

# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

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October 2004



## from the President . . .

September was another active month for Mountain Laurel. Thanks to Jeff Mazur and Mal-Sun Marletto for their bike ride/BBQ on the 5th. A contingent of members attended the former Tiverton ride on the 12th, now at Dartmouth MA. Quite a few completed the 100 mile ride. Congratulations!

We had another fine time at the Riley's lake party in Holland, MA. Thanks to Ernie, Judy and Stacey for their generosity in inviting us all to their family retreat.

Thanks to the efforts of Barbara Wysocki and Maureen Gaherty, the always popular Lobster Cookout was another huge success. The large team of volunteers helped it to run smoothly and we all had a great day of food and fun.

The 29th was the night of the club's annual Open House, a time to showcase the best of Mt. Laurel and attract new members. Thanks to Milli Arnold and all of her helpers for putting together another good event. Be sure to spread the word about Mt. Laurel to everyone that you think would be an asset to our club.

October 1-3 is Hike Weekend at our Vermont lodge, and the same weekend finds members at Cape Cod Golf Weekend. Contact Jody

Neuman if you want to play in the "unofficial" Mt. Laurel golf tournament on the 10th at Tunxis.

Our Annual Halloween Costume Party is not to be missed on the 27th at Zabbara's.

Membership renewals were due by the end of September. Contact VP Alison Reno for info. Discount lift tickets through the CSC are now being sold. See Susan Forsdick for Okemo and Eila McCloskey for other mountains. Don't miss the deadline.

Remember, we now meet every Wednesday night at 8pm. I'll see you there.



**Tom Knudsen**

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### MTL to NYC •

MTL is heading to NYC on November 13, 2004. Reserve your spot by calling Kate. \$25 per seat with checks payable to MTL. Plan on leaving Zabbara's at 8:00a.m.

Details to follow in next newsletter.  
**Contact Kate at 860-344-1292.**

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### Important Numbers •

**Membership • Alison Reno**  
860-977-2142

**Sunday Hike • Gordon Gaulin**  
860-688-2934

**Ski Trip 2005 • Taos**  
**5-12 Feb 2005**



Our trip is February 5th - 12th, 2005. Flights are out of Hartford and include transfers, 7 nights stay, a fleece vest, full breakfast every morning, and much more. We have sold 62 spots, with space for 3 more. We have a male looking for a roommate. Price is \$1129 and the 5 day ski pass is \$205. Questions, call me at 203-265-9293 office or 203-265-2645 home or see me at the meetings.

Unbelievable turnout, thank you.

**Eric Ardolino - 203-265-9293**

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### Okemo Disc't Tickets before 8 October

Okemo discount tickets ordering before October 8th! Remember this year's new policy. If you don't pick up your tickets after the second year they become property of MTL. Tickets for anyone 13 to 69 years are \$41.00; ages 7 to 12 years and over 69 are \$31.00. Please keep in mind when ordering, returns will be limited, order carefully and let me know if you need some tickets sold to other ski club members only, instead of trying to return too many. **See order form on-line, or at meetings before October 8th.**

**Thanks, Susan Forsdick**

## Ambassador's Angle •



Well, it is getting to be that time of year to start thinking about Snowball. This year it should be another fantastic time as our reigning ambassador Mandy has been working very hard to provide a fabulous night for everyone.

The weather has been great and by the time you read this, a group of people would have participated in riding at Tiverton. A small handful are planning on going to NH to attempt their challenging century. Keep biking and get those legs in shape as ski season is right around the corner.

The ambassador thought of the month is as follows: *Ever find yourself driving down the highway or roadway, and you notice a bunch of birds that are all congregated together on one light fixture, and there is always one lone bird on his/her own light fixture? Which bird are you?????*

**SNOWBALL** - See the flyer in this month's newsletter for the details. I will have tickets available at Wednesday night meetings or contact me at 860-623-7322. Till next month.

