

Mt. Laurel Skiers

Newsletter

February 2017



News from the Prez.....

Good Morning Mountain Laurel,

As I prepare this letter (mid-January) it is actively snowing in Vermont. Last night the trails were blessed with a fresh 6 inch layer of powder for this morning's skiers. The good news is at Okemo, unlike last year, natural snow is more frequently supplementing the snow guns and has made for some fine powder days and in between some nicely groomed trails. Hope you caught those powder days. For those of you who booked the Whistler trip leaving this month I am told you will experience so much snow, powder days are a sure reality.

Winter is our Club's prime season. It is the winter when more of our 555 members show up to enjoy the benefits of club membership. As president, a sentiment I hear on a regular basis is "What a great a ski club Mountain Laurel is". Yes it certainly is. As this season proceeds we have much more in store with ski racing continuing as a common theme, both club trips, Wednesday night programs twice monthly, XC Ski and Moonlight snowshoe weekends in VT, and the On Snow Carnival at Loon Mountain Ski Resort in New Hampshire....so keep on coming.

On January 7th our club race champions **Rob Dexter** (Men), **Marti Brueckner** (Women), **Julianne Combs** (Girls) and **Colin Hallahan** (Boys) were recognized following their championship performances at the MTL Club Race held on the Okemo NASTAR Course. The race attracted 45 competitors (me included more as a participant than a competitor). At the post race party, hosted by **Charlotte and Andy**, 58 attendees gathered to hear the race outcome. **Tom Knudsen** our returning Club Race Chair and **Pat Moore**, race scorekeeper, announced member standings. For those unfamiliar with the Club Race it is a great annual family event for MTL.... so come join us next year.

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We greeted 2017 at the lodge with a memorable New Year's Eve party hosted by **Moe and Peter** and fueled by mixologist and DJ, **Joe**. There was so much dancing and singing that at one point I wondered if the floor and walls of our over 100 year old party room would survive the revelry...but yes it did. That says something about sturdiness and age.

Just a reminder: Connecticut Ski Council membership offers us some special benefits (www.skiclub.com). For example, Monday Night Racing is one of those benefits and has been attracting 40+ skiers from MTL. Another two great benefits offered is the CSC sponsored Kids Ski Free Lessons Day at Mt Southington (Jan22). This event has grown in popularity with many more registrants this year. It is a great opportunity locally to get your children and grandchildren on skis for free. The culmination of the CSC winter season, however, is the heavily subsidized ON SNOW CARNIVAL happening in early March at Loon following the Sunday River trip. Think about attending this year. For more information and accommodations for this event contact Jonathan Houck ASAP. Well, that's all folks. Till next time keep on watching (www.mtlski.com) for event details.

Marge Wasel

March NEWSLETTER!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS BY THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (2/15/17) TO CAROL NEWMAN AT NEWSLETTER@MTLSKI.COM WITH THE SUBJECT LINE: MTL SUBMISSION (FOLLOWED BY YOUR SUBJECT)



**Mount Laurel Skiers at the Connecticut Ski Council On Snow
Carnival - Loon Mountain, March 3rd, 4th and 6th, 2017**



Mount Laurel is on a roll!!

- 1) Joy Dutra is representing our Club as the reigning CSC Ambassador!
- 2) We are currently in the lead for the Monday Night Racing Crown!!
- 3) We have the opportunity to make it a clean sweep with a victory at the 2017 On Snow Carnival!!!

That's right, On Snow is at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire this year, and the dates correspond with the return trip from our Eastern Club Trip at Sunday River. So - extend your ski vacation for another three days by joining us at Loon Mountain for downhill and Cross Country racing, Snow Volleyball, Kid's racing and fun races, a Saturday night dinner dance and much, much more!!

Enclosed in this newsletter is the club sign-up for dinner including menu and pricing. (We have to turn this money in to the Council at the meeting of February 14th). Please contact me for signup for dinner. The Schedule of Events, Event Signups, and Waivers that need to be signed by all participants can be found at the CSC Website. (See website information below.)

As with Monday Night Racing, NUMBERS WIN THE ON SNOW CARNIVAL!! So, come one, come all for a great March weekend in New Hampshire!

