

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

September 2007



from the President . . .

As a Shakespeare once said - Pride (in biking, tennis, tubing, and picnicking) goes before the FALL season. And sure enough, as we finish out the Summer, the Fall MT Laurel schedule is filling up fast.

First, though, Thanks to Ned Mullin for a wonderful tubing day on the Farmington, and the picnic that followed. Also, Thanks to John Bazzano, who will have led our mighty bikers in their annual invasion of Long Island's beautiful east end by the time this newsletter comes out.

Andy and Charlotte did their usual fantastic job with the Monday Night Biking (along with their ride sponsors), and Harold and Claire kept tennis racquets swinging on Tuesday nights. All in all, a wonderful Summer full of activities run by Mt Laurel Members for MTL Members.

We will be going to the every Wednesday night schedule beginning on September 5th, and I welcome any and all suggestions for Wednesday Night events. We already have some scheduled, and will be adding them fast, so keep an eye on the web site and calendar for changes.

Don't forget the upcoming LOBSTA' COOKOUT on September 16th at Winding Trails, and the Fall Hike Weekend at the Lodge on Sept 28th through 30th.

And most important of all - the

New Members Open House at Zabbara's on the 19th! Milli Arnold is working hard with her Committee to welcome new prospective members to Mt Laurel. If you can help in any way, please let her know.

We will be announcing the Lodge rates soon, and hope to have the ski voucher prices to everyone as soon as the CSC lets us know what the various mountains will be charging. Support the Lodge in any way that you can, and keep in mind that we are Overdue for a really snowy Winter, so plan accordingly (first come, first serve - as always.)

Take a moment, as we begin this season, to reflect on what fortunate people we all are to have this time to spend with those that we have come to know and love so well. We have all been very fortunate to have the Mt Laurel experience. And above all - let's keep our eyes on our very serious goal - **having some fun this Fall!**

Jonathan Houck

Important Numbers •

Membership • Kay Leatherman
203-879-7722

Sunday Hikes •

Rick Sullivan • 860-675-3403

Jeanne Delehanty • 860-651-3257

ASPEN/SNOWMASS TRIP • 2 Feb '08

We still have one room opening at Aspen. This is for two people. The trip is February 2-9, leaving out of Hartford and we'll be staying at the base of Snowmass. Price is \$1399.00. Any questions, please call me at 203-265-9293. Currently, we have 82 people going and the list is on the MTL site.



Eric C. Ardolino

A Presidential Blurb •

In light of the changes in technology, I have asked the Board to begin the process of reviewing the Monthly Newsletter and the costs associated with it. As you know, this has been discussed in the past. The Board will be looking for positive suggestions from the Membership on the possible use of alternate ways of getting Club information to all of the Members. No changes will be made until we feel that we have had input from all who wish to weigh in on this. We look forward to hearing from the Membership on this.

Fall Hiking Schedule •



All Hikes begin at 12:30pm. Bring snacks, water, rain gear, and sturdy hiking shoes. Anyone interested in leading a hike this fall, please call either Jeanne (860-651-3257), or Rick (860-675-3403) before the newsletter deadline for that month.

Sept 2 - Labor Day Weekend - NO HIKE

Sept 9 - Tariffville Gorge, Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403) Take I-91 to Airport Exit. Follow Rt 20 west to traffic light at Rt 187. Take 187 south past one light to Spoonerville Rd on left. Turn onto Spoonerville and take immediate right. Follow to end (it turns and goes under 187). Hike is rated C.

Sept 16 - Lobster Cookout - NO HIKE

Sept 23 - Sleeping Giant Hike & Picnic @ Tom & Flo Knudson's (203-281-6769) Take I-91 to exit 10; follow this connector to the end. Go north on Rt 10 for 1.8 mi to Mt Carmel Ave. Take a right on Mt Carmel Ave. Park entrance is on the left a short distance from Rt 10. You can also take I-84 to exit 27 (Rt 691-E) to exit 3 (Cheshire). Take Rt 10S exactly 9 miles to Hamden, turning left on Mt Carmel Ave to Park entrance on left. To avoid \$5 parking fee, you can park at Quinnipiac College across the street from the Park entrance. There will be at least three hikes available (easy, moderate, difficult). For after the Hike, BYOB and something to share. Please call ahead to let Tom & Flo know you're coming.

Sept 28-30 - Lodge Hike Weekend - See separate flyer for hike weekend.

Rick Sullivan & Jeanne Delehanty

Lodge News 2007-2008 •

Your lodge committee is planning MTL Lodge activities for 2007-2008. We welcome any and all suggestions to fill the blank weekends with activities, or change planned weekends to another activity.