Russ

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## Lodge News from Ray Taksar •

Is it time? Here we go again. Happy October and it's time to start voucher sales for the Lodge. The Lodge will open Dec 1st and remain open through April 15th. You might want to clip and save the following info. Vouchers will go on sale October 20th and will remain on sale until Dec 1st. Ernie Riley is in charge again. Thanks Ernie. Reservations will be handled by Lisa Durland who did a super job last year. Thanks! Now comes the menu:

- 1-5 vouchers \$40/weekend
- 6 or more \$35/weekend
- midweek vouchers are \$15
- vouchers are for members only
- Non member guests
- \$70/weekend
- \$35/one weekend night
- \$25/midweek night



Please remember when you make a reservation that it is not final until you have paid for it. This means that your reservation will go to someone else who pays first. Midweek skiers this also applies to you. If you are coming up to the Lodge, you **MUST** have a reservation. Midweek becomes more busy each year so there will NOT be any more "just showing up." Thank you for your help.

How can you stay at the Lodge for Free? Simple. Be the Innkeeper for a weekend. When is the last time you volunteered for your club? See me for details. Thanks to Kathy Amenta for stepping up to the plate as your Assistant Lodge Chair. She will handle all Lodge Complaints - Ha! Ha! C-Ya Ray Taksar

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## Celebrations and Concerns...

Our **sympathies** to Lori Dubriel in the unexpected death of her daughter last month. Our **congratulations** to an old time member David Wetstone in his marriage to Dorothy Fishman. Our **happy healing wishes** to Marge Freeland after her surgery last month. **Thanks, Susan Forsdick**



## Halloween Party •



**Attention all ghosts and goblins!** Save the date, October 27, for the Annual MTL Halloween Costume Party at Zabbara's. Entertainment, fun, and prizes. Pumpkin carvers plan to display your work. Chairman Ron Colarese needs volunteers, so let's all pitch in and give him a hand. This is always a popular event.

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## 8 Oct Deadline...

October 8th deadline for lift ticket orders for Killington, Pico, Ascutney, Bromley, Jay Peak, Mt Snow, Sugarbush. Prices on form in newsletter, web-site, or from me. Orders can be mailed to me or see me at meetings until 6 October.

Tickets will be available for pick-up mid November including last seasons returns.

**Eila McCloskey 54 Wayne Lane,  
Meriden CT 06450  
203-235-8141**

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## Winter Tennis Program 2004-2005 Players wanted



Mt Laurel winter tennis has started!!! But, it's not too late to sign up! Play started on Tuesday, Sept 14 (5:30-7:00pm), at the East Hartford Racquet Club, 151 Roberts Street, East Hartford and continues for a total season of 35 weeks.

Club membership cost is \$100, plus the season court fee. The court fee will be approximately \$360-450 depending on the number of players who sign up (4-5 to a court). Court fees may be paid in installments. Non-members of Mt Laurel may play also.

Call Jerry Jaminet 860-644-1566 or Dave Wetstone 860-673-1532 for further information.

## Sunday Hikes •



Continue hiking with fellow Mt Laurel members on Sundays 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 Oct • FALL HIKE • Vermont**

#### **10 Oct • East Granby • Metacomet Trail • Gordon Gaulin • 860-688-2934**

Take I-91 north to exit 40, Rt 20. Take the Rt 20 (Newgate 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, a 6 mile hike.

#### **17 Oct • Kensington • Ragged Mountain • Mike Smestad & Lois Anderson • 860-620-9111**

**Take I-84 to Rt. 72, or**

Take I-91 to Rt 9 North to Rt 72. Take Rt 72 to exit 7 (Corbin Ave). Take Rt 372 east 1.6 miles to Rt 71A South, 1.2 miles to West Lane. Right on West Lane, go 0.6 miles (past stop sign) to parking lot on right. Hike is rated C.

#### **24 Oct • Hebron • Gay City State Park • Joe Mangione & Angie Testa • 860-646-7505**

**From I-84 East**

Take Rt 384 to exit 5 - Rt 85. Proceed south on Rt 85. Park entrance is on the right. Hike is rated C.

