

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter July 2010



News from Kay, our Prez....

From the Prez.....

Summer is here for sure!! It's been hot and humid already and we have a long way to go yet!!

I hope this finds everyone having a good time this summer and enjoying all the activities we have going on, hiking, biking, kayaking & social events.

Our (annual, even though we missed last year due to torrential rains) camping event took place last month with a great turn out in spite of the rain.

Thank you Joe Mangione for organizing a great camping trip with a great bike ride, smoores & good friends around the fire!!

Our Summer Picnic is all set for Weds July 21st from 6-10pm. See the flyer in this month's newsletter for all the information on location & directions. It will be a good time as always so please plan to join us!!

We are also going to a Rock Cat's game on Weds Aug 4th, the game starts at 7:05pm and the \$7.50 charge includes the ticket, a hot dog, popcorn and bottle of water/person!! What a deal and a really fun night joining all your MTL friends at the ball park. Please see me at a meeting or send a check along so we can save you a seat. I need everyone's checks by July 21st!!!

I want to thank everyone that has helped with our events over the past few months for their hard work. It takes a lot of people and help to make this club work and continue to be as much fun as it has been.

Remember we are on our summer schedule, check the web site and newsletter for updates on events & meeting dates!!

See you all around this summer, play safe!!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please email all submissions by the third Wed. of the month to Irene_murray@sbcglobal.net.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Chuck Hannah is working hard to update our membership renewal process



(remember all the benefits of being an MTL member!), so be sure to visit **Page 5** of this Newsletter for a complete explanation of the new process and have fun becoming a member using the latest and greatest in MTL membership enrollment!

MTL HAS LOTS GOING ON IN JULY AND GOING FORWARD!

There is so much going on in this club that you will want to be sure to check out the following resources for additional information. First, note that there are extra pages in this newsletter because we have the following flyers in addition to the instructions for membership renewal (see above). The additional flyers this month are: news about the **Eastern Drive trip to Sunday River P. 6**) and information about the **Annual Summer picnic p.7**) this year being held at a new venue so be sure to check these out. For those taking part in bike rides or kayak events with no directions given in the newsletter, please click on the Website calendar for more specifics about these events!!

CHEER-

We have one casualty to report this month. Jonathon Houck fell, breaking his collarbone and Sharon claims she didn't push him. We've yet to hear Jonathon's side of the story. If you have any news of our members, please contact Milli at 860-871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com.





KAYAKING-JULY 2010

All paddles begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted!

July 11 - Hogback Reservoir, Colebrook, CT. Led by Barbara Wysocki -HOGBACK DAM (part of Colebrook Reservoir), DURST ROAD, RIVERTON, CT See calendar on website for directions. Picnic follows, bring food for the grill and something to share. Optional after the paddle: "Wilderness and Wellness weekend in Riverton. If those who kayak would like to go into Riverton there will be a concert on the green (just bring a chair) starting at 2pm and other activities.

July 18- Brattleboro Area after packing up on Sunday of Bike weekend call Irene on cell phone if joining from anywhere other than the lodge, (860) 919-8252

July 25- East River, led by Moe Gaherty; Picnic follows, bring chairs, grill, table and something to share. Directions on website calendar

Fly Trip To Whistler, Canada

We are going to Whistler on January 29th 2011 –February 5th 2011. We will be flying nonstop to Vancouver and then up the Aava Hotel (aavawhistlerhotel.com), a new boutique hotel right next to the village. Price is \$1399.00 which includes airfare hotel taxes and transfers from Vancouver to Whistler, trip is now open to other than Mountain Laurel and is about ½ full. Do not hesitate as space is limited to 54. If you haven't skied Whistler you haven't skied. Great social activities for both the skier and non-skier Questions please call me at 203-265-9293 *Eric C. Ardolino*

Mt. Laurel 65th Anniversary Cruise

Cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest and biggest ship, "Oasis of the Seas." Depart Fort Lauderdale on Sat. Oct 16 for the western Caribbean. Prices range from \$899.00 for inside room to \$1199.00 for outside room with balcony, based on double occupancy; 3rd and 4th person in room is \$699.00 each. Federal tax, gratuities and airfare are extra. Reserve now, 7 rooms left. Special group rates on Airfare. Deposit \$300.00/person. For more information on Oasis of the Seas, visit www.oasisoftheseas.com
Contacts: Karen Grossman 860-261-4041



Monday Night Biking

MTL members and friends have enjoyed two months of biking thus far. Thank you to everyone who has hosted the rides. If you haven't joined us yet for a ride or just the party afterwards, your participation is welcome. All rides begin at 6:00; helmets are mandatory, as is the sign out/in so ride leaders can account for everyone. There are usually 3 marked routes and maps are provided, as well.

