



# Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter September 2011



## News from the Prez....

Is it really September? Wow, where did the summer go? We had a very active summer planned but many of our activities got cancelled because of weather. I want to thank everyone that sponsored bike rides that went off or were cancelled. We all know that organizing a bike ride is a lot of work, marking the trails and planning the food. We had several kayaking trips planned that were also cancelled due to weather, but many of them were a lot of fun in some great weather.

Get ready for a very busy September!! We are back at it starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> with our board and regular meeting and regular meetings back every week. We have our annual Lobster Cookout run by Jonathan Houck and our annual Open House on Wed. Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Get those new members lined up so we can make our Open House a good one.

I will be looking for volunteers to get our fall events ready to go. We will be getting the lodge calendar ready for the coming season.

Don't forget we have our 2012 winter trips planned, Utah & Sunday River. If you are planning to go get your reservation in as soon as you can.

Are we a busy club or what? I know that we are & we don't stop!! I look forward to another great fall season and moving in to winter. (Winter??) Hard to believe it will be here before we know it.

As I write this we are all bracing for Hurricane Irene, I hope that everyone of our members ride out the storm ok and no significant damage is done.

See you all at our meetings and events.....

keep on 'keepin' on' MTL!!!

**Kay**

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:** Please email all submissions by the third Wed. of the month to [Irene\\_murray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Irene_murray@sbcglobal.net).

## **OPEN HOUSE!**

The Annual Open House is being held on Wed. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Whinstone Tavern. Know anyone thinking about joining a club to get in more skiing? Plan to attend and bring a new member or two. This is a fun event to showcase our club and our many and varied activities. We will have many vendors present and a great raffle. Hope to see you all there!  
Betsy Chase, VP and Membership Chair

## **!!!!!!IT'S HERE - LOBSTER TIME!!!!**

The bright blue skies of late summer in New England, with the crisp of Autumn fast approaching. What better way to celebrate this wonderful time of year than to enjoy the taste of boiled crustaceans in the company of family and friends, then to attend the MT LAUREL LOBSTER COOKOUT!!

Once again, we will be renting Garminy hall at Winding Trails in Farmington (the all-weather pavilion), from 10 am to 6 pm, on Sunday, September 18, 2011.

This is a true family event, and you will notice that the price has again gone down as part of the Mt Laurel 'stimulus' plan to bring higher value fun to our lives!! We would like to see you there, and would love to see your friends, relatives, kids, (Children, Nephews, Nieces, Grandkids, etc.) It also is the last major Mt. Laurel event before our Open House on September 28, so if you are talking to someone about joining Mt. Laurel, this would be a great opportunity for them to check us out.

Winding Trails offers hiking, biking, softball (game starts at 12:00 noon), volleyball (after lobster, horseshoes, and other activities. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and fixings throughout the day, and will have corn on the cob, potatoes, clams on the half shell, and LOBSTER for those who order it. We also have a few surprises lined up. The flyer is in this issue and on the website, so COME ONE, COME ALL, and let's see a record turnout (good weather guaranteed by Joe Mangione).

**Jonathan Houck & committee**

# 2011 Mt Laurel Fall Hike Schedule



Sept 4- No Hike- Labor Day Weekend

Sept 11- Ragged Mt-Kensington

Rick Sullivan (860-324-4952 cell) Meet at the trailhead at 12:30 pm Take I-84 to rte 9 south to route 72. Take rte 72 to exit 7 (Corbin Ave /route 372). take rte 372 east 1.6 miles to route 71A south. Follow 71A 1.2 miles to West Lane on right, go 1.6 miles (past stop sign) to parking on right. Hike is rated moderate to difficult in the steep sections. One of the best hikes in CT for views!

Sept18- No Hike- Lobster Fest

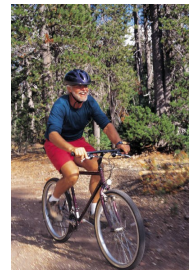
Sept 25- Hike/picnic- Sleeping Giant-Hamden

Hike + Picnic @ Tom & Flo Knudsen's. (203- 281-6769) Meet at Sleeping Giant St. park at 12:30pm. Take I- 91 to exit 10; follow this connector to the end. Go north on Rte 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 route 10. You can also take I-84 to exit 27 (Rte I-691 E) to exit 3 (Cheshire). Take route 10 South exactly 9 miles to Hamden, turning left on Mt Carmel Ave. to park entrance on left. Park on road or in QU lot across the street to avoid parking fee! There will be at least three hikes available (easy, moderate, difficult). For after the hike, BYOB and something to share.

