



Mt. Laurel Skiers

Newsletter

April 2017



News from the Prez.....

Last April, after a lackluster winter, I noted in my letter to all of you that I hoped Mother Nature would be kinder to us in 2017. Well, it has been a mighty fine winter. If you were faked out by 60 degree days in late February and early March, STORM STELLA surprised us bringing POWDA skiing, not spring skiing, mid-March. The great news was that the snow arrived in time for two Okemo "Awareness Days" offering CSC member discounts for many. To top off the great ski conditions, back at the lodge, it was our annual St Patrick's event hosted by **Barbara Wysocki and Betty Zawacki**. Who could ask for more...affordable skiing, affordable lodging, and partying with friends...just what the founding members of our Club I believe intended. Also, our Sunday River travelers returned with smiles on their faces thanks to the dedicated hosts of the drive trip again this year, **Anne Alden and Kay Leatherman**.

Congratulations to all who raced Monday nights at Mt Southington and together brought home 1st place for MTL the 3rd year in a row. **Scott Farrar, Neal Fisher, Karen Grossman**, you are the best for leading the MTL team to victory again! Monday night racing became the highlight of MTL's 2017 winter season with 97 members participating. The CSC club competitions continued with MTL winning second place behind Newington Ski Club at this year's On Snow Carnival at Loon Mountain. Thanks to **Jonathan Houck**, our event coordinator, **Rob Dexter** for racing leadership, and **Joy Dutra** as CSC Ambassador. We are all wishing the incomparable **Pat Moore** a speedy recovery.

April is noted for three traditional MTL events: LIP SYNC, PIG ROAST and the ANNUAL MEETING with ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Please be sure to check details later in this newsletter - but now just a few words for our newer members.

LIP SYNC is the most popular and highly attended Wednesday Night program of MTL's event calendar. It is hilarious! This year the event will be held in the very spacious ballroom at the Casa Mia at the Hawthorne on April 12th at 8:00pm so come on out...plenty of seats and lots of laughs. Have an act...contact Joe Mangione ASAP.

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PIG ROAST (well we used to really have a pig roaster outside). This VT event weekend always represented the closing of our previous lodge for the season with **Stan's** homemade pig roaster slowly cooking the pig and event hosts **Dan and Jack** monitoring the progress and preparing the feast. Now we are a year round lodge, our pig roaster rusted out and the pig became a pork roast in the oven. Oh well as I have said before "the times they are a changing". Come on up...always a fun time....spring skiing, a scrumptious meal, and singing around the campfire?

ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ BOARD Last but not least is the evening in April when members gather to hear the President's report on the state of the Club and elect officers and two Board members to replace those who have completed two year terms. This will take place on April 19th. Nominations can be accepted that night, however, the nominee must be present. As outlined in the Club Bylaws, eligibility to vote and run for a Board position in the 2017 election mandates that the individual be a member for at least 12 months i.e., joined MTL before April 2016. A quorum (50 members eligible to vote) is required for the election.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF THE 2017 BOARD May 6th at BellaVista /Hawks Landing Country Club in Southington. **Sharon Houck** is this year's Banquet Chair and is always looking for helpers. Contact Sharon if you are able to take on a part of this event's activities.

SEEKING ACTIVITY LEADERS

Monday Night Biking (Clyde will help)

Wednesday Night Program 2017

Summer Picnic- July

As always stay safe on the slopes. Hope to see you soon.

Marge Wasel

May NEWSLETTER!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS BY THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (4/19/17) TO CAROL NEWMAN AT NEWSLETTER@MTLSKI.COM WITH THE SUBJECT LINE: MTL SUBMISSION (FOLLOWED BY YOUR SUBJECT)

**MTL ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
and OFFICERS
APRIL 19, 2017**



As required by the MTL by-laws, elections will be held for the 2017/2018 Officers and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on April 19, 2017 at Casa Mia. The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for the positions of :

President: Marge Wasel
Vice-President: Sharon Houck
Secretary: Gretchen Marx
Treasurer: Brian Kirkpatrick
Asst Sec/Treasurer: Claire O'Connor
Board of Directors: Joy Dutra, Mike Kalencik, Jerry Murphy, Clyde Proch, Lucille Ryan, Stan Wasel. (There are 2 vacancies)

MTL means so much and has done so much for its members. Please consider running for an office and guiding the club through the 2017/2018 season. Any member in good standing who has achieved his/her one year anniversary, can run for an elected position and members can be nominated from the floor with no second necessary, on election night. A nominee must be present that evening and agree to accept the nomination.