July 5 - No ride, Holiday

July 12 - Wethersfield, Kathy Amenta, 860-878-6937, and Bob Arther, 203-634-0626. Meet at Wethersfield Board of Ed building. From Berlin Tpke/Rte 15, take Rte 175, Wells Rd, East into Wethersfield. After the light at the top of the hill, take the next right, Willow St. From Silas Deane go West onto rte 175. After passing Ridge Rd, take a left at the next light onto Willow St. Park in school lot on right. Pizza follows ride.

July 19 - Bloomfield, Neal Fisher, 860-665-9653, 860-301-2230, cell. Jim Mays Memorial ride which celebrates the life of Jim, an avid cyclist, hiker, and actor. This is also a joint ride with NSC. Rte 91 North, exit 35B, Rte 218 West. Go through 3 lights, 3rd blinking, turn right onto Blue Hills Ave, Rte 187. At 2nd light, turn left onto Park Ave, go past Bloomfield High School, cross RR tracks and turn into North East Plaza on right. Pizza follows.

July 26 - East Windsor, Joe Colett, 860-623-8708. Take 91 North to exit 44, right off exit, approximately 1 mile on right to East Windsor Junior/Senior High. Park in the back of the school. Pizza follows.

August 4 - Simsbury, Ellen Gilbert, 860-965-2875, cell. From 91 North, take exit 37, Rte 305. Go West on 305, right on Rte 187 North, then take Rte 189 North into Tariffville. In Tariffville, take a left onto Rte 315, right onto Rte 10/202. Go .5 mile North on Rte 10/202. Follow to the International Skating rink on left. Park in the back. Pizza follows.

Andy Le Clair, Chairperson, 860-283-4889, 203-206-7884, cell.

JULY RAIL TRAIL BIKE RIDES Jeanne Delehanty

July 8, 2010 Bike Rail Trail Ride, Simsbury, CT

Meet in the commuter lot at the corner of Iron Horse Blvd & Drake Hill Road, Simsbury at 5:45 pm. Drake Hill Road is on the east side of Rt 10 in Simsbury center, at the intersection of Rts 10 & 309. We'll ride a different section of the Farmington River Trail (see <http://www.fvgreenway.org/>) going north to the bridge at Salmon Brook, near Rt 189 in East Granby, and back. The entire ride will be on paved trail. Street, hybrid or mtn bike tires will work. Ride will be about 13 miles round trip. Rehydration after the ride will be at Joe Pizza (if it's open – it still has a “Coming Soon” sign) or the Iron Frog.

Questions: Rich Clairwood (860-889-8186 home/ 860-908-2157cell) or Jeanne Delehanty (860-651-3257 home/860-748-5858 cell)

July 29, 2010 Bike Rail Trail, Farmington Canal Path, Cheshire

Ride Description: The Farmington Canal path is flat and paved. 8 miles from the Cheshire start will take us to Hamden for a roundtrip of 16 miles - all paved trail no roads. The path crosses a few streets but they are not heavily traveled roads for the most part.

Directions: See website calendar for directions to Bike Ride meeting place

The Restaurant aka Rehydration Stop: The Victorian House is located at 226 Maple Ave. <http://thevichouse.com/> From the start of the trail, head out of either parking lot onto Cornwall towards center of Cheshire until first stop sign (just a few feet from both parking lots).

Left onto Willow for .6 to end. Right onto Rt 70/West Main St. for .5 miles

Left at light onto Maple Ave. The Vic House is on the right next to the Bank and post office. Park in the back.

My contact info; Lisa Wnuck; lisawnuck@hotmail.com, 203 271-2473
cell: 203 314-8882



Spring 2010 Hiking Season Wraps Up



We had a great spring hiking season and didn't get rained out once – our streak continues!!

We tested a hike in VT over Pig Roast weekend and then opened the Spring hiking season in CT with a favorite at the Indian Council Caves in Barkhamsted. Although it was drizzly, a brave contingent persevered. In addition to our local hikes a group went to Mt Monadnock in May for our second annual NH hike.