Interested, contact me - Jonathan Houck, On Snow Coordinator: cell (203) 213-6991,
jhhouck@cox.net



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WEEKEND EVENT

Registration for meals, and lodging shall be done before the weekend event. The On-Snow carnival is a 3 day event with 11 competitive events concluding on Sunday. Awards party for Juniors will be at the Saturday Night Dinner, all other awards will be at the Season End Awards meeting in April 11, 2017. Each club shall have a coordinator that shall be responsible for all of the individual club's finances- including Lodging. Chairpersons will be assigned for each competition during the weekend, see listing for each event.

Event Signup Sheets

Loon Event Waiver

CSC Event Waiver

Saturday Night Dinner Information

Weekend Schedule (draft)

On Snow Ticket Pricing

Are all available on the **CSC On Snow Carnival Website:**

<http://skiclub.com/ct-ski-council-welcome/on-snow-winter-carnival/>



**2017 On Snow Winter Carnival Weekend
Saturday Night Dinner at
GOVERNOR'S LODGE OR OCTAGON LODGE**

The Saturday Night Dinner will be held in **GOVERNOR'S LODGE OR OCTAGON LODGE**, March 5^h, at 7:00pm. Dinner will be Buffet Style. There will be a Band, Music and Dancing after Dinner and announcements!! Come out and have fun!!!

BUFFET MENU

Breads

Assorted Baked Breads and Butter

Salad

Seasonal Mixed Green Salad

Entrees - TBD

Meat or Poultry Dish

Pasta

Penne Pasta Primavera

Starch

Wild Rice Pilaf

Vegetable

Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Dessert and Coffee Station

New York Cheesecake

Key Lime Pie

Carrot Cake

Chocolate Cake

Strawberry Shortcake

Final menu selection may vary slightly as Culinary menus are updated.

Price for Dinner will be:

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| Adult | Junior (6-12) | Children (5 and under) |
| \$17 | \$8 | Free |

All Money and paperwork **must** be returned by or at the **February 14th** CSC Meeting. Tickets will be given out at the CSC Meeting. You can also e-mail your final dinner count to castskiclub@sbcglobal.net so that the tickets will be ready when you turn in your club payment and dinner list.

All Returns must include the following:

- 1.** List of all the Club Members who have purchased a Saturday Night Dinner ticket. Tickets will only be given to Club Members that paid for their dinner.

DINNERS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE A TICKET. NO EXCEPTIONS

2. Make one check payable to the "Connecticut Ski Council"

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE WINTER CARNIVAL
ADVANCED SALES ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS

Contact Info:

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MTL Club Race - Results!



On January 7, Okemo Mountain was the center of our ski racing world as 45 members competed in our annual Club Race event.

Repeating as adult Club champions were **Rob Dexter** for the men and **Marti Brueckner** for the ladies.

In the Junior division, **Colin Hallahan** is Boy's champion and Girl's champion is **Julianne Combs**.

An awards ceremony was held at the MTL Lodge with pizza provided by **Andy and Charlotte LeClair**.

Pat Moore was again a great help with registration and running the race on the Nastar course which he runs for the mountain.

We had many new racers at this event; Come and join the fun next year!

Tom Knudsen
Club Race chairman

SPECIAL NOTE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING LOCATION:
WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE CASA MIA AT THE HAWTHORNE, 2421 BERLIN TURNPIKE, BERLIN, CT 06037.



FEBRUARY 1: BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 8: NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 15: MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL MEMBER MEETING WITH BINGO!
FEBRUARY 22: NO MEETING
MARCH 1: NO MEETING
MARCH 8: BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS



Moonlight Snowshoe Weekend

IN VT
MARCH 10 & 11, 2017

THIS ANNUAL EVENT FEATURES A MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE TREK ON SATURDAY NIGHT COMPLETE WITH BONFIRE, TREATS AND OFTEN A SURPRISE OF SOME SORT COURTESY OF RICH CLAIRWOOD. BE SURE TO ATTEND AND SEE WHAT HE HAS IN STORE FOR US THIS YEAR!!

YOU WILL BE ON YOUR OWN FOR FRIDAY DINNER. ABOUT 5:30 ON SATURDAY EVENING WE WILL HAVE APPETIZERS AND SOUPS AND/OR CHILI AND/OR STEWS BEFORE WE HEAD OUT FOR THE HIKE WITH DESSERT AT THE LODGE WHEN WE RETURN. COST IS GENERALLY IN THE \$10-15 RANGE.

