

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

September 2004



from the President . . .

Time seems to fly by. In two months, we'll be back on our skis and I can't wait. Thanks to biking leaders Marsha Baretta, Tom and Sheree Mailhot, and Steve and Trish Molloy for keeping us active (and in shape?) with their August rides. Two rides with our friends from the Newington Ski Club rounded out the month.

September will be busy with the Labor Day holiday. Then we'll cheer for our members on the 12th as they attempt the 100 mile ride at Dartmouth, MA (formerly Tiverton).

On the 26th we'll be at the Lobster Cookout, an annual event not to be missed. Ask Barbara and Maureen what you can do to help.

Our Open House event takes place on the 29th of September, earlier than in the past. Tell all of your friends, acquaintances, and co-workers about all the good times (and good values) that you get through the club, and invite them to the event. We want to expand our membership with more good friends. Chairperson Milli Arnold needs help, and ask VP Alison Reno for a poster to hang where you think it will be noticed.

October 1-3 we have our choice of Vermont Hike weekend, a big event that helps pay for the winter lodge, and Cape Golf weekend.

Make your reservations now!

Have a safe Labor Day holiday.
We will resume weekly meetings this month.

Tom Knudsen

Vouchers for Sale...

Killington, Pico, Mt. Snow, Sugarbush, Bromley vouchers will be sold again this ski season with a LIMITED return policy. Please consider your spring returns when placing your NEW order. Vouchers are for YOUR use, not FRIENDS or GUESTS. The cost has not been finalized yet. As soon as I know, an order form will be On-Line, in the Oct Newsletter and at meetings.

THE DEADLINE TO ME WILL BE FRIDAY, OCT 8TH.

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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**



I cannot tell you how impressed I am with the turnout thus far for Taos. 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 59 spots, with space for 5 more. We do have both male and females looking for roommates.

Price is \$1129 and the 5 day ski pass is \$205. Questions, call me at 203-265-9293 office, or home 203-265-9648, or see me at the meetings.

Unbelievable turnout, thank you!
Eric Ardolino - 203-265-9293

Okemo Disc't Tickets

We will be ordering soon. Please remember that this year the new policy will be if you don't pick up your tickets, they become property of MTL, not held over for you year after year. Please also keep in mind when ordering, that returns will be limited, so order carefully and let me know if you need some sold to other ski club members only, instead of trying to return too many. More info to follow.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Fall Hike • Oct 1st thru Oct 3rd



Reserve the weekend of Oct 1st thru Oct 3rd for hiking, biking, and good times at the club lodge in Proctorsville, VT. We will be hiking on Saturday. Bromley Mountain is not far from Manchester, VT. There will be a hike on Sunday, but biking, horseback riding, and golf are other options.

The cost of the weekend will be \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members, which includes: lodging for two nights, two breakfasts, happy hour and the dinner on Saturday and a pasta dinner on Friday. 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 and a pasta dinner on Friday is an additional \$5. Jack Uhrynowski and Ron Colaresi will be our chefs for Saturday's dinner. BYOB but water and soda will be provided. Sign up is first come, first serve. A \$25 non-refundable deposit (checks made out to the club) will hold a place. 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), and 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

3rd Annual Labor Day Weekend Ride & BBQ •

Join us for a bike ride on Sunday, September 5 (rain date Mon. Sept. 6) at 10am. Ride starts from our house at 212R Duncaster Road, Bloomfield. There are 25 or 45 mile options. Party with BBQ after the ride (\$10 or free with an appetizer or dessert). RSVP at 860-243-8914 or mmarletto@msn.com by Wednesday, September 1. Thanks.



Mal-sun Marletto 860-243-8914

Prostate Cancer •

If you know someone with prostate cancer, or if you would like more info about prostate cancer, please see Roger Ryan's note on our website.

Celebrations and Concerns...

Our **sympathies** to Maria at Zabbara's in the loss of Tony Izzo. Our **congratulations** to Marilyn Bogdan for her engagement to Don LoRusso last month. Our **congratulations** also to Wendy Fitzsimons on becoming a United States citizen. Our **happy healing** wishes to Bill Grossman, who badly tore his knee in a surfing accident.

