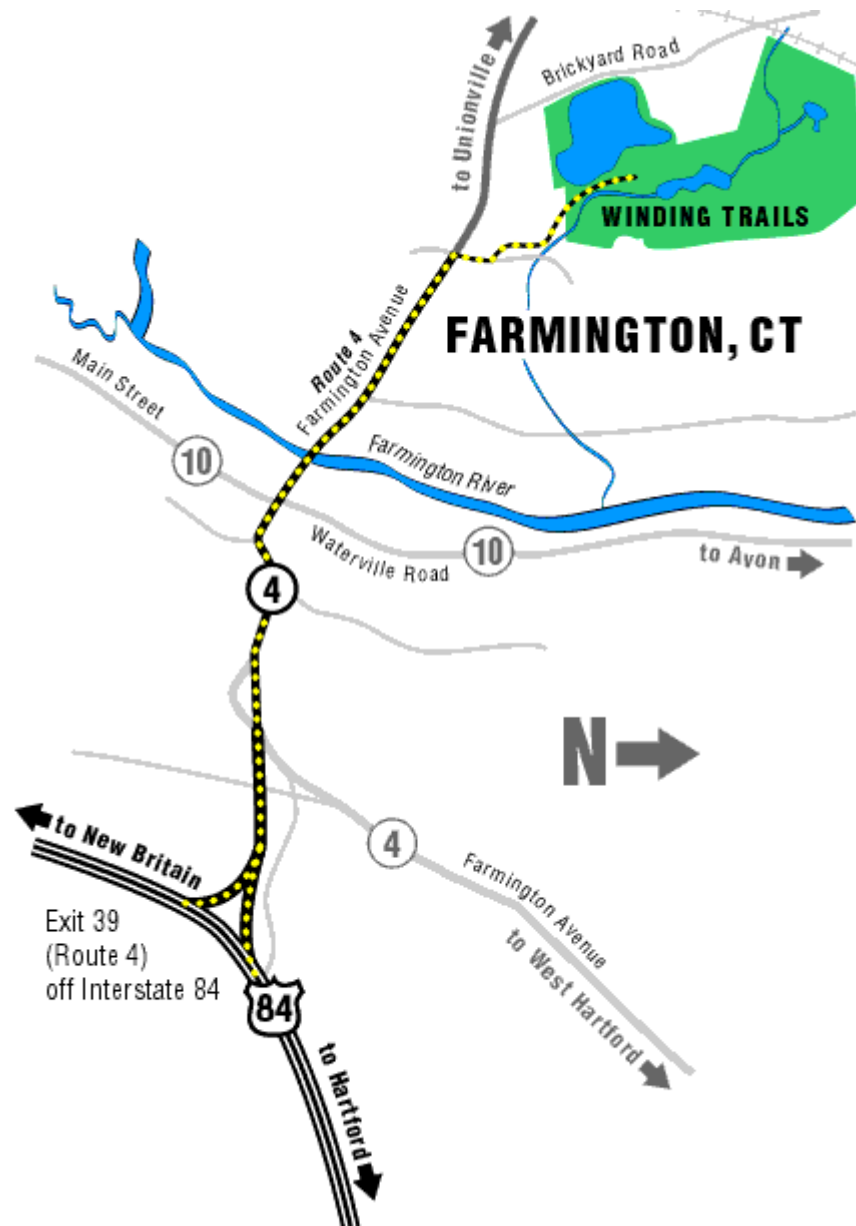
Guest Lobster: \$35.00 _____

Guest Burger : \$16.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to MTL Ski Club
MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 14, 2005

Winding Trails is easily accessible from Interstate 84, exit 39 (Route 4, Farmington). Head straight off the exit and travel west on Route 4 for 2.2 miles. Turn right onto Devonwood Drive and then turn left onto Winding Trails Drive.



Okemo Discount New Ticket Orders

*Limited returns again in 2006
Please read and order carefully*

NEW ORDERS 2005/2006 Okemo Discount Ski Lift Tickets for only Club members and family, not friends and guests. These tickets are good 7 days a week with no restrictions. For additional tickets other than your replacement tickets, please return this completed form to **Susan Forsdick** by **Wednesday, October 5th**.

The signed bottom is your receipt. Cost of Okemo Discount Tickets for the new season will be: **\$42.50 each for anyone 13yrs to 69yrs.**
\$31.50 each for 7yrs to 12yrs or over 69yrs.

If you returned tickets already, I have your replacement form and will get you those ticket to replace, this is only for **new tickets only**. Please order carefully as returns for 2006 will be limited.

Tickets not picked up from me and paid for after 2 seasons will become the property of MT Laurel Skiers, Inc. Remember if your club dues were not paid in full by August 31th, we can't process your ticket order.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Amount \$ _____

Number of tickets requested

Receipt for new orders only – not replacements

Name _____

Amount \$ _____

Number of tickets requested

Signed by Susan Forsdick or John Pappalardo _____ Date _____

DISCOUNT LIFT TICKETS

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SKI LODGE**



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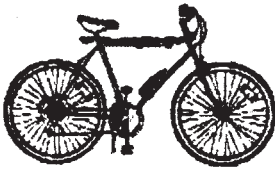
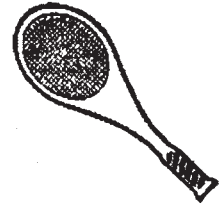
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265 HARTFORD ROAD, NEW BRITAIN**

[HTTP://WWW.MTLSKI.COM/](http://www.mtlski.com/)

CLUB PHONE: 860-233-6707

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