#### **31 Oct • Mansfield • Alexis Kuchel • 860-432-0015**

Take I-84 east to exit 68 (Rt 195). Take a right onto Rt 195 and go past the UCONN campus. Go approx 2 miles past the last street light on UCONN campus and you will see the Mansfield Historical Building on your left. It is a brick building; park behind the building, there is a semi-circle driveway in the front. If you come to the road for Mansfield Hollow, you have gone too far. This is a C hike, 5-mile hike. If it rains the hike is cancelled.

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

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## Summer Tennis Wrap Up •

Mountain Laurel Summer Tennis had a full house (filling all six courts every night), some very good tennis, and a lot of laughs (thanks Dan, Erika, et al.) from June 1 to August 10 when 24 regulars assisted by 6 substitutes smacked balls every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8pm at the Tennis Center of Newington. It was so good that 16 continued on for three additional weeks to August 31.

Plans for next year, among other things, include extending the season to at least 15 weeks and more pizza parties.

I would like to thank all the participants, who were by and large great sports, for making the indoor summer season a success. I especially thank Marie Slayton for organizing the Pizza Parties, because while we were avid players we seemed to be very interested in après.

Also, I'd like to thank Sharon Weston and the gracious staff of the Tennis Center of Newington for hosting us.

We'll try to do it again next summer, so keep your Tuesdays open and sign up early Spring 2005 as the 24 slots will go quickly.

**Harold**



## Deadline for Nov • Oct 20, 2004 • Third Wednesday •

October 20 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the November 2004 newsletter.

All information should be to **Mandy Lavallee** by that date. If you do not see Kathy at a meeting,

please mail to:

**378 Fowler Avenue**

**Middletown CT 06457**

or email

**mandylavallee@sbcglobal.net**

**h 860-638-3821**

**w 860-636-2601**

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## Boston Wine Expo •



Hello.

It's time to sign up for the Boston Wine Expo, January 29-30, 2005.

The bus will leave from the commuter lot across from Target

store. The price is \$170 per person. This includes: round trip bus fare, the Long Wharf Marriott - one night - two in a room at \$144, the wine tasting ticket is \$70, the bus is \$28. If you like a room by yourself or more in your room that is up to you.

I am taking names right now. I have room for 30 more people. It's first come, first served.

I serve a few goodies on the ride back from Boston. Contact me if you are interested. This sold out last year and I have more people already than last year at this time. Call 860-402-3209 or email to: octanehi5@aol.com.

Thanks,



**CIAO RON**

# MTL Eastern Drive Ski Trip • Jay Peak • 6-11 March



Age 70+ \$352 PP/DO, plus \$12 per day skiing (purchased per day). Age 14 and under, stay free and ski free, \$115 for meals. All other age groups \$457 PP/DO includes: all lodging, all breakfasts, all dinners, welcome party, wine and cheese party, skiing, ski lessons, tax, gratuities and more. Deposit Due by 15 October (\$150). Like Tom said, "It's cheaper than staying at home." Dave England 860-614-1348 or Jenny Ebner, Jebner@bright.net

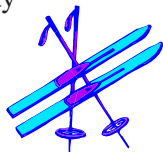
## Connecticut Ski Council Awareness Days 2004-2005 •



Members must show a valid CSC Membership card with CSC sticker and can only purchase ONE ticket per sticker. PLEASE extend every courtesy and a sincere thank you to the following ski areas and staff for their generous participation this season.