Thanks, Susan Forsdick

Cape Golf Weekend • 1-3 Oct



Hello Everyone. I am now taking reservations with checks for the Cape weekend, the weekend of Oct 1,2,3. The price will remain the same as last year. Golf (18 holes with cart on Sat Brookside), housing 2 nights, and dinner Friday and Sat, breakfast Sat and Sunday.

Golf, Housing, & Food \$155

Golf & Food \$ 95

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Please send me your checks to secure your spot. I need to fill the house with 24 people and golf 20. If there is more interest in golf we can expand that number. The Cape House needs to be filled before I can take reservations for golfers looking to stay elsewhere, but will certainly keep your name on a list. My address is:

24 St. James Ave,

Enfield CT 06082

Telephone - 860-741-3343

Arlene Terrier is looking for cooks. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact her.

Wendy Fitzsimons

How Much FUN Can You Buy for \$83 Per Day???

Jay Peak Package (3/6/05-3/11/05)

Offers 5 1/2 ski days (credit given for fewer days), 5 nights lodging, breakfasts, dinners, and 5 two-hour ski lessons.

Getting There

Stay overnight at our ski lodge Friday night, March 5, then drive to JP Sunday morning, a 3-hour drive, or leave from Hartford area Sunday morning in a car caravan. Drivers will keep in touch via walkie-talkies during the 4 1/2 hour drive.

A JAY PEAK rep will be attending our Sept 29 Open House with visual aids.

Call **Dave England at 860-614-1348** or **Jenny Ebner 860-402-6232** for more details.



Sunday Hikes •



Hike with fellow Mt Laurel members on Sundays beginning Sept 12th thru mid-Dec. 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.

Our listed hikes will be rated by the same system used by the CT Chapter of the AMC; it combines such factors as elevation gain, rock scrambling, footpath condition, and steepness. Hikes rated D are the easiest and A the most difficult. There are seven categories but only five are listed below:

- D Flat terrain; little or no elevation change, easy footing
- CD Intermediate between C and D
- C Average terrain; moderate ups and downs with some need to watch footing
- CB Intermediate between C and B
- B Difficult terrain; steep climbs, considerable elevation gain or some poor footing or both.

5 Sept • NO HIKE • Labor Day

12 Sept • Windsor • Northwest Park Trails • Gordon Gaulin • 860-688-2934

Take I-91 north to exit 38. Take a right onto Rt 75 North (Pequonock Ave) for 1.4 miles, then take a left on Prospect Hill Rd for 1.2 miles, then right on Lang Rd continue 0.4 miles to parking lot, entrance on left. This is an easy moderately flat hike, rated CD.

19 Sept • Hamden • Sleeping Giant State Park • Tom & Florence 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 691E) 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.

26 Sept • NO HIKE • Lobster Cookout

03 Oct • FALL HIKE • In Vermont

Gordon Gaulin - Hike Chairman - 860-688-2934

e-stuff...

We have instituted a printable on-line roster. Go to www.mtlski.com/rosterprint.htm and follow the instructions. The LOGIN and PASSWORD are the same ones you use for the searchable roster. This on-line version is updated every time we receive new information. Print a copy for home, office, and your glove compartment. If your own entry needs modification (i.e. add your cell phone number), send a message to Alison Reno at membership@mtlski.com. If you don't have access to a computer, see me at a meeting and I'll give you a printed copy.

Occasionally we send out e-mail blasts to all club members. This has become a handy vehicle for issuing reminders of upcoming events and disseminating "late breaking news." If you're not getting these, I probably don't have your current e-mail address. Send me an e-mail requesting that you be added and be sure to identify who you are because these are intended for club members only.

Pat Moore • webmaster@mtlski.com

Deadline for Oct • Sept 15, 2004 • Third Wednesday •

September 15 is the deadline for receipt of new information for the October 2004 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

or Fax 860-275-2845

h 860-632-1280

w 860-275-2389



Bike Party on the Lake • 18 Sept

Come join us on Saturday, September 18th for a bike ride and party at the lake in Holland, MA. Rides are approximately 10, 18, and 46 miles and leave at 11 am (plan to arrive around 10:30 or so). If you're not a rider, bring your walking shoes if you want.