Sep 30-Oct 2-Fall Hike Weekend—Deja Moo! All things Vermont-Beer tasting, Cheese sampling, Dinner, dancing, hike Deer Leap Trail. **See application form in this newsletter and on the website.**

## Rail Trail Bicycle Ride on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

This ride will take place prior to the Lobster Cookout on Sunday September 18 at 10:00 a.m.. It will be along the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. Our starting point is very close to Winding Trails (which is also the site of the Lobster Cookout). The bike trail is paved and flat. We will ride from Farmington to Simsbury and return via the same route. The pace will be moderate, and the total mileage will be about 15 miles. We will meet at 9:45 and start riding at 10:00. Note that there are unpaved bike trails in Winding Trails, so we will ride again during Lobster Cookout. **Directions:** Get on Route 4 (Farmington Ave) in Farmington. At the intersection of of Route 4 and Brickyard Rd, go North onto Brickyard Rd. Brickyard Rd. crosses the bike trail in a little over one mile. Just before the crossing, there is a parking lot on the left.



## Sunday River Drive Trip

in Maine, Feb 26 - Mar 2, 2012.

We are looking forward to another great trip to this great 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



## SEPTEMBER KAYAKING



### **SEPT 4 -DOWN RIVER ON THE FARMINGTON RIVER 10:15 A.M.**

Leaders Roger and Lucille Ryan, (203) 379-7189, cell. Flat water: starting in Simsbury at rte. 185 to the Tariffville Memorial Park: apprx. 7 miles. Meet 10:15 at Put-In. Shuttle [I will have maps for the drivers of the shuttle]. Launch 10:45. Bring water, lunch or snack, sun screen. Picnic: BYOB, something to eat & something share. Two useless grills at Park. Directions: from Hartford: West on I-84. From south: North on rte 9, west onto I-84. Both: exit #39, Farmington, west on rte. 4, right at light onto rte. 10 north -- @ 4.7 miles to US-44 -- go STRAIGHT through light onto Nod road. 2.8 miles on Nod rd. to end -- junction with Rt. 185. Cross at light into parking area with large sycamore tree. RAIN CANCELS.

### **SEPT. 11 – THIMBLE ISLANDS BRANFORD, 10:00 a.m.**

Leaders, Irene and Fred Murray, (860) 919-8252 or (860) 857-6406 cell, morning of paddle. Bring lunch, snacks and water. **NOTE:** Spray skirts are strongly recommended for ocean trips because waves can easily swamp a kayak

**Directions:** Exit 56 off Rt. I-95. Head south toward water. Go straight across at the stop sign, under RR bridge into Stony Creek. Launch ramp is after small beach on right. (this is a very busy area, you may have to launch and find parking somewhere in the area, arrive as early as possible). Eat out after paddle at Jala-peno Heaven, 40 N. Main St., Branford..

The group can be broken into two groups depending on paddling skills, one group can stay in within the islands, the other group will go into the open water for a portion of the paddle.

**THANKS FOR A GREAT SEASON ON THE WATER!!! THE KAYAK COOFDINATORS,  
Joe, Angie, Irene and Fred**

## MTL in NYC



And we're off..... to NYC on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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** 8 a.m., pick up in Cromwell **AT** 8:15, stop for coffee along the way, and arrive NYC around 10:40. The driver will let people off at the Met, along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Times Square.....

We will then meet up around 5:30 in the theater district – and head over to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner.

Leaving NYC at 8:30 p.m. will get us back to New Britain around 11:30.

\$39 per person (check made payable to MTL Ski Club) will pay for a seat on the bus to get there and back.

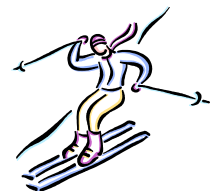
Want to purchase tickets for a play? Check out [www.playbill.com](http://www.playbill.com) or [www.broadway.com](http://www.broadway.com).

Invite family, friends, and/or co-workers. Call me for reservations - Kate at (860) 344-1292 or email me at [akrob22@yahoo.com](mailto:akrob22@yahoo.com).

