



Mt. Laurel Skiers

Newsletter

January 2017



News from the Prez.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone! Stan and I send best wishes to you and yours for a Happy and Healthy 2017. For those of you who haven't had your first run on the slopes as of yet as we have, I can attest to Okemo's pre-Christmas ski conditions being pretty darn good...a prelude, I hope, of what's to come. Up north it's been cold and the snow guns have been active, supplementing the natural mountain snowfall. Our wonderful lodge is also off to a great start with reservations coming in fast and furious through the end of February. We have many new members who will be making their first visit to the lodge. As has been the tradition of MTL, I know you will welcome them, say hello and ask if you can answer any questions. So...Here's looking forward to the next 3 months of ski and snow pleasure.

In Connecticut, Monday Night racing officially started with the 1st race on December 19th followed by a welcome pizza party at Mt Southington Ski Area. As first place finishers in Monday night racing for the past two years MTL has potential this year to set ourselves up for a sweep in CSC competitions i.e. **Joy Dutra** as the CSC Ambassador, repeat 1st place at Monday Night Racing and win first place at the On Snow Carnival. So come on out, join in the fun locally at Monday Night Racing and plan to compete at the CSC On Snow Carnival at Loon Mountain, March 2-5. Watch our Club's communication links for details.

Wassail Weekend at the lodge started the December social calendar. No need to say more...photos online tell the story of how much fun members had at the holiday festivities in Woodstock and the celebration back at the lodge. Thank you **Kay and your team** for decorating the lodge and **Ron** for preparing the dinner. Our Annual Holiday Dance at Casa Mia saw 92 members come out to socialize and dance to the music of the Rockin-Heartbeats. Thanks to **Sharon Houck**, our annual holiday dance actually happened and was a rousing success. Given the popularity of the season for parties, Sharon was able to arrange this dance for all of us on short notice at our new (Cont'd)

meeting place....kudos Sharon. I couldn't lead this club without Sharon's enthusiasm for making things happen.

A WORD OF CAUTION ON A FEW HOT TOPICS ABOUT CLUB PROCEDURES:

Lodge discount vouchers are good for 12 months...plenty of time to use them so please remember: Use them or Lose them.

To be fair to all members, as others may be on reservation wait list, cancellation of lodge reservations for weekends must be received 10 days before the booking for a credit, (extenuating circumstances-for late cancellation will be considered by reservationist).

Connecticut Ski Council bulk lift ticket program is at the control of the ski areas and their terms. It is a credit program. The club's position has always been, and remains, if you do not pick up tickets you ordered or redeem your prior credits with the purchase of new tickets it goes to the club treasury. It is a member responsibility. Upon notice of your credits it is best to purchase tickets with your credit and have the ticket coordinator sell them to others for cash return if you do not want them.

Last but not least- the access code to the Lodge Door was changed December 1st. You can find the access code at the bottom of your reservation CONFIRMATION sheet so be sure to check it out before you arrive. Confirmation of reservation occurs with payment (Red block). (Cont'd on next page)

February NEWSLETTER!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS BY THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (1/18/17) TO CAROL NEWMAN AT NEWSLETTER@MTLSKI.COM WITH THE SUBJECT LINE: MTL SUBMISSION (FOLLOWED BY YOUR SUBJECT)

News from The Prez, cont'd

A FEW MORE UPDATES AS WE ENTER THE NEW YEAR

The condition of mattresses at the lodge has been noted and has been on the LOC agenda. The Lodge Operations Committee is currently investigating a mattress replacement program. A quality mattress with optimally a 10 year warranty is being investigated and assessment of funds necessary to support the replacement program discussed.

Plan early ...All presentations for 2018 Drive and Fly trips will be heard by the Board at the March 8, 2017 Board meeting. Wow, planning for 2018 already?

Please feel free to contact me at president@mtlski.com or any Board member with questions, suggestions or willingness to join in the fun of making MTL the successful Club it is by offering to lead an event this year or participate in club management. Don't be shy!

Reminder: For January, February and March the meeting schedule has been adjusted to twice a month at Casa Mia. The Board meeting followed by the Member Business Meeting will be held the first Wednesday of month unless otherwise noted. The second club meeting of the month will be a social one with a special program.

I look forward to seeing you on the slopes, at the lodge or at a club meeting.

Marge Wasel

Save the Date



CSC On-Snow Weekend: March 3-5, Loon Mountain, New Hampshire.

The 2017 On Snow Winter Carnival will be held at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire from Friday, March 3 thru Sunday, March 5, 2017. This great three day event is held every Spring. There are many fun competitive events and great times socializing with other skiers during the daytime events and at the dinners and nighttime activities.

Registration and info:

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

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

DECEMBER 28: NO MEETING

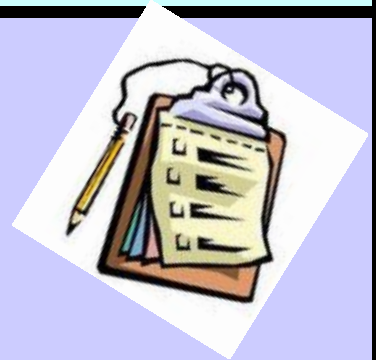
JANUARY 4: BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS

JANUARY 11: NO MEETING

JANUARY 18: MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 25: NO MEETING

FEBRUARY 1: BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS





MTL Club Race - January 6-8, 2017

Okemo will host our race on Saturday. Kids and grandkids ski free. Sunday is an Okemo CSC Awareness Day where tickets for club members are only \$51.



Note: MTL Club Race will be held on January 7, 2017

Make note of the new date!