Boat rides and lake fun to follow. Plenty of food and beverages as always. Bring a chair, bathing suit & towel, and changes of clothes depending on the weather (it's usually about 5-10 degrees cooler than Hartford). Please RSVP to help us plan appropriately and to get directions (*NOTE - this is a new location on the same lake so remember to get the new directions). \$15 (\$5 for kids). Rain date Sun 9/19.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Stacy riley3s@comcast.net or 860-769-9919 or Ernie & Judy jsoule8619@aol.com or 413-245-0475.



MTL in NYC •

The bus list of “who is going” to NYC on Saturday, November 13th is filling up. There are 15 spots left. Call and reserve your deluxe motor coach seat for your adventure to the “Big Apple.” Here’s the plan..... We’ll leave from Zabbara’s parking lot early in the morning, arrive NYC in late morning, spend the day doing “whatever” you want, we then travel to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner, and return to Zabbara’s in late evening.

The “whatever” part of this is up to you. You can elect to see a play, shop, eat, and/or sightsee.



The cost for reserving your spot/s on the bus is \$25 per person. (This price also includes the tip for the driver.) Invite your family, friends from work, whomever. Make your check payable to MTL and give/send it to me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kate Robertson - 860-344-1292

Monday Night Biking •



The season has ended but there is plenty of opportunity to continue to ride into the fall. Many of us will join Ernie, Judy, and Stacy at the lake for their annual ride and cookout, and many members will again be riding the Tiverton Century. Mountain biking continues until the snow flies and we are off to Vermont to use our council tickets and passes to our favorite mountains.

Thanks to ride leaders for their efforts this month - Marsha, Tom and Sheree, Steve and Trish, Scott and Clyde, and Ron. Also, thanks to all of you who have participated in the rides and picnics, it’s been a great summer!



Andy LeClair - Chairperson

From the Vice President •

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!! Membership renewal time is here. Please fill out the renewal forms and mail them back as soon as possible. Remember that you only have to fill out any information that has changed over the past year. **The deadline is September 30.** We also have many other activities during the month of September -- Please become involved and remember that MTL is your club and we can make it as fun and exciting as we can!!! Any questions, please contact me --

Alison Reno • membership@mtl.com • vicepresident@mtl.com • 860-977-2142

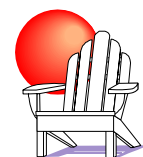
Reminder: Deadline for Membership Renewal is September 30th!!!

Ambassador's Angle •

Hello from the Ambassador. The summer has been busy with everyone biking and picnicking. I want to thank everyone who attended my bike ride in June. It seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves, as the weather was spectacular, the location was nice, and the ride wasn’t too difficult. Looking forward to putting together new routes for next year.

Hope everyone is having a great summer, and I shall leave you with the Ambassador quote of the month.

“If you always do, what you have always done, then you will always get what you always got.” Russ



mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

		1 Bd/Reg Meeting alcoholic beverage discussion 		2	3	4
September 2004						
5  3rd Annual Labor Day Weekend Ride & BBQ	6	7	8 Regular Meeting	9	10	11
12  Sunday Hike Windsor	13	14	15 Regular Meeting News Deadline	16	17	18  Bike Party on the Lake
19  Sunday Hike Hamden	20	21	22 Regular Meeting	23	24	25
26  Lobster Cookout NO HIKE	27	28	29 Regular Meeting OPEN HOUSE	30 Deadline for Membership Renewal		

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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

- 01 Board/Regular Meeting
alcoholic beverage discussion
- 05 Ride & BBQ Mal-sun Marletto
No Sunday Hike
- 08 Regular meeting
- 12 Sunday Hike - Windsor
- 15 Regular Meeting
News Deadline
- 18 Bike Party on the Lake
- 19 Sunday Hike - Hamden
- 22 Regular meeting
- 26 Lobster Cook-Out
No Sunday Hike 
- 29 Regular Meeting
- 30 Deadline for Membership
Renewal

October

- 1-3 VT Bike Weekend, or Cape Golf
Weekend
- 06 Board/Regular Meeting
- 08 Deadline for ski season
vouchers - McCloskey 

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