Interested in planning a meal for a Sat evening during the season ... let us know and we will provide the cost of the meal and a kitchen to prepare it. We are also looking for club members to step forward and take charge of "one" (just one) weekend's activities. This would enhance our activities and go a long way to involving the club members with active participation and filling the lodge on weekends. Our deadline for submissions/suggestions is Sept 15, 2007. We plan on having the 2007-2008 Lodge Calendar ready for the Open House on September 19th.

The Lodge Committee

Deadline for October 2007 • 19 September



• THIRD WEDNESDAY •

The deadline for the October Newsletter may be sooner than you think, September 19th. Be nice to the Newsletter Grinch, Get Your Copy in Early & You May Receive a Special Gift on October 1st.

Harry Fisher

27 Bannan Lane, Berlin CT 06037

or email hfisher007@comcast.net • phone 860-357-2281



MTL in NYC •



And we're off..... to NYC on Saturday, October 20th for a fun-filled day of NYC stuff. What stuff? Your stuff! Your stuff could include taking in the sites, shopping, walking across a bridge, going to a matinee performance, etc. ... and of course, eating.

Via a deluxe motor coach, we will depart New Britain **AT 8a.m.**, pick up in Cromwell **AT 8:15**, stop for coffee along the way, and arrive NYC around 10:30. The driver will let people off at the Met, along 5th Avenue, Times Square..... We will then meet up around 5:30pm in the theatre district - and head over to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner. Leaving NYC at 8p.m. will get us back to New Britain around 10:30p.m.

\$32 per person (check made payable to MTL Ski Club) will pay for a seat on the bus to get there and back. The price also includes the tip for the driver. Want to purchase tickets for a play? Check out www.playbill.com or www.broadway.com.

Invite family, friends, co-workers. Call me for reservations - Kate @ (860) 344-1292.

OMG - It's OSF = Oh, my goodness - it's oh, so fun.

Cape Cod Has a Wait List •



If you are coming to Cape Cod for Columbus Day Weekend, please send your check to Mountain Laurel Ski club. We have people on the waiting list and we need to verify who is coming and who is not coming.

Wendy Fitzsimons

Jay Peak is Tops • March 2 - 7 2008 •



All 36 rooms have been reserved for Jay Peak Ski Trip in March 2008. We are taking names on a waiting list at this point. We do have 5, 2-bedroom, slopeside condos with fireplaces available. They sleep six if you use the pull-out sofa in the living room, and you can purchase a meal package for \$190 per person if you choose not to cook. The condos are \$1836 per condo. For registration or more information contact Dave England at 860-614-1348 or Jenny Ebner at 614-402-6232 or email Jenny at jennyebner@sbcglobal.net.

Dave England & Jenny Ebner

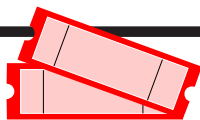
Cheer •

We begin with good news - Ken Ryan and Stacy Riley are engaged. Congratulations!!! We all wish them the very best. Other news - several Mountain Laurel members have become patients during the past month and need some cheer. Charlotte Le Clair took a bad fall and had surgery on her kneecap. Penny Trick went under the knife for knee problems and Jan Wallace was operated on recently. John Pappalardo is mending from wrist surgery. Kathy Culhane had back surgery and is doing well. We end on a sad note as our condolences go out to Nancy Nolan on the loss of her brother. If you have any news about our members, please call or e-mail Milli, 871-0484 or milliarnold57142@AOL.com. Thanks.



Milli Arnold

2007-2008 Ticket Vouchers •



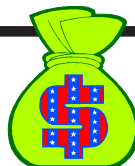
Ticket voucher's for the 2007-2008 season will be in shortly. When they come in, we only have a few (3-4 weeks) to sell them and return the information and money to the Connecticut Ski Council (CSC). An e-blast will be sent out with appropriate information once we have the 2007-2008 voucher information. Just remember we have a short turn-around.

Thank You,

MTL Ski Voucher Team, Susan (Okemo) - Liz, Gerti, Wayne (other mountains)

Treasurer Update •

The following policies have been approved by the Board:



- All reimbursements for less than \$300.00 must be approved by the President before submitting them to the Treasurer.
- All reimbursement requests must be made within 30 days of the event.
- All requests for reimbursement 30-60 days after the event must be approved by the board.
- Anything beyond 60 days will not be reimbursed.
- All income from an event must be deposited within 30 days of the event.




Monday Night Bike...