This year, we'll be back again at Okemo Mountain racing on the NASTAR course. Competitive classes for all abilities, from the serious contender for the Club Championship, to the just-for-fun novice. Preregister by mail (or scan and email to tfk2004@comcast.net) using the form in the December newsletter, or download the form (<http://www.mtlski.com/racing/mnr2017/ClubRaceRegForm2017.pdf>). The Club provides free lift tickets for all children and grandchildren of members (age 17 and under). **Adults should plan to use a CSC voucher.** Check in 7:30 - 9:15 am in the main base lodge. Race starts at 10:00am sharp.

Awards ceremony late afternoon at the MTL Club Lodge. Pizza dinner at the MTL Lodge after the awards ceremony hosted by Charlotte and Andy LeClair (charlottemy@aol.com). Let them know if you're coming for pizza. - \$5 for adults / kids free. Questions: Tom Knudsen, Race Chairman (tfk2004@comcast.net) or 203-980-8368.



LODGE EVENTS UPDATE

Upcoming events-----

December 30-Jan 1: New Year's Weekend (adults only)

January 6-8: Club Race Weekend. Okemo will host our race on Saturday. Kids and grandkids ski free. Sunday is an Okemo CSC Awareness Day, and tickets for club members are only \$51.

January 20-22: Game Weekend

February 5: Super Bowl Party

February 10-13: Cross Country Weekend

March 3-4: CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain

March 10-12: Moonlight Snowshoe Weekend

March 17-19: St. Patrick's Weekend

April 21-23 Pig Roast Weekend

Barbara Wysocki Barara.wysocki@aol.com

Reserve a room with the new on-line reservation system

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

There is a new entry code to open the lodge doors. Look for the code on your reservation confirmation received by e-mail.



Monday Night Skiing and Racing has Started!

Mother Nature has been good to us. The snow Gods smiled down and the slopes at Mount Southington were covered with white gold - SNOW.

The fun began on Dec. 19. This is the first time we actually started in December in a long time. Thank you to **Neal Fisher** for the Sunday Squall and E blasts letting everyone know the Monday night Skiing/Racing was a go. Thanks go out to **Karen Grossman and the crew** that collected and sorted the race bibs. Also, thank you to the many Mountain Laurel members that came out and went down the course. Every person that completes the course earns points. All the points earned go a long way towards an MTL victory. This year we strive for our 3rd win in a row - a 3 peat. We can do it

So please, please, please come out at least once. More often, when you find out how exciting and enjoyable it is. Do a run or two and then join the team in the bar for a beer, free pizza and party on!

That is why, We Need You!

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Questions? Contact me: Scott Farrar - Race captain at (860) 874-5287 or clydescott990@comcast.net

2016 -2017 Racing Schedule (Location, Mount Southington)

Race 1 December 19, 2016
Race 2 December 28, 2016
Race 3 January 2, 2017
Race 4 January 9, 2017
Race 5 January 16, 2017
Race 6 January 23, 2017
Race 7 January 30, 2017
Race 8 February 6, 2017
Make up dates - Feb 13, 20, 2017

Details:

- * It takes place at Mount Southington ski area, Exit 30 off route 84. The cost is \$31/night. For seniors 70+ and season pass holders it is \$17. That covers the race fee and the lift ticket.
- * The event is a slalom course. You are timed going through the gates and it is the better of two runs. Simply get through the gates and you earn points for Mountain Laurel
- * This is open to all members in the Connecticut Ski Council, 18 and older.
- * Registration runs between 5:30 - 7:00. The racing/skiing starts shortly after that.
- * After your runs, come back to the bar, pick up a beverage and join the team at our table for free pizza, paid for by MTL.
- * Once again the board of directors has generously voted to offer race/ski rebates. Race/ski 3 times or more for MTL this season and receive a \$15 rebate for every night you participated. Do the math, race/ski two times it cost \$62. Take part 3 times & the cost is \$93. But with the \$15/night rebate, you save \$45 making the actual cost for 3 nights \$48 which is less than just showing up for 2 nights.

So please, show up and have a good time!

Scott Farrar
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Cross Country Group Ski in Vermont

On Saturday, February 10, 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. on February 10, 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.



Reminder - Membership stickers are available

If you still need a membership sticker see me, Scott Farrar, at a meeting. Better yet, show up on Monday nights at Mount Southington. After you do a run or two come back to the bar. I can get your sticker for you. 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



Reminder!!!
CSC Kids Learn to Ski Day 2017
At Mt. Southington
Sunday, January 22, 2017



See December 2016 Newsletter for flyer, registration and information, OR online at (<http://skiclub.com/ct-ski-council-welcome/kids-day/>)

Kids Day is a great way to introduce children under 18 years old to skiing and snowboarding.

January 2017

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Adult New Years at the Lodge	2 Racing at Mount Southington	3	4 6:00 BD Mtg 7:30 Member Business Meeting	5	6 Club Race Weekend at the Lodge	
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22 CSC Kids Learn to Ski Day at Mt. Southington	23 Racing at Mount Southington	24	25 No Meeting	26	27	28
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, Canada	3	4

Meetings at Casa Mia

Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES:

- 12/30-1/1 New Year's Weekend at the Lodge (Adults Only)
- 1/2 Racing at Mount Southington
- 1/4 Board Meeting and Member Business Meeting
- 1/6-1/8/17 Club Race Weekend at Okemo and the Lodge
- 1/9 Racing at Mount Southington
- 1/11 No Meeting
- 1/16 Racing at Mount Southington
- 1/18 Member Business Meeting
- 1/18 February Newsletter Deadline
- 1/20-1/22 Game Weekend at the Lodge
- 1/22 CSC Learn to Ski & Kids Day at Mt. Southington
- 1/23 Racing at Mount Southington
- 1/25 No Meeting
- 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, Canada

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