



Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter April 2010



News from Kay, our Prez....

From the President.....

Sitting here looking out at the beautiful sun and flowers starting to come out of the ground, it's hard to believe that a week ago we were at Sunday River in Maine for a week of glorious skiing with 74 MTL members. It was a fabulous trip, lots of skiing for everyone, lessons, good food, fun happy hours & soaking in the outdoor hot tub. Anne and I had a great time with everyone and really enjoyed the trip. Sunday River is a great venue for groups, ski in ski out and plenty of variety to keep everyone entertained. The X-country skiers found a great place in the Balsams in NH, just 45 min away, some went shopping in North Conway and others just relaxed. We had many that did not stop skiing until the last chair lift of the day. Great trip, fun had by all and (knock on wood) no one got hurt!!

Yippie ki yaaay Yippie ki ooh, Ghost Riders in the snow!!

We have had a great ski season, for some it's not over yet. Zermatt was a great success and the weekends at the lodge have been fantastic. Thanks to Charlie, Moe and his committee for getting the lodge going this year. Thank you to all those that did event weekends at the lodge, I know everyone that attended had a great time. Lisa Durland did a great job with reservations again!!

We have one more great event coming up this month, besides the snow shoe weekend, our annual Pig Roast Weekend which marks the end of our season at the lodge. We are naming it the Dan Giordano Memorial Pig Roast, Dan was the one that started it and kept it going for all these years. He will be missed!!

Don't miss the Lip Sync performances emceed by John Ewen. I know we can always use more acts so get going if you haven't entered yet get your song and get them to John.

We also have our Annual Meeting and Elections. We have a slate of officers & are currently looking for a couple new board members. You need to have been a member in good standing for a year (after the prospective year) to run. Get in touch with Harry Fisher, Anne Alden or Aletta Chamberland if you are interested.

It has been a great year and I have enjoyed working with all of you. We do have the greatest group of people in our club and I am much honored to be the president. Thank you all for your support and especially to the Board members that have given their time this year.

FOOLING AROUND IN APRIL!!

THE 26TH ANNUAL LIP SYNC SHOW

As the Lip Sync show is the biggest event we have all year at the club, we want you to be sure to come along this time. It is **April 21, 7:30 pm. The one thing we need is participants!** Will you get an act together and let me know as soon as possible? Please don't wait. Call me now at 860-232-9675 or e-mail me at ewenjf@att.net. Your old pal, John Ewen



Lodge Reservations: Contact Lisa Durland at (860) 533-1981 before 9:00 p.m. or mtlres@cox.net



LATEST LODGE HAPPENINGS!

TEST HIKE PIG ROAST WEEKEND

The Hiking Committee will be testing a hike in Peru, VT on Saturday, April 17, 2010. We'll leave the lodge at 10:00 a.m., sharp! We need to be back by five for the excellent dinner being planned. The hike will be at Styles Peak. It's a 3.2 mile round trip with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Estimated hike time is 2 hours. The TEN GREAT HIKES IN SOUTHERN VERMONT book says it's "enough gain to make this a workout (like climbing a 100 story building!)." There is also a shorter option, 8/10 mile around the pond at the Hapgood Pond Recreation Area..

REMEMBER: *Test Hike* means we haven't tried this yet so we're unfamiliar with the trail and its conditions and level of difficulty.

Hope to see you there. Call Jeanne Delehanty, 860-651-3257, if you have questions.

Hike News

Hiking season begins Sunday April 25 at 12:30pm with a hike to the **Indian Council Caves**- Barkhamsted. Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403, 860-324-4952 cell). From the intersection of Rte 219 and 318 near the Barkhamsted Reservoir Dam, proceed east on Rte 219 for 1.7 miles to small parking lot on right about 100 feet west of intersection of 219 and Hillcrest Rd. This hike is rated moderate difficulty. AMC's CT Day Hikes book describes this hike: "This section of the Tunxis trail is arguably the most attractive length of trail in the state. The boulders and outcrops, open hardwood forest, and mountain laurel thickets all combine to create a sense of benevolent wilderness found nowhere else. Here you have a most attractive out-and-back hike to an historic boulder cave, amid old foundations, ridge-top views, and beautiful forests."

We've set the date for the Fall Hike, October 1-3. Mark you calendars for another fun weekend...4 hours of hiking accompanied by 48 hours of Partying!

We're developing a schedule of hikes for May and June now. Please call us for suggestions, and we're always looking for people to lead hikes...it's a good way for prospectives to meet more members and leading a hike counts for prospective member participation requirements.

Jeanne Delehanty
Rick Sullivan
Hiking Co-Chairmen



October 16-23, 2010 – Mt. Laurel 65th Anniversary Cruise

Cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Oasis of the Seas." Depart Fort Lauderdale on Sat. Oct 16 for the western Caribbean with ports of call at Labadee, Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico. Prices range from \$899.00 for inside room to \$1199.00 for outside room with balcony, based on double occupancy; 3rd and 4th person in room is \$699.00 each. Federal tax, gratuities and airfare are extra. Reserve now! Space very limited at these rates. Deposit \$300.00/person. Flights to/from Ft Lauderdale will be out of White Plains, NY.

For more information on Oasis of the Seas, visit www.oasisoftheseas.com.

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please email all submissions by the third Wed. of the month to Irene_murray@sbcglobal.net or Fax to (860) 644-3951.

CT Breast Health Initiative, Walk in the Park

Join team MTL Skiers on Saturday, **May 8** to support Breast Cancer research. Log into www.ctraceinthepark.org and then go to our team site - MTL Skiers to register. Cost is \$26 for adults but pledges from yourself, family and friends can also be added. It appears that the walk is shorter this year, only 2 miles, so we hope more can join our team this year. There are also options for 5 K runs for men or women which start at different times.

Charlotte Le Clair and Rick Sullivan



SAVE THE DATE!- MAY 15TH

Hey everybody- it's time to make plans to join everyone for the 54th anniversary Mt. Laurel Banquet. We will be partying the night away at the beautiful Tower Ridge Country Club in Simsbury. The clubhouse banquet room is in a beautiful setting, with a view of the golf course, just under the Heublein tower. We will be enjoying an evening of fine dining, recognition for outstanding service to Mt. Laurel, and for the skiing awards earned during this past season. After dinner, there will be dancing to the live music of 'Tire Biters'. So, get out your semi-formal wear and dancing shoes, and set aside Saturday, May 15th! The festivities start with appetizers at 6:00 pm. Additional details are forthcoming, and will be posted on the website. We look forward to a great turnout and a wonderful evening!!



BIKING NEWS

We are all sad to see the snow disappear but are looking forward to the fun that MTL has during the warm weather. Biking is a good way to continue to keep fit and socialize with your friends in the club as well as members of Newington Ski Club who often join us on rides. There are rides available for all levels, routes are marked by the member sponsoring the ride, and pizza or a picnic follows the ride. Helmets are mandatory, as is the sign out/sign in policy to ensure that everyone is accounted for each evening. All rides begin at 6:00 each Monday evening, holidays excluded. Plan to arrive early to set up your bike, sign out and obtain a map. Directions to rides will be posted on our web site and in



newsletters. If you are interested in sponsoring a ride, contact the chairperson since the schedule must be planned in advance for each month, thru Labor Day.

May 3, St. Gregory Church, Bristol, Andy and Charlotte Le Clair - The first ride of the season is traditionally a joint ride with NSC. Pizza will follow the ride at a local restaurant; cost will be determined by ride leaders. Take I-84 West to Rte 72 West, Washington Street. Turn right at end of exit. Travel about 3 miles to intersection of Rte 6 West; turn left onto Rte 6. Turn right at light onto Stafford Ave. St. Gregory's is 1/2 mile on left. Park in the front, right section of the lot. Andy LeClair, Biking Chairperson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE!

The Nominating Committee is made up of Harry Fisher, Aletta Chamberland and Anne Alden. They have identified a slate of officers as follows although anyone can nominate from the floor at the Annual Meeting and Elections on April 28.

President: Kay Leatherman

Vice President: Chuck Hannah

Secretary: Mandy Lavallee




Treasurer: Rick Sullivan

Asst Sec/Treas: Betsy Chase.

Continuing on the Board are Jonathan Houck as Past President, Kathy Amenta and Pat Revoir, Board Members. The Nominating Committee is seeking two additional persons for a two year team. If you are interested call Harry at (860) 357-2281 or (860) 301- 2130 or see him at a meeting. Consider being on the board, it is a great experience!



APRIL 2010

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
			Brd & Reg Meeting	1	2	3
Easter 	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Reg. Mtg.			10
	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Newsletter Deadline Reg. Mtg.			17
	18	19	20	 21	22	23
			LIP SYNC			24
	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Annual Mtg./Elections			

Remember...
Meetings at Whinstone Tavern
Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

See Calendar for April events and articles in the Newsletter for detail

MAY

5/3 Monday Night Biking
5/5 Bd. Mtg 6:00, Reg. Mtg. 7:30
5/12 Reg. Mtg. 7:30
5/15 Annual Banquet
5/19 Reg. Mtg. 7:30
5/26 Reg. Mtg. 7:30

Pig Roast Wknd

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- ◆ Kay Leatherman president@mtlski.com
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- ◆ Bob Wallace secretary@mtlski.com
- ◆ Rick Sullivan treasurer@mtlski.com
- ◆ Betsy Chase Asst Sec/Treas
- ◆ Jonathan Houck Past President

- ◆ Betsy Chase CSC Ambassador

Board Members

- * Kathy Amenta
- * Scott Farrar
- * Irene Murray
- * Pat Revoir
- * Angie Testa
- * Mandy Weber
- * Scott Weber