We have been fortunate to enjoy many different rides and parties this summer. Thanks to all those members who agreed to host each Monday. Eileen Anderson planned a new ride and lasagna party this month; MTL and NSC participated in several joint rides as well. Thanks also to Trish and Steve; Clyde and Scott; Ron and Lisa for again hosting rides. The season continues until the snow falls so join the informal rides on Wednesdays (Shrub Rd., Bristol) or in Rock Hill on Thursdays as well as some of the upcoming organized rides.



Andy Le Clair, Bike Chairperson

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30  FALL HIKE WEEKEND continues		September 2007				1
2	3	4	5 Board Meeting Regular Meeting	6	7	8
9  Sunday Hike Tariffville Gorge	10	11	12 Regular Meeting	13	14	15
16 LOBSTER COOKOUT	17	18	19 OPEN HOUSE News Deadline	20	21	22
23  Sunday Hike Sleeping Giant	24	25	26 NO Meeting Appreciation Night @ Suburban	27	28 	29  FALL HIKE WEEKEND @ LODGE

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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

05 Board Meeting @ 6:30
Regular Meeting @ 8:00
09 Sunday Hike - Tariffville Gorge
12 Regular Meeting @ 8:00
16 LOBSTER COOKOUT!!!
19 OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW MEMBERS!!!!
News Deadline
23 Sunday Hike - Sleeping Giant
26 NO Meeting
Mt Laurel Appreciation Night @ Suburban
28-30 FALL HIKE WEEKEND @ LODGE

October

03 Board Meeting @ 6:30
Regular Meeting @ 8:00
05-08 CAPE GOLF



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MTL Lodge Working Draft of Activities • Weekend Dates Dec 07 - April 08

December 1-2 Wine Tasting

December 15-16

December 29-31 New Year's Eve (Monday is 31st)

January 5-6

January 19-20 Family Weekend

January 26-27 Moe's Nacho Weekend w/Fire extinguisher Demo

February 2-9 ASPEN

February 10-11

February 18-22 President's Day, Family week (M-F)

Feb 29-March 2 ON-SNOW

March 8-9

March 22-23 Easter

April 5-6 Spa Weekend



December 8-9 Wassail Weekend with Parade

December 22-23

January 12-13 Murder Mystery

January 21 MLK



February 2-3 Mardi Gras Weekend

February 16-17 Valentine

February 23-24 Chuck & Cathy's Pie in the Sky

Full Snow Moon Snowshoe Trek

Homemade Pizza & Club Race

March 2-8 Jay Peak

March 15-16 St. Paddy's Weekend

March 29-30

April 12-13 Pig Roast



Contact a Lodge Committee Member with your suggestions:

Lodge Committee Chair: Wayne Cormier

Lodge Reservations: Lisa Durland

Lodge Manager: Moe Gaherty

Lodge Vouchers: Barbara Wysocki

Lodge Committee at Large Members: Cathy DiMeola, Lana Parks

VERMONT HIKE WEEKEND 28-30 SEPTEMBER

Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hike the Heraldville trail to the top of Okemo. The top offers views of Mount Washington, the Green Mountains, Mount Ascutney, and Mount Monadnock. The hike is 3 miles one way.

The weekend begins at 7pm Friday with a pasta supper at the Lodge. Saturday we'll hike, then relax at Happy Hour and Dinner. Wine and soft drinks will be provided with dinner. Jack Uhrynowski and Dan Giordano will be our chefs for Friday and Saturday. Sunday activities could be hiking, biking, golf, letterboxing, or just relaxing with your MTL friends.

Jeanne Delehanty (860-651-3257) will be taking Lodge reservations on a first **paid** first served basis. Reserve early to get a bottom bunk! Price for the weekend all inclusive meals and lodging **\$60**; Supper Friday **\$5**; Dinner & Happy Hour Saturday **\$15**. We'll need some food contributions (desserts and hors d'oeuvres) and help with cleanup after meals. Prospective members are encouraged to help with this. It will satisfy one of your committee requirements.

See us at meetings, or mail your reservations and checks to:

Jeanne Delehanty, 21 Hilltop Dr., Weatogue CT 06089

For further information call: Rick Sullivan 860-675-3403 or Jeanne Delehanty 860-651-3257.

Name: _____ No. of People: _____ Room Req: _____

Friday Supper: _____ Saturday Dinner & Happy Hour: _____

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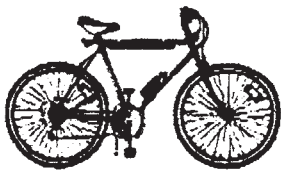
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