



Mt. Laurel Skiers

Newsletter

March 2017



News from the Prez.....

Hallelujah!... we've been blessed this winter with plentiful snowfall in all the right places at the right times: Whistler/Blackcomb, Sunday River, our favorite Vermont slopes, Loon Mountain, New Hampshire and last but not least the Mt. Southington Race Course. We had a bit of excitement when travelers on our fly trip returned safely from Whistler but with a story to share. As the story goes, **Roger Ryan**, ever the adventurer, actually experienced up close and personal a little too much snow when he was overtaken in an avalanche during a heli-skiing expedition at Whistler. Luckily, **Ben Kahn** was there to retrieve him from the depths. Thank God for Ben...Roger was unharmed. As you read this, our Sunday River travelers will be enjoying their week away. Also a 1.5 hour ride south of Sunday River at Loon Mountain the CSC On Snow Carnival will be underway from Thursday, March 2 to Sunday, March 5 with club alpine and XC race competitions, games, dancing, dining and interclub comradery on the program. Winter fun abounds so check out the schedule of events: www.mtlski.com or www.skiclub.com).

Yes, it is that time again when the Nominating Committee for 2017 is busy seeking candidates for Board positions. To assist them I am requesting today that you, my fellow members, consider your service to Mountain Laurel. I guarantee it is a rewarding experience to participate in planning and managing Club functions. We ARE a great Club! During these past two years as President I have witnessed what and who it takes to keep this Club the premier club it is today. The annual election is scheduled for April 19th. A slate of candidates is published in this newsletter as required one month before the election; however, this is by no means closed as nominations can be announced up to and on election night. All officer positions are up for election as one year terms along with two 2 year Board member positions. If you have been a member greater than 12 months and are interested in running for a Board position please contact a member of the 2017 Nominating Committee (Andy LeClair, Betty Zawacki, Milli Arnold). **On a personal note...Over the past 2 years as President I have enjoyed the benefits of guiding the Club through necessary transitions while**

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presenting a sustainable program of popular activities important to members. It has been invigorating seeing the robust turnout for events and the fun you all enjoy when you come together. Serving as Club President is an exciting opportunity for a motivated individual who enjoys leadership. For 2017, no one has notified our Nominating Committee of interest in the position of President and so I ask you to seriously consider this important position. You will see my name on the 2017 slate of candidates. The fact is, I would welcome an interested member coming to talk with me about the position with a guarantee of support in transitioning to a new President this year or next. Contact me at President@MTLski.com

The predominant theme each February for MTL is fun in the snow: ski racing, cross country skiing, and ski trips. Starting off the month with the annual Club Race and the continuation of Monday Night racing at Mt Southington, lively competition has been in the air both in Vermont and Connecticut. As of this writing, mid-February, we are in stiff competition with Newington Ski Club to retain the championship title in Monday Night racing squeaking by with only a very slim margin of points. In week six, when the team was in doubt of holding onto the lead with several racers away, the MTL race team witnessed a phenomenon that has been unprecedented at MTL. There appeared that night at Mt. Southington an outpouring of members (56) ... some first time racers and some new members to replace the absent racers. Congratulations to all of you who showed up to race because the lead was retained. A bonus that night was that newcomers shared how much fun they had joining this winning race team. CSC competition continues after Monday nights when additional races occur at the On Snow Carnival.

Hope to see you soon. Stay Safe!

Marge Wasel

April NEWSLETTER!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS BY THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (3/15/17) 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



**Mount Laurel Skiers at the Connecticut Ski Council On Snow
Carnival - Loon Mountain, March 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2017**



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!!

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

WHISTLER FLY TRIP 2/2/17-2/9/17



All are back safe from Whistler. We had over a 9 foot base and it snowed everyday while we were there. Roger Ryan tackled his first avalanche which we have on Video. Thanks to all that made my group a pleasure to be with. It's looking like Europe next year. Send your feedback and suggestions.

Eric@ASTravelCenter.com

CHANGE NOTICE Drive and Fly Trip Presentations for 2018

Have a drive or fly trip you would like to present for 2018?

- * The Board will hear proposals for a FLY TRIP at the March 8th and April 5th meeting with a decision no later than April 5th.
- * The Board will hear proposals for a DRIVE TRIP at the April 5th and May 3rd meeting with a decision no later than May 3rd.

For your trip planning, be sure to review the MTL Trip Policy (see below). All are welcome! To be placed on the agenda or have questions please contact Marge Wasel, at **President@mtlski.com**.

The new policy can be found on the MTL website under LINKS.



Cheer

Mtn Laurel members have been walking under ladders and too close to black cats lately because we have a long list of injured and recuperating. On the injured list is Mike McAleer with a torn shoulder from a fall at Okemo and Harriett Epstein who broke her ankle at Killington. Under the knife, Bob Provencher got a new hip and so did John Eason although John has been back at St Francis for more surgery. Ray Taksar is also recuperating from surgery and Karen Grossman is getting a new knee. We wish everyone a speedy and full recovery.