The Nominating Committee welcomes any member to put his/her name forward as a candidate for the Board of Directors or as an Officer. Please contact Andy LeClair, Betty Zawicki, or Milli Arnold.

The new Officers and Board will be installed at the Annual Banquet on May 6, 2017

MTL LODGE CORNER

Hello to all Mountain Laurel Members!!

We are very happy that so many of you are taking advantage of our lodge this ski season. It has been busy and many new members as well as long time members are utilizing the lodge.

Please keep in mind the following issues so that all are able to enjoy the lodge equitably:

#1. You must make all bed reservations using our system to book at the lodge. The LODGE CHECK IN Sheet on the bulletin board may not be up to date (due to last minute additions). The online reservation system will always be up to date. We strongly suggest making your reservation prior to heading to the lodge. You must sign in on the Lodge Check In Sheet on the bulletin board.

#2. Guests are to be accompanied at all times by a member and checked in just like a member. Overnight guests are never to be in the lodge without the member who booked their bed. While the reservation in the system will be in the member's name, both should sign their name on the Lodge Check In Sheet to reflect all who are present in the lodge on a specific date. Lodge code should never be given to a guest/visitor.

Evidence of illegal overnight use of a lodge bed (occupancy without payment or actions to avoid payment) will result in a Board review and forfeiture of Club membership in accordance with Club Bylaws.

Families with children are welcome. Parents are responsible to supervise their children. Likewise, all members should expect children to be present except at specific designated times.

#3. #22 Easy Street, a room in the lodge, is reserved for ladies only, weekdays & weekends. If the room has not been reserved by a female member then it can be used by a male member.

Permission for a male to stay if a female reserved should be a discussion by both parties. There are no rooms designated for single occupancy, if you wish a single room you must book both beds and pay accordingly.

#4. It is the member's responsibility to clean up after themselves. No dishes should be left in the sink or drainers before you leave for the day. Our cleaning person is there to clean the lodge and does not wash dishes left in the sink or put away dishes left in the drainer. It is impolite to leave dirty dishes. Arriving members should not have to clean dishes left by others. Please wash and put away your own dishes.

Food should be removed from the members' refrigerator when leaving the lodge at the end of your stay. The food in the kitchen cupboards is only to be used on weekends, it is not to be used during the week. Continental breakfast is provided on weekends only.

#5. Missing something? Lost and Found is in a bin in the Carriage House. Articles not picked up by June will be donated to Black River Good Neighbors. Please check your rooms before you leave.

We all enjoy staying at our new lodge, but remember it is YOUR lodge, your home away from home, so please be respectful of the lodge and other members and act accordingly.

Thank-you

Lodge Operations Committee

Mountain Laurel Presents FRANCE'S CHATEAUX AND WINES
A Viking River Cruise aboard the VIKING FORSETI
AUGUST 4-11, 2018

For More information, please contact:

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Unit D6 Wallingford , CT 06492 203-265-9293

MTL website: <http://www.mtlski.com/mtlpdf/VI0804.pdf>





Awards, Eat, and Dance!

The Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers and Awards Night will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Bellavista at Hawk's Landing in Southington. There will be special awards given out and the installation of the new officers and board. Social hour will start at 6:00. We will be dancing to the *ROCKIN HEARTBEATS* immediately after the awards. **More details to follow on the website.** Join us to support our club and celebrate the terrific year we have had!!!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING LOCATION:

WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE CASA MIA AT THE HAWTHORNE,
2421 BERLIN TURNPIKE, BERLIN, CT 06037

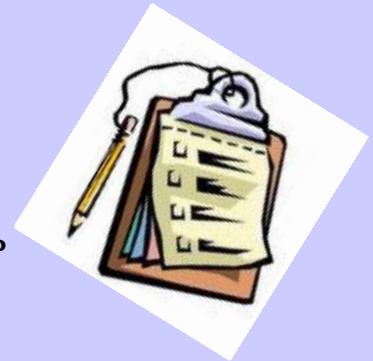
MARCH 29: NO MEETING

APRIL 5: 6:00 BOARD MEETING (PRESENT FLY TRIP AND DRIVE TRIP PROPOSALS). 7:30 MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING.

APRIL 12: 8:00, 33RD ANNUAL LIP SYNC SHOW AND EXTRAVAGANZA IN THE BANQUET ROOM AT CASA MIA. CONTACT JOE MANGIONE (SEE BELOW) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

APRIL 19: 7:30, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. QUORUM REQUIRED.