LOCATION IS TO BE DETERMINED (USUALLY WITHIN 45 MINUTE OF THE LODGE) AS IT DEPENDS ON SNOWFALL AT THAT TIME (HOPEFULLY LOTS!) WHICH AFFECTS ACCESS AND PARKING. SCOUTING IS IN PROGRESS!

MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS THE DATE APPROACHES.

QUESTIONS??? JEANNE DELEHANTY (860-748-5858) OR RICH CLAIRWOOD (860-889-8186)



LODGE EVENTS UPDATE

Upcoming events-----

February 5: Super Bowl Party (see flyer next page)

February 10-13: Cross Country Weekend (see details below)

March 3-4: CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain
(info in this newsletter)

March 10-12: Moonlight Snowshoe Weekend (see details previous page)

March 17-19: St. Patrick's Weekend (see details below)

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

Barbara Wysocki Barara.wysocki@aol.com

Reserve a room with the new on-line reservation system

<http://mtlski.cbdweb.net/memberlogin.php>



Cross Country Ski Weekend

On **Saturday, February 11, 2017**, we will have a Cross Country Group Ski in Vermont. Leading the group will be **Pat Revoir and Penny Trick**. Plan to meet at the Mt. Laurel Lodge, 82 Andover Street, Ludlow, VT at 9:30 a.m. February 11th to car pool. We will decide where we will go for the group ski early that day based on snow and weather conditions. The location will have the following: ski rentals, food, and a place to get in out of the cold. The group ski leaders will guide the group for 1 to 2 hours followed by free skiing where you can continue to work on your technique. PLEASE DO NOT DRESS IN DOWNHILL CLOTHING. See one of the group ski leaders for how to dress, if in doubt. All levels of cross country skiers are welcome. Feel free to contact either Penny Trick at pennytrick@gmail.com or Pat Revoir at prevoir@cox.net if you are seeking someone to cross country ski with in Vermont.

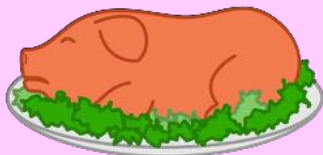
St. Patrick's Weekend



TIME FOR WEARING OF THE GREEN!!!!!!!!!!!! at the Lodge

The annual celebration will take place at the lodge the weekend of March 17-19. Chefs **Barbara and Betty** will be cooking up a traditional corned beef dinner. Irish cocktails and coffee will be served. If you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert please get in touch with Barbara at Barbara.wysocki@aol.com. If you are not staying at the lodge please contact Barbara as we need an accurate head count.

SAVE THE DATE – The Annual Pig Roast is BACK in April



The pig roast will be held in April this year. Make plans to come up to the lodge and join the festivities the weekend of April 21 - 23. Lodge reservations for this event can be made starting on February 1st. Watch for the menu details in the March Newsletter. Event Co-Chairs are **Mandy Weber** (diva378@gmail.com) and **Ron Scardacchi**

Super Bowl Sunday at MTL Lodge!!