We have one very lucky Mtn Laureler. Roger Ryan, was helicopter skiing while on the club trip to Whistler when he got caught in an avalanche. He was buried up to his neck but was dug out frantically and successfully by Ben Kahn. Of course, Roger took 3 more runs with the chopper.

If you have any news of members, please contact Milli at milliarnold57142@gol.com or 860-432-8971.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING LOCATION:

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

MARCH 1: NO MEETING

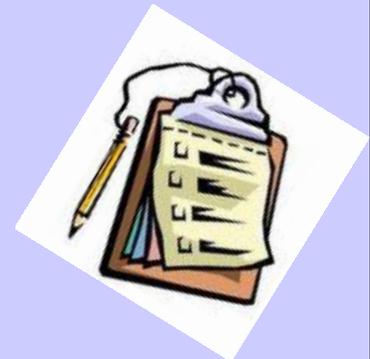
MARCH 8: BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS

MARCH 15: 6:30 SOCIAL, ST. PATRICK'S DINNER PROGRAM

MARCH 22: NO MEETING

MARCH 29: NO MEETING

APRIL 5: BOARD AND MEMBER BUSINESS MEETINGS



St. Patricks Dinner

March 15 6:30

Corn Beef with Cabbage \$18.00

Chicken Parmesan with side of Pasta \$18.00

Irish Dancing Performance

All Reservations must be made by 3/10/17

Checks made out to MTL, at meeting or send to Sharon Houck at 424 Cardinal Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410

(Please indicate Corned Beef or Chicken Parmesan)



LODGE EVENTS UPDATE

Upcoming events-----

March 3-5: CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain

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

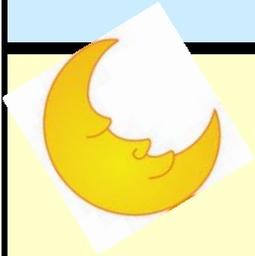
March 17-19: St. Patrick's Weekend (see details below)

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

Barbara Wysocki Barbara.wysocki@aol.com

Reserve a room with the new on-line reservation system

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



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)

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 now!. Watch for the menu details in the April Newsletter and website. Event Co-Chairs are **Mandy**

Weber (diva378@gmail.com) and **Ron Scardacchi** (rongooodfella@yahoo.com)



Monday Night Skiing and Racing

As of writing this, there have been 7 nights at Mount Southington. MTL is in the lead by a *slim* margin. Thank you, thank you, thank you - It is thanks to all of you that showed up that this is possible.

From 2 points to 25, every point makes a huge difference. Once again our own Monday night Media director, Neal Fisher, did an amazing job shaking the trees in order to encourage people to show up and join in the fun. On Feb. 6 when many of our Monday night participants were on the club trip to Whistler, over 50 people showed up - Truly amazing!

This Past Monday, Feb 13, we had another good turnout. After some great runs on the slopes we came back to the bar to do what Mountain Laurel does so well.....Party!! It was tons of fun. We even celebrated Tina Dutra's Birthday with a cake.

Karen Grossman took the opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day by awarding the couples of the Monday night series a box of chocolates. This was simply another way to make the party even more fun. Thank you for doing that Karen.

Rebates - Once again the board of directors has agreed to continue the Monday night Rebate program. The details are as follows:

Run the course on 3 or more nights this season, for Mountain Laurel, and you have earned a \$15 per night rebate. It is that simple. This is done as another benefit to our membership in the club. It makes the sport more affordable. It also helps encourage people to take part in the Monday night series at Mount Southington. Rebate checks will be mailed out soon after the last Monday night at the mountain. This is another way our club says thank you for being there.

Scott Farrar,

(860) 874-5287 cell

clydescott990@comcast.net

MTL Race Captain

March 2017						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
26	27	28	1 No Meeting	2 	3 CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain	4
Club Fly Trip to Sunday River						
5 CSC Winter Carnival at Loon Mountain	6	7	8 6:00 BD Mtg 7:30 Member Business Meeting	9 	10 Moonlight Snowshoe Weekend at the Lodge	11
12 Moonlight Snowshoe Weekend	13	14	15 6:30 Social Meeting St. Patricks Dinner Newsletter Deadline	16 	17 St. Patrick's Weekend at the Lodge	18
19 St. Patrick's Weekend	20	21	22 No Meeting	23	24 NASTAR Nationals at Steamboat Springs	25
26 NASTAR Nationals at Steamboat	27	28	29 No Meeting	30	31	1

Meetings at Casa Mia

Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES:

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

3/10-3/12 Moonlight Snowshoe Weekend at the Lodge in Vermont

3/15 7:00 Social, St. Patricks Dinner Program at Casa Mia

3/15 Newsletter Deadline

3/17-3/19 St. Patrick's Weekend at the Lodge in Vermont

3/22 No Meeting

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

4/19 Newsletter Deadline

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