### December 2004

03 Friday	Stowe	\$34 single day
04 Saturday	Stowe	\$58 two day
05 Sunday	Stowe	\$83 three day
11 Saturday	Sunapee	\$22
12 Sunday	Stratton	\$28
17 Friday	Jiminy Peak	\$17
18 Saturday	Bromley	\$28
19 Sunday	Okemo	\$27
20 Monday	Jay Peak	\$25
21 Tuesday	Jay Peak	\$25
22 Wednesday	Jay Peak	\$25
25 Saturday Xmas	Ragged	\$25
26 Sunday	Ragged	\$25
27 Monday	Ragged	\$25



### January 2005

02 Sunday	Okemo	\$30
07 Friday	Mt Snow	\$25
08 Saturday	Haystack	\$25
09 Sunday	Sunapee	\$22
14 Friday	Jiminy Peak	\$17
15 Saturday	Magic	\$20
16 Sunday	Magic	\$20
17 Monday	Ascutney	\$26
18 Tuesday	Stowe	\$34 one day
19 Wednesday	Stowe	\$58 two day
20 Thursday	Stowe	\$83 three day
21 Friday	Sugarbush	\$28
22 Saturday	Sugarbush	\$28
23 Sunday	Sugarbush	\$28
28 Friday	Loon,	\$25
29 Saturday	Waterville, or	\$25
30 Sunday	Cranmore	\$25
31 Monday		\$25

### February 2005

01 Tuesday	Bolton Valley	\$25
02 Wednesday	Bolton Valley	\$25
03 Thursday	Bolton Valley	\$25
04 Friday	Bolton Valley	\$25
05 Saturday	Bolton Valley	\$25
06 Sunday	Stratton	\$28
07 Monday	Stratton	\$28
11 Friday	Jiminy Peak	\$17
12 Saturday	Magic	\$20
13 Sunday	Okemo	\$30
18 Friday	Ascutney	\$26
19 Saturday	Magic	\$25
20 Sunday	Magic	\$25
22 Tuesday	Ragged	\$20
24 Thursday	Ragged	\$20
25 Friday	Mt Snow	\$25
26 Saturday	Haystack	\$25
27 Sunday	Haystack	\$25



### March 2005

04 Fri	<b>ON SNOW</b>	Bromley	\$32 one day
05 Sat	<b>ON SNOW</b>	Bromley	\$61 two day
06 Sun	<b>ON SNOW</b>	Bromley	\$84 three day
11 Friday		Mt Snow	\$20
12 Saturday		Ascutney	\$26
13 Sunday		Stratton	\$28
14 Monday		Jiminy Peak	\$17
18 Friday		Mt Snow	\$20
19 Saturday		Okemo	\$27
20 Sunday		Okemo	\$27
21 Monday		Stowe	\$34 one day
22 Tuesday		Stowe	\$58 two day
23 Wednesday		Stowe	\$83 three day
24 Thursday		Stowe	\$109 four day
25 Friday		Stowe	\$127 five day
26 Saturday		Stowe	\$153 six day
27 Sunday		Stowe	\$178 seven day

### April 2005

02 Saturday	Sugarbush	\$28
03 Sunday	Sugarbush	\$28

Note: This is not a final list of prices. More accurate information will be provided in October.



# mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
31  Sunday Hike Mansfield		<b>October 2004</b>			1  Fall Hike or Cape Golf Weekend	2 
3  Fall Hike or Cape Golf Weekend	4	5	6 Board/Reg Meeting	7	8 Deadline for ski season vouchers McCloskey	9
10 MTL Golf Tunxis Sunday Hike E. Granby	11	12	13 Regular Meeting Nes	14	15	16 
17  Sunday Hike Kensington	18	19	20 Reg Meeting News Deadline	21	22	23
24  Sunday Hike Hebron	25	26	27  Halloween Party	28	29	30

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

## Save These Dates

### October

- 1-3 VT Fall Hike Weekend, or Cape Golf Weekend
- 06 Board/Regular Meeting
- 08 Deadline for ski season vouchers - McCloskey
- 10 MTL Golf-Tunxis, Sunday Hike - E. Granby
- 13 Regular Mtng
- 17 Sunday Hike - Kensington
- 20 Regular Mtng - news deadline
- 24 Sunday Hike - Hebron
- 27 Halloween Party/Zabbara's
- 31 Sunday Hike - Mansfield