MAY 3: 6:00 BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS



THE 33rd ANNUAL LIP SYNC SHOW

It's time to put your lips together and . . .SYNC! How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice. How do you get to "Casa Mia Music Hall"? Just sign up! The Lip Sync show is the biggest event we have all year at the club. It was a sellout last year and will be again. Whether you want to be on stage strutting your stuff or be entertained by Oscar worthy performances and those famous jokes, be sure to join us April 12th at "Casa Mia Music Hall". We need participants! Get your act together and let me know as soon as possible! Call me at 860-402-0492 or e-mail me at joemangi@comcast.net.

Joe Mangione, Lip Sync Coordinator



LODGE EVENTS UPDATE

Upcoming events-----

April 21-23 Pig Roast Weekend (see details below)

May 19-21 Work Weekend at the Lodge

June 2-4 Work Weekend at the Lodge

June 9-11 Golf Weekend at the Lodge

Barbara Wysocki Barbara.wysocki@aol.com

Reserve a room with the new on-line reservation system

Work Weekends at the Lodge May 19-May 21, June 2-June 4

If you've used our wonderful lodge this year, please come up to help keep it in great condition. Two work weekends have been set up. Free lodging for workers! Continental breakfast and a Saturday night crew party!



The Annual Pig Roast is Back in April

Come join the Pig Roast festivities the weekend of April 21-23 at the lodge in Vermont. Menu to include Appetizers, Ribs, Pork Tenderloin, Salad, Coleslaw, Roasted Red Potatoes and Cornbread Casserole. Desserts are requested. Dinner cost TBD. RSVP for dinner is requested via email by April 14th to event co-chairs. Make plans to come up and join the festivities for the weekend. Lodge reservations for this event should be made now! The weather should be warmer as well so bring your toys (bike, golf clubs, hiking shoes, kayak). Ron is cooking pork tenderloin and Mandy will be cooking ribs. If you are not staying at the lodge but will be coming for dinner and/or if you would like to bring dessert, let event co-chairs know.

Event Co-Chairs are **Mandy Weber** (diva378@gmail.com) and

Ron Scardacchi (rongoodefella@yahoo.com)



Mt. Laurel Golf Weekend June 9-11, 2017

Come to Vermont for a weekend of golf at Tater Hill Golf Club on June 10. Rules, special events and teams will be announced at the course before the start of the tournament. The after-golf cocktails, cook out dinner and awards will be at the lodge.

Please join other Mt. Laurel golfers for this fun weekend of golf. If you have questions, please contact Rhonda Idleman 860-748-8292 or rhondaidleman@gmail.com.

April 2017						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
2	3	4	5 6:00 BD Mtg 7:30 Member Business Meeting	6	7	1 8
9	10	11 	12 8:00 The 33rd Annual Lip Sync Show	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7:00 Annual Meeting & Election Newsletter Deadline	20	21  Pig Roast Weekend at the Lodge	22
23 Pig Roast Weekend	24	25	26 No Meeting	27	28	29
30	1	2	3 6:00 BD Mtg 7:30 Member Business Meeting	4	5  Annual Banquet	6

Meetings at Casa Mia

Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES:

3/23-3/26 Nastar Nationals at Steamboat Springs

3/29 No Meeting

4/5 Board Meeting and Member Business Meeting

4/12 8:00 The 33rd Annual Lip Sync Show

4/19 7:00 Annual Meeting & Election of Board of Directors and Officers (quorum required)

4/19 Newsletter Deadline

4/22-4/23 Pig Roast Weekend at the Lodge in Vermont

5/3 Board Meeting and Member Business Meeting

5/6 Annual banquet- Bellavista at Hawks Landing in Southington

5/19-5/21 Work Weekend at the Lodge

Websites:

www.mtlski.com; www.skiclub.com

Board Members

- ◆ Marge Wasel president@mtlski.com
- ◆ Kathy Augustyn vicepresident@mtlski.com
- ◆ Millie Arnold secretary@mtlski.com
- ◆ Brian Kirkpatrick treasurer@mtlski.com
- ◆ Gretchen Marx Asst Sec/Treasurer
- ◆ Jonathan Houck Past President
- ◆ Joy Dutra CSC Ambassador

2015-2016 Officers

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- * Lisa Durland
- * Clyde Proch
- * Kathy Riley
- * Norb Church
- * Bob Zawacki
- * Rick Sullivan
- * Mike Korby