## Utah 2012

For those wishing to travel with us to Park City on 1/28/2012- thru 2/4/2012, we are currently full. We are taking waitlists and waiting for the hotel to offer us some more rooms. I am expecting to get at least 3 more rooms. We have already acquired the air! We have one room committed for and have room for 4 more people once we get the hotel to open up. Anyone interested please call Eric at 203-265-9293 for further information or see him at one of the meetings

*Eric C. Ardolino*



# SEPTEMBER 2011

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4 Kayak Farmington River	5 LABOR DAY! RELAX!	6	7 Board & Reg. Mtg	8	9	10
11 Kayak Thimbles or Hike Ragged Mtn.	12	13	14 Reg. Mtg	15	16	17
18 LOBSTER COOKOUT	19 	20	21 Reg. Mtg.	22	23	24
25 Hike Sleeping Giant	26	27	28 <u>MTL</u> <u>OPEN</u> <u>HOUSE</u>	29	30 HIKING	1 WKND 

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

9/7 Bd. & Reg. Mtg.  
9/14 Reg. Mtg.  
**9/18 Lobster Cookout**  
9/21 Reg. Mtg.  
9/28 Annual Open House  
**9/30-10/2 Hiking Weekend**  
  
10/5 Board & Reg. Mtg.  
10/12 Reg. Mtg.  
10/19 Reg. Mtg.  
10/26 Halloween Dance

**Websites:**  
[www.mtlski.com](http://www.mtlski.com);  
[www.skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com)

Mt. Laurel Ski Club  
P O Box 4  
Farmington, CT 06034

### **2011-2012 Officers**

- ◆ Kay Leatherman    president@mtlski.com
- ◆ Betsy Chase        vicepresident@mtlski.com
- ◆ Rhonda Idleman    secretary@mtlski.com
- ◆ Rick Sullivan        treasurer@mtlski.com
- ◆ Kathy Amenta        Asst Sec/Treasurer
- ◆ Jonathan Houck     Past President
  
- ◆ Bob Wallace        CSC Ambassador

### **Board Members**

- \* Anne Alden
- \* Rich Clairwood
- \* Wayne Cormier
- \* Scott Farrar
- \* Joe Mangione
- \* Bob Sjostedt
- \* Jan Wallace



# MT. Laurel Skiers Club 2011-2012 Membership Renewal

Please Print Name as it is to appear in the roster

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On Line Roster

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work  Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Y or N

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\* **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ Y or N

**Opt out of MTL Vendors e-mail notices.**

Year Joined Mt. Laurel Skiers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues

Type of membership desired:

Club Dues\*

Individual (18 yrs & older)

\$55.00

Household (any 2 adult members residing at the same address, children  
Under 18 and children attending post high school between 18-22)

\$80.00

Student (between 18 -24 ) list school \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00

Charter & Lifetime members (exempt from dues)

\* If payment not postmarked by Aug 31, 2011, a late fee of \$15.00 must be included

## Membership Application & Waiver

I hereby wave, release & discharge from any and all claims or liabilities against Mt. Laurel Skiers Club., its officers, Board of Members, activity leaders or trip organizers for any injury I might sustain on Mt. Laurel Skiers Club sponsored programs or trips. I attest that I am physically fit and have been advised and prepared for the possible hazards of these events. I hereby affirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I have read this document and understand its contents.

\***Signature(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

\*All members must sign. For household membership, all adult members must sign.

Family Members:

Please include the following information for each family member

Name	Sex	Relationship	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: Mt. Laurel Skiers**

**Mail to:** Betsy Chase  
MTL Skiers  
23 Kenwood Circle  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

*Club Use Only*

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Ck \_\_\_\_\_ Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Dt Rcv'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Roster Updated: \_\_\_\_\_



# Annual MTL Lobster Cookout

Sunday September 18, 2011

Winding Trails, Farmington, CT

11am - 6pm



**Cookout Rain or Shine**

**Food Includes: Appetizers, Lobster Dinner, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soda, Deserts**

Lobster serving at 2pm

**Activities: Volleyball, Softball, Hiking, Horseshoes**

**BYOB & lobster eating utensils & chairs**

For more information Contact:  
Jonathan Houck 203-272-0560

Please fill out and mail with payment to: Jonathan Houck  
6 Promontory Dr.  
Cheshire, CT 06410

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Adult/Child Lobster: \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Dogs/Burgers: \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Child (under 6 free) age 7-16 Dogs/Burgers: \$9.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to MTL Ski Club**

**RSVP & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 17, 2011**



## Hike Weekend Sept 30 – Oct 2, 2011

Grab your Flannel Shirt, Jug of Maple Syrup or Favorite Jug Libation  
and Join Us for a Weekend of All Things Vermont!

