



Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter April 2011



News from the Prez....

Where did winter go? Actually I think most of us are glad to see the snow melting here in CT. It was a rough winter, but the snow was great in VT. Our lodge has been full of fun this winter and we have more coming along. Murder Mystery weekend hosted by Moe, Wine Tasting weekend hosted by Stacy & Ken, and our end of winter annual Pig Roast hosted by Jack. I hope everyone took advantage of the lodge this winter. I do know that our mid-week usage was up this year. Great for those that can take advantage of the lodge during the week.

We had a great trip to Sunday River this year with 91 of our members taking advantage of the great snow, lodging & fun activities. The Grand Summit is a great ski in ski out location and Sunday River has enough great terrain for everyone. Thanks to all those that made it such a fun time and especially my co-trip leader Anne, we had a great time organizing and running this trip.

We have a very busy spring coming up; Lip Sync which is being MC'd this year by Joe Mangione. After 21 years of handling the Lip Sync duties, John Ewen has passed the microphone on to Joe, who with the help of his wife Faye, have done a great job for all these years and it is one of our biggest events for our club. We all thank you both for many years of great jokes and entertainment.

We have elections coming up at the end of this month and our annual banquet in May being chaired by Sharon Houck again this year. If you are available to help out with any of the activities coming up please contact the event chair for more information and how you can help.

Happy Spring to all.....sad to see the ski season end but glad to see some green grass & more sunshine.

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THE 27TH ANNUAL LIP SYNC SHOW

It's time to put your lips together and . . . SYNC! The Lip Sync show is the biggest event we have all year at the club. Whether you want to be on stage strutting your stuff or be entertained by Oscar worthy performances and classic jokes, be sure to join us at 8:00 PM on April 20th at "Whinstone 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 joe-mangi@comcast.net. Break a leg!



CLUB ELECTIONS –APRIL 27 Be sure to vote!

President:	Kay Leatherman
Vice President:	Betsy Chase
Secretary:	Rhonda Idleman
Treasurer:	Rick Sullivan
Asst Secretary/Treas:	Jan Wallace
Immediate Past President:	Jonathan Houck
Continuing Directors:	Wayne Cormier Rich Clairwood

Director Candidates:

The following are candidates for the Board of directors. Two will be selected on the night of the election

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| * Peter Ross | * Anne Alden |
| * Cindy Abrams | * John Moriarty |
| * Bob Sjostedt | * Bruce Ebbets |
| * Pat Revoir | * Scott Farrar |

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



MTL WINE TASTING—SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd AT 5:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's MTL Wine Tasting event is food & wine pairings. Hope you can join us for an evening of sampling wines from various regions and nibbling on some tasty treats paired with the wines. Dinner will be provided by Chef Betty & team after the tastings.

The cost of the event is \$25 per person. This includes tasting of 8 wines paired with appetizers and then dinner & dessert (additional pours of the wines available after the tastings). Please contact Lisa Durland to make your lodge reservations.

Please RSVP to Stacy & Ken Ryan so we can plan wine and food accordingly. riley3s@cox.net or 860-632-8099

Look forward to seeing you there!

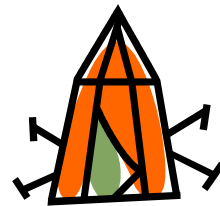
Stacy, Ken & the ever-growing wine-o committee



CAMPING WEEKEND

Do you have a tent? Do you have a sleeping bag? Do you have \$10 (20 for a couple)? Then you can join Mt Laurel for our camping weekend in Rhode Island! And if you don't have the gear, borrow it! Come bike along scenic Narragansett Bay, ride the carousel, kayak or just hang out. Get ready for another fun weekend communing with nature. We're going back to Melville Ponds Campground in beautiful Portsmouth RI for another great weekend of biking, kayaking and singing round the campfire **June 24-26. Sharpen your marshmallow sticks, cuz you know you'll want s'more! Taking reservations now. \$10.00 per person, per night includes s'mores and morning Joe (coffee, not me). Look out for that fire pit!!!**

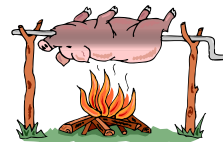
Joe Mangione - 860-646-7505



MTL LODGE -UPDATES

As March closes after having a successful month at the lodge, with a lot of snