



Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter October 2011



News from the Prez....

I hope that everyone has had a chance to clean up and get back to "normal" after all the happenings of the last few weeks. I know that those that have homes in VT are most likely still cleaning up and recovering from the devastation left by Irene (not Murray)! There is a lot of information posted on our web site regarding the status of conditions. We have sent the Black River Good Neighbor Organization a donation to help those in the area as they see fit. I am sure you all would agree that is where we want to contribute to help where we can.

The Lobster Cookout was a great success with more than 130 people attending!! Thanks to Jonathan and his crew for cooking, serving and making the event a great time for all. The weather couldn't have been better (thanks Joe). Bob Sjostedt was the lucky raffle winner of the John Ewen Shore Bird Carving that was donated by Neal Fisher from his fathers' collection. It was a very special piece and I know Bob will enjoy it for years to come, thank you Neal for that generous donation!!

The Open House has not taken place but I must get this done as I am going to be away on the deadline date. (Irene just keeps bugging me if I don't, and that's ok) I am sure our Open House will be a great success as always. A big thank you to Betsy and all the vendors and club members that make this night possible. It has always been very successful and I know it will be again. Don't forget we have a very short window to **purchase lift tickets**. The information is posted and will also be available at meetings. The **deadline is Oct 5th** as we have to place our orders at the next CSC meeting.

As we move into the fall I know we have a lot going on as always, so keep on keepin' on and get ready for ski season, it will be here before we know it. **Kay**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please email all submissions by the third Wed. of the month to Irene_murray@sbcglobal.net.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

A By-law change has been submitted by seven MTL lifetime members to the Board of Directors to amend By-law Article III Membership, Section C3 Lifetime. At the Aug Board of Directors Meeting we accepted this recommendation and at this time will be asking for a vote by the membership at our meeting on **Nov 2, 2011**. Here is the requested change: (the proposed changes are in BOLD & Underlined)

Awarded by the Board of Directors according to the following criteria: Lifetime Membership member(s)/ candidate(s) must meet the following criteria: be **a member of Mountain Laurel Ski Club for a minimum of fifteen (15) years**, serve as an officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer and/**or serve as a Board of Director**) serve as a chairperson(s) for committees, and whose contributions are considered significant. The Board of Directors may bestow this honor based on the member name(s) (recommendations) presented by the Lifetime Membership Committee. A member will be selected for the honor and be approved by the Board of Directors.

The previous requirements did not include the board of directors & only required membership for 10yrs. To pass this change we must have a quorum which is 50 or more members. We will have an open discussion and documentation to support this change by the current lifetime membership committee.

ORDER YOUR BULK TICKETS BY OCT. 5

Please note, if you want tickets at the bulk ticket rate for either Okemo or other mountains, you only have until Wed. Oct. 5 to order them. Both order forms are on the website so be sure to get your bulk ticket orders to Pat Revoir (Okemo) or Gerti Laesser (all other mountains) ASAP!!



HIKING OCTOBER 2011

Oct. 9-- Hike/picnic-7 Falls- Middletown

Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403 home, 860-324-4952 cell) meet at 12:30 pm. From exit 10 (Aircraft Rd) on Route 9 south of Middletown. From Aircraft Road follow route 154 south for .8 mi to Seven Falls park on left. This hike is rated C, moderate. The park has many picnic tables and barbeque pits near the brook. The après hike activity will be a picnic, bring a chair, your drinks and something to eat or barbeque. I'll bring the charcoal & a small propane grill.

Oct 16--Day Pond- Colchester

Paula & Gary Felt (860-267-6084). Meet at 12:30 pm. Rte 2 east to exit 16. Right at end of ramp = south on rte 149 to Congregational Church. Make a sharp right turn into Day Pond State Park. hike is rated C/D moderate to easy. The covered bridge is being repaired so we're hoping to hike across it this time!

October 23--Crescent Lake-- Southington (formerly Plainville Reservoir)

Hike Leader Rick Sullivan 860.324.4952. Host Pat Revoir 860.793.1824 Cell 860.681.2957 Meet at 12:30pm. **From Hartford** take I-84 West, take exit 33 (Rte 72 West-Bristol) for 0.4 mile. Take exit 2 off of Rte 72, onto Rte 372/New Britain Ave. toward Plainville. Go 0.3 mile, take right on 372E/New Britain Ave. Go 0.5 mile & turn right on Crooked St. Go 0.4 mile & turn right on Woodford Ave. Take your **first left** onto Ledge Rd. (Rogers Orchard). Drive 1.6 miles to Crescent Lake on your left. **From Waterbury** take I-84 East, take exit 34 (Crooked St./CT 372). Take right off of ramp onto Crooked St. Take right on Woodford Ave. Take your **first left** onto Ledge Rd. (Rogers Orchard). Drive 1.6 miles to Crescent Lake on your left. Apres hike party at Pat Revoir's. BYOB, chair and something to share. Two small propane grills will be available for cooking. Any questions, call Pat. The hike is **rated easy**.