We were also fortunate to have members Rhonda Idleman and Ellen & George Ornato plan and lead hikes for us this season – THANK YOU! They can verify that the most important part of leading a hike is answering the question: “where are we going after?” Rhonda's pick of the Crown & Hammer Pub in Collinsville and the picnic on the Ornato's porch were the excellent answers. So, if you can answer that question, you, too, can lead a hike. Let us know if you're interested.



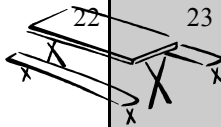
Fall hiking will kick off in September. Watch the newsletter and calendar and we'll see you then. Have a great summer. And don't forget Fall Hike Weekend October 1-3. The theme is Oktoberfest (Patty & Rick are already working on polka square dancing and Angie & Joe are working on the martini . . . or maybe a keg . . . stay tuned!!).

Rick Sullivan & Jeanne Delehanty, Hiking Co-Chairs

SUNDAY RIVER EASTERN SKI TRIP- 2/27/11-3/4/11

See the flyer but the word is out, Sunday River, at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel, 5 nights lodging, 5 1/2 day of skiing, tour of the mountain, ski lessons, 3 dinners, daily breakfast buffets, don't wait, put your deposit down for a great trip in great company! Anne Alden and Kay Leatherman

JULY 2010

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
			30 June Brd & Reg Meeting	1	2	3
4 	5 No Ride Holiday	6	7	8 Trail Ride Simsbury	9	10
11 Kayak Colebrook Reservoir	12 Bike Wethers- field	13	14	15	16	17 Bike Week- end
18 	19 Bike Bloomfield	20	21 SUMMER PICNIC	22 	23	24
25 Kayak East River	26 Bike East Windsor	27	28 Aug. Brd & Reg Meeting	29 Trail Ride Cheshire	30	31

Remember...
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

JULY

7/16-18 Bike Weekend
7/21 Summer Picnic
7/28 Bd. & Reg. Mtg.
8/4 Rock Cats Game
8/18 Reg. Meeting
9/1 Bd & Reg. Meeting

Websites:
www.mtlski.com
www.skiclub.com

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2009-2010 Officers

- ◆ Kay Leatherman president@mtlski.com
- ◆ Chuck Hannah vicepresident@mtlski.com
- ◆ Mandy Weber secretary@mtlski.com
- ◆ Rick Sullivan treasurer@mtlski.com
- ◆ Betsy Chase Asst Sec/Treasurer
- ◆ Jonathan Houck Past President

- ◆ Harry Fisher CSC Ambassador

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- * Kathy Amenta
- * Pat Revoir
- * Rich Clairwood
- * Wayne Cormier
- * Anne Alden
- * Scott Farrar
- * Irene Murray

MTL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD NOW OPEN

RENEWALS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010: The membership renewal period is now open. Renewal forms and checks are due by September 1st. We must hear from all members during the renewal period. After September 1, renewals must include the late fee. Renewal forms received without the late fee will be returned. Membership fees are not changing for 2010 – 2011 and are noted on the renewal form.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING: If you do not pay to renew for the current membership year, you are not a member in good standing. Participation in some events may be limited to attending as an invited guest of a member and paying any applicable guest fee for the event.

NEW ON-LINE FILLABLE RENEWAL FORM: An on-line user fill-able renewal form is available on the MTL website. Using this form is helpful to the membership Chairman and will insure that your information is correct with the right data for the on-line roster.

The Membership List and the On-line Roster are not one and the same. We can only assure you that your information on the on-line roster will be updated if you fill out the on-line fillable form.

If your basic contact information has not changed, enter only your name and the information that needs to be changed.

Fill it out, save it to your hard drive, attach it to an e-mail, and send it to membership@mtlski.com

Also print a copy of this form, attach your check, payable to “MTL Skiers” and mail both to:

***Mount Laurel Skiers
C/o Chuck Hannah
344 Monaco Lane
Glastonbury, CT06033***

You may also submit the form at a meeting to Chuck Hannah, Scott Farrar, or Jeanne Delehanty who will assist with membership.

No checks will be accepted without a copy of your renewal form.

Unidentifiable “mystery checks” will be held and your membership will not be updated. (If your name is Mabel Syrup, but you are paying with a check from Woody Wannamaker, it must be clear whose renewal is being paid. We cannot guess.)