VT Beer Tasting • VT Cheddar Cheeses • VT Maple Syrup

VT Cider Donuts • VT Chocolates

• VT Trivia Contest •  
(start boning up now!)

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## VT Hiking at Deer Leap

with Apres Hike Party at Gifford Woods Campground

Weekend Price is \$65 (DOES NOT include beer tasting).

Dinner only on Sat \$15, \$20 at the door (DOES NOT include beer tasting).

VT Beer Tasting \$5.00

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**WEEKEND RESERVATION (Sat dinner, Sat & Sun breakfast & lodging):**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Bed/Room Request \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY DINNER ONLY:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Send reservations to: Jeanne Delehanty, 21 Hilltop Dr, Weatogue, CT 06089,  
see her at a meeting or call her at 860-651-3257.

**WELOVERMONT**



**THE EASTERN DRIVE TRIP TO SUNDAY RIVER IS ON AGAIN!!**

***Feb. 26 - Mar 2, 2012***

**Five Day/Five Night Ski and Stay Package Includes:**

**Five nights lodging in The Grand Summit Resort Hotel** (ski in/ski out, full service hotel with outdoor heated, swim in/swim out pool and Jacuzzi, health club, sauna)

**Five & 1/2 day lift tickets** (668 skiable acres, 8 interconnected mountain peaks, 131 named trails, 16 lifts)

**Five daily 90 minute** ski or ride group clinics (ages 15+)

**Luggage storage**

**Wireless Internet**

**Welcome Party** Sunday night (Drinks can be purchased in Legends)

**3 Dinners in Ballroom North**, located right in the Grand Summit Hotel. **ONLY alcoholic beverages purchased from Legends Grille can be taken in to dinner.**

**Daily Breakfast Buffet** at Legends Grille –HUGE buffet with omelet station - Private MTL seating in Ballroom No. **FREE** resort and municipal shuttle service

**Slopeside Ski-check**

**Luggage Storage & Valet Service**

**Taxes & Resort Fees**

Sunday River reigns as New England's favorite resort according to the readers of onthesnow.com & SnowEast Magazine. 8 peaks 131 trails & glades. The Grand Summit Resort Hotel was recently named to Conde Nast Travelers list of the Top 50 Resort Hotels in America.

Trip Leaders Anne Alden & Kay Leatherman

**Deposit of \$200/person due by Oct 21, 2011 Final Payment Due Dec 4, 2011**  
**Mail payment & reservation form to Anne Alden PO Box 861 Southington, CT 06489**  
**(Checks made out to MTL) Cancellations will not be refunded after 1/4/2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy: \$577.00/person  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy No Lift Ticket: \$437.00/person  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Occupancy: \$832.00  
 Senior \_\_\_\_ Non-Senior \_\_\_\_ Single Occupancy No Lift Tickets: \$707.00  
 Pkg Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior rate lift tickets: - \$20.00  
 Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**By 12/4/2011**

**ROOM CHOICE:**

Standard Room (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Studio (Murphy bed & pull out sofa w/kitchen) \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Selection:** **Please check your choice of dinner for each night below!!**

- Mon:** Pan Roasted Salmon w/Cilantro Pesto **F**\_\_ New York Sirloin Steak **B**\_\_  
 Rotisserie Half Chicken w/Rosemary Jus **C**\_\_ Vegetarian Lasagna **V**\_\_
- Weds:** Baked Haddock w/Buttery Herb Crust **F**\_\_ Tournedos of Petit Tenderloin w/Jack Daniels Demi Glace **B**\_\_  
 Seared Chicken Breast w/Herbed Lemon Cream **C**\_\_ Vegetarian Stir Fry **V**\_\_
- Thurs:** Maple Ginger Glazed Salmon **F**\_\_ Roast Pork Loin glazed w/Apple Normandy Sauce **B**\_\_  
 Herbed Chicken Breast w/Bourbon Peppercorn Sauce **C**\_\_ Vegetarian Roasted Vegetable Medley **V**\_\_