

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

September 2006

## from the President . . .



I hope that everyone has had a great summer. As usual, everyone had plenty of MTL activities to participate in. I hope that you are all looking forward to the many activities that we will have this Fall.

The 'tubing with Ned down the Farmington' (do I hear a quack?) day went very well, and the pictures are on the Club Website (thanks again, Pat). We served as host to the other clubs in the CSC, and the over-all turnout was very good. Thank you, Ned for such a great time!

We are facing a busy schedule in September, so keep a sharp eye to this newsletter and to the website. The Board and Regular meeting on the 6th mark the renewal of the every Wednesday Night meetings, as well as the Wednesday Night Programs.

We will be enjoying the hospitality of Ernie Riley and Judy Soule at their lovely home on the lake on the 9th for a bike ride, picnic, and other activities.

The Lobster Cookout at Winding Trails in Farmington is coming up fast on the 17th thanks to the efforts of Kay Leatherman and Michelle Rioux -- always a great time with lots of food and fun.

The Fall Sunday Hike schedule will resume, and the Fall Hike Weekend is coming up at the Lodge September 29th - October 1st (Thank You Gordon).

We will also be looking to everyone to come to the MTL Open House on the 20th. Mark the night to be there to show off the Club to Prospective Members and to share our experience. Better yet, bring some of your friends to join in the fun.

Lodging for the Cape Golf weekend on October 6-10 is sold out, but call Wendy Fitzsimons to see if you would like to take part in the golf outing.

We also have the New York Bus Trip and Halloween Dance coming up in October, the Fall Harvest Charity event and CSC Snowball in November, and Christmas Dance in December.

Don't forget the upcoming season at the Lodge -- make your plans now for voucher purchases and reservations.

Last but never least, take the time to congratulate Darla and Jason Frechette on the birth of their daughter Brianna (August 10th)!!!

Let's all have a great September -- there's no better way to experience life than with Mountain Laurel Skiers.

**Jonathan Houck**

## Important Numbers •

**Membership • Alison Reno**

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**Hike Chairman • Gordon Gaulin**

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## Lake Party at the Riley's • 9 Sept



Ernie, Judy, and Stacy invite you to join them on Saturday, Sept 9th, for a day of biking, water skiing, tubing, kayaking, eating, and fun at their lake house in Holland, MA. Choices include: 10, 18, 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 Sunday 9/10. See, call, or email one of us to RSVP and for directions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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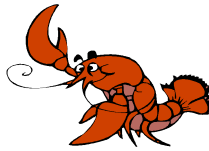
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## MLT Lobster Cookout • Sunday Sept 17, 2006 •

Make sure you don't miss our Annual Lobster Cookout! Come join us for a fun day at Winding Trails in Farmington. Michelle Rioux & Kay Leatherman are again co-chairing the event and would love some volunteers to help. See us at a meeting or contact via e-mail. See you at this fun event!



**Michelle Rioux & Kay Leatherman**

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## Monday Night Biking •

The season for the organized Monday rides is over and the participation from MTL members and friends has been terrific! Thanks to the August ride leaders - the Mailhots, Molloy's, Clyde and Scott, and Ron and Lisa. Special thanks to Neal for marking many of the rides and his super participation - he often rides the route twice in one evening.

Unofficial Monday and Wednesday night rides will continue at Shrub Road in Bristol until there is no daylight left. This is a marked 26 mile route and will be reduced to 20 miles as the season winds down. There are no maps or sign-ins, so if you are interested, call me and arrange to bike with others.

Don't miss the Riley ride and picnic on 9/9. Many also bike the weekend of the Fall Hike in VT. Contact Gordon Gaulin about leading hikes this fall and be prepared for the upcoming ski season.

**Andy LeClair, bike chairperson, 860-283-4889**

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## Cheer...

Mountain Laurel has a new member - Brianna Leigh was born on August 10 to a very happy Darla and Jason Frechette. Congratulations.



Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to two ailing members: Diane Dubreuil who had knee replacement surgery recently and Alexis Kuchel who broke her leg while hiking in the Adirondacks. Alexis, who is a very determined and passionate hiker, then walked out 4 miles on her own and drove her standard transmission pick-up back to Connecticut.

We send our condolences to Kay Leatherman on the death of her father.

**Milli Arnold 860-871-0484**

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## Deadline for October 2006 • 20 September • Third Wednesday •

September 20 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the October 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](mailto:kathleen.augustyn@inginvestment.com)**

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

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## MTL: On The Road Again to NYC, 21 Oct

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

### The Itinerary:

Leave Zabarra'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.



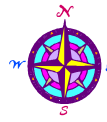
## Jay Peak Eastern Drive Trip March 4-9, 2007



This trip is 80 percent sold out as of August 16, 2006, which means we have six rooms left and one female looking for a roommate. \$475 per person, double occupancy; \$650 single. It's still the best deal in the northeast, because it includes everything (well, *almost*).

**Contact Dave England, 860-614-1348 or e-mail [Jenny, jennyebner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennyebner@sbcglobal.net)**

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## Sunday Hikes • September into October

Hike with fellow Mt. Laurel members on Sundays beginning Sept 10th through mid-December. 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.

### 3 September • NO HIKE • Labor Day

### 10 Sept • Granby • McClean's Game Refuge • Gordon Gaulin • 860-688-2934

Take I-91 north to exit 40, Rt 20. Take the Rt 20 (Old Newgate Prison) exit. Continue on Rt 20 until you reach Rt 10/202 in Granby. Take a left and go approximately 1/2 mile. Parking lot for McClean's is on the right, additional parking is available across the street.



### 17 Sept • NO HIKE • Lobster Cookout

### 24 Sept • Hamden • Sleeping Giant • Florence and 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 691 E) 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.

### 1 Oct • FALL HIKE • IN VERMONT

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

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## Cape Golf Weekend •

The Cape Weekend is sold out. I will be putting names on a waiting list. If you want to stay in the Falmouth Inn/Motel across the street, we still have room for golfers. **Any inquiries call Wendy Fitzsimons 869-741-3343.**

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## FALL HIKE - Sept 29<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 1<sup>st</sup> •



Reserve the weekend of Sept 29th through Oct 1st for hiking, biking and good times at the Club Lodge in Proctorsville, VT. We will be hiking on Saturday, Pico Mountain, a 2.9 mile one way. This hike is rated C. 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 the dinner on Saturday. A pasta dinner on Friday will cost \$5 for everyone attending and must be paid in advance. 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 Ron Scardacchi 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 in breakfast preparation and cleanup 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 in the Club Roster. 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. Sturdy hiking shoes are recommended.



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

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# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday    monday    tuesday    wednesday    thursday    friday    saturday



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10 Sunday Hike Granby	11	12	13 Regular Meeting	14	15	16
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24 Sunday Hike Hamden	25	26	27 Regular Meeting	28	29 Fall Hike in Vermont	30

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

Save These Dates

### September

- 03 NO HIKE - Labor Day
- 06 Board Meeting - 6:30pm  
Regular Meeting - 8:00 pm
- 09 Lake Party @ Riley's
- 10 Rain date - Lake Party  
Sunday Hike - Granby
- 13 Regular Meeting
- 17 NO HIKE - Lobster Cookout
- 20 Open House - News Deadline
- 24 Sunday Hike - Hamden
- 27 Regular Meeting
- 29-30 Fall Hike in Vermont

### October

- 01 Fall Hike in Vermont
- 04 Bd/Regular Meeting
- 18 News Deadline
- 21 MTL in NYC



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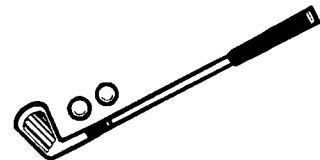
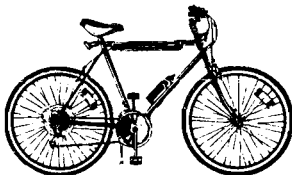
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