October 30--Plainville- Rattlesnake Mountain. Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403, cell 860-324-4952). Meet at 12:30pm. Take I-84 west to route 72/372. Turn right at end of ramp go past Loew's Plaza, and past Crooked St. to Metacomet trail Sign on left. Park across the street in the medical office building parking lot. Hike is 6 miles with nice views at Pinnacle Rock and goes past an old Nike site on the way to Will Warren's Den and the peak of Rattlesnake Mountain. This is rated C/D moderate to easy,

Sunday River Drive Trip– 50% Full, Sign Up NOW!

in Maine, Feb 26 - Mar 2, 2012.

We are looking forward to another great trip to this Grand Summit Hotel and ski resort.

The flyer is posted on line for specific pricing, you can print and mail with your deposit.

The pricing has changed slightly from last year due to an increase from the resort,

but it is still an awesome value, 5 nights of lodging, 5 1/2 day lift tickets,

5 breakfasts & 3 dinners, plus the welcome party on Sunday night.

Trip Leaders: Anne Alden & Kay Leatherman



All Aboard.....SNOWBALL IS ON THE WAY!

Pack your bags and climb aboard the CSC's New England Ski Train. The 2011 Snowball will be **Saturday, November 19, 2011** at 8:00. The ball will again be at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor in Windsor CT. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Music will be by Sister Funk. See Bob Wallace for tickets or contact him; 860-223-4414 Bobandjanwallace@comcast.net.

This enchanting semi-formal evening of dancing and the crowning of the CSC Ambassador, is capped by drawings for a variety of great raffle prizes. Please support the CSC by donating or soliciting prizes that can be used for the raffle.



MTL LODGE –Starting Planning

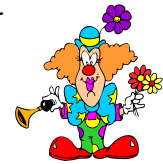
Some possibly anticipated events at the MTL lodge are Wassaling Weekend in Woodstock Vermont, A New Year's weekend, Game weekend ,ASIA Ski Instruction, Full Moon Snow Shoe, Valentines Weekend, Club Race Weekend, Wine Tasting, and Pig Roast. If you're willing to run an event and be innkeeper (Regular Members only) or have ideas. See or contact Bob Sjostedt Lodge Committee Chair-person. The lodge is where everyone gets to know each other better during activities, and is the perfect opportunity for Prospective Members to get to know more people than at a weekly meeting.

Bob Sjostedt, Lodge Manager



2011-12 Lodge Vouchers & Reservations – Lisa Durland

Lodge Season is just around the corner so that means it's time to think about vouchers and reservations! This season we are putting a new twist on our Lodge Voucher system; we are moving to a Voucher Account system in order to eliminate the need of passing actual vouchers back and forth. The basics of the system are as follows: When you purchase vouchers you will receive a receipt indicating the quantity of each type of voucher that you purchase. Your purchases will also be recorded on an individual Voucher Account Record. When you make Lodge Reservations a deduction will be made against your Voucher Account for each reservation up to the quantity of vouchers purchased. As you are accustomed to, reservations will be accepted at meetings, by e-mail, and phone. If you purchase vouchers and make reservations by e-mail or phone it will no longer be necessary to send vouchers to Lisa in the mail. There will be a presentation on the new Voucher Account system at the October 12 meeting. Vouchers will go on sale October 19; Reservations will be accepted starting November 9.

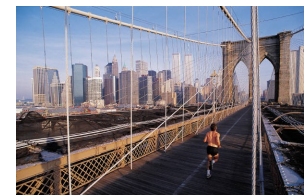


-CHEER-

We've received news from Ernie Riley and Cathy DiMeola. The second day into their six week cross country trip, while on a bike ride outside their campground, Cathy was attacked and bitten (10 stitches) by Luna, "a very big white dog". They've continued on their trip, were last heard of from Yellowstone and Cathy is biking. Barbara Wysocki had her knee repaired on Sept. 19. We wish both speedy and full recoveries. Congratulations to Novlette Earlington and Sal Finocchiaro on their engagement! If you have any news of members, please contact Milli Arnold at 860-871-0484 or milliar-nold57142@aol.com.

MTL in NYC???

As this issue goes to press, the trip to NYC is tentative. To date, we are short 20 people.... If you want to go to NYC on October 29th, please contact Kate at akrob22@yahoo.com.



The cost is \$39. Please respond by October 3rd. Thank you.

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9 Hike Middletown	10 Columbus Day 	11	12 Reg. Mtg New Voucher Sys.	13	14	15
16 Hike Colchester	17	18	19 Reg. Mtg	20	21	22
23 Hike Southington	24	25	26 Halloween Dance	27 	28	29
30 Hike Plainville	31 Halloween 					

Meetings at Whinstone
Tavern

Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

See Calendar for this month's events and
articles in the
Newsletter for detail

SAVE THESE DATES

10/5 Board & Reg. Mtg.
10/12 Reg. Mtg./New Voucher Sys.
10/19 Reg. Mtg./Vouchers Sold
10/26 Halloween Dance

11/2 Board & Reg. Mtg
11/9 Reg. Mtg./Lodge rezzies begin
11/16 Reg. Mtg.
11/ 23 No Mtg./Happy Thanksgiving
11/30 Reg. Mtg.

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