THE NAME GAME:

If you have changed your name and are renewing under a different name (due to marriage, divorce, the federal witness protection program, etc.), make this clear. We cannot guess who you are. If we don't know, your application will go into the “unknown” file and your membership may not be updated.

Hyphenated-last-names are registered under the last name given. (Polly Wannacracker-Byrd is listed under “B” for Byrd.)

Maiden names are fine but work it out with him / her under which name you opt register as a MTL family. (The club cannot mediate this.)

Family memberships will be registered by whoever is listed *first* on the renewal form. (Myrtle Skimabutoff & Duncan Baggadonutz will be registered under “S” as the Skimabutoff family.)

Prospective carryover members may submit a regular renewal application form and will be carried on the roster for one additional year. Prospective carryover members not accepted into membership after the 2nd year are dropped from the roster.



JOIN US FOR THE EASTERN DRIVE TRIP TO SUNDAY RIVER
Feb. 27 - Mar 4, 2011

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 inter-connected 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 due by Oct 21, 2010 Final Payment Due Dec 4, 2010
Mail payment & reservation to Anne Alden PO Box 861 Southington, CT 06489
Cancellations will not be refunded after 1/6/2011

Name: _____ Double Occupancy: \$565.00/person
 Double Occupancy No Lift Ticket: \$425.00/person
 Address: _____ Single Occupancy: \$815.00
 Single Occupancy No Lift Tickets: \$675.00
 Senior rate lift tickets: - \$20.00

E-Mail Address: _____ Pkg Total: _____

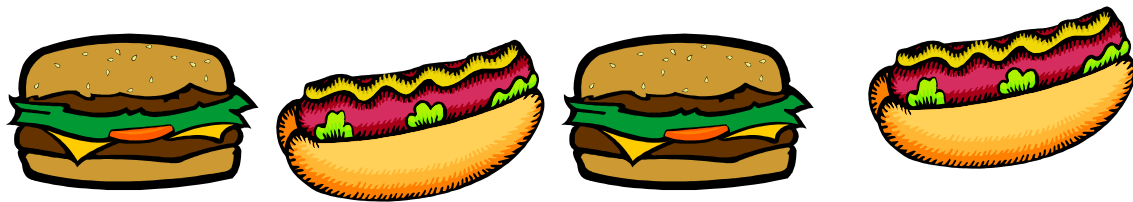
Senior ___ Non-Senior ___ Deposit: _____

Roommate Name: _____ Balance Due: _____
By 12/4/2010

Standard Room (2 beds) or Studio _____ Final Payment Rcv'd: _____

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

Mon: Crab Stuffed Sole w/Hollandaise **F**__ Roasted BBQ Beef Tips **B**__
 Rotisserie Half Chicken **C**__ Vegetarian Lasagna **V**__
 Weds: Herb Baked Haddock **F**__ Grilled Flank Steak w/Ancho Chipotle Remy **B**__
 Chicken Breast w/Bourbon Peppercorn Sauce **C**__ Vegetarian Stir Fry **V**__
 Thurs: Maple Mustard Glazed Salmon **F**__ English Cut Rib Eye w/Horseradish Cream **B**__
 Chicken w/Herbed Chevre, Spinach & Sundried Tomatoes **C**__ Vegetarian Roasted Vegetable Medley **V**__



MTL Summer Picnic

Wednesday - July 21st 6 to 10pm



At the Falcons Grove



144 Prout Hill Road, Middletown

***Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Veggie Burgers & Music
provided by the the Rockin Heartbeats!***

***Bring your own Beverage, a side dish or dessert to
share***

and your dancing shoes!!!

Member price TBD

Non-Member - Guest Price \$10

Attend a meeting or check the website for MTL member pricing

Directions: Route 9 N/S to Exit 11. Left off the exit onto Randolph Road. At the top of the hill take a left at the 3rd light onto Ridge Rd (the 1st light is a flashing light at the firehouse, 2nd light is at Millbrook Road). After taking a left at the 3rd light, follow Ridge Rd to the end and take a left onto Prout Hill Road. The Falcons is approximately 200 yards on the right. The Grove is the first building on the left.

Picnic will be held rain or shine. In addition to outside facilities, the Grove has air-conditioned indoor seating for 125 people with a dance floor and additional floor space for table for all food. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up.

Call Betsy Chase for info or to volunteer at 860-243-2344.