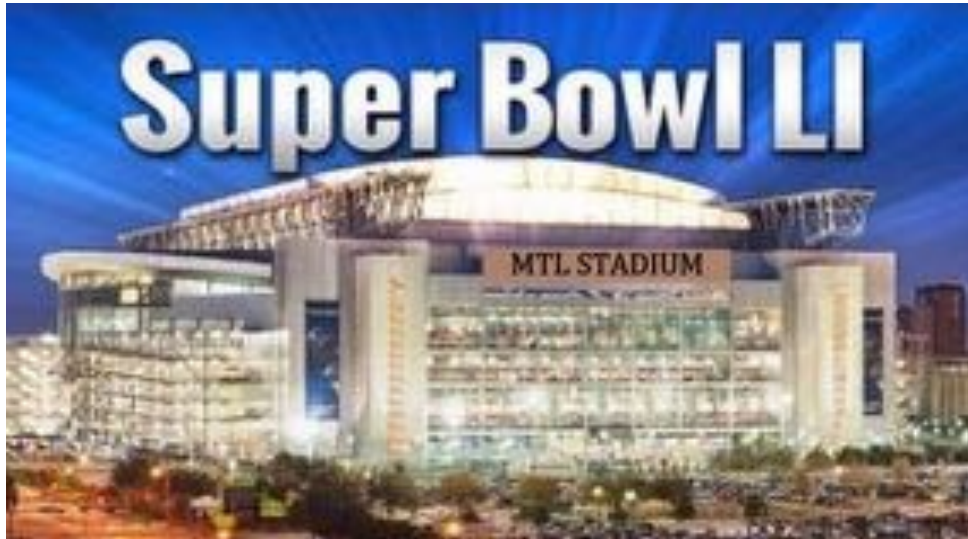
February 5th, 2017

Hosted by Rich and Patty Clairwood

Party starts with Pre-Game around 5ish

(one hour or so before the 6:30 Kick-off)

Location: MTL Stadium, 82 Andover Street, Ludlow, VT



Cost TBD - Usually under \$10 (BYOB)

Soups & Stews:

Chili, Murphy Stout Beef, Chicken Mulligatawny, Vegetarian

(Stews will remain on stove throughout the game)

Participants are asked to bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share
Please contact Rich & Patty to let them know the item you will bring.

If you are not staying at the lodge, but are attending the party,
please let Patty know by February 1.

clairwood@sbcglobal.net, 860-889-8186

CSC Awareness Days on Super Bowl Weekend:

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| Fri | Killington/Pico | \$45/36 |
| Sat | Killington/Pico | \$50/41 |
| Sun | Okemo | \$49 |

Monday Night Skiing and Racing



It's Monday night. The snow is great and so is the fun! Mount Southington is the place to be. Don't miss out on all the good times. Have you been there? If you have, thank you, thank you, and thank you so much for doing your part by Skiing/Snowboarding down the course. We wouldn't do so well without you. Everyone can score points and help Mountain Laurel win. It is a very close competition. So take part and help us be victorious. Share in the excitement. If you haven't been there, don't worry there is still time. The skiing and racing is on.

Afterwards grab a beverage at the bar and join the team for free Pizza provided by the club. The socializing is terrific. Party on!!!

For information on this check out the Sunday squall or contact me:

Scott Farrar
(860) 874-5287 cell
clydescott990@comast.net
MTL Race Captain





Reminder - Membership stickers are available

If you still need a membership sticker see me, Scott Farrar, at a meeting. Or you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Scott Farrar, 990 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT 06118

Or call me at (860) 874-5287 to make other arrangements



| February 2017 | | | | | | |
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| SUN. | MON. | TUES. | WED. | THU. | FRI. | SAT. |
| 29 CSC Awareness Day at Okemo | 30 Racing at Mount Southington | 31 | 1 6:00 BD Mtg 7:30 Member Business Meeting | 2 Club Fly Trip to Whistler | 3 | 4 |
| 5 5:00 Superbowl at Lodge | 6 Racing at Mount Southington | 7 Club Fly Trip to Whistler | 8 No Meeting | 9 Club Fly Trip to Whistler | 10  Cross Country Weekend at the Lodge | 11 |
| 12 Cross Country Weekend at the Lodge | 13 Racing at Mount Southington (makeup) | 14 | 15 7:30 Social Member Meeting With BINGO Night Newsletter Deadline | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Racing at Mount Southington (makeup) | 21 | 22 No Meeting | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 No Meeting | 2  CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain | 3 CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain | 4 Club Drive Trip to Sunday River |

Meetings at Casa Mia

Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES:

- 1/29 CSC Awareness Day at Okemo
- 1/30 Racing at Mount Southington
- 2/1 Board Meeting and Member Business Meeting
- 2/2-2/9 Club Fly Trip to Whistler
- 2/5 Superbowl at Lodge
- 2/6 Racing at Mount Southington
- 2/8 No Meeting
- 2/10-2/12 Cross Country Weekend at the Lodge
- 2/13 Racing at Mount Southington (makeup)
- 2/15 Social Member Meeting with BINGO Night!
- 2/15 Newsletter Deadline
- 2/20 Racing at Mount Southington (makeup)
- 2/22 No Meeting
- 2/26-3/3 Drive Trip to Sunday River
- 3/1 No Meeting
- 3/3-3/5 CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain
- 3/8 Board Meeting and Member Business Meeting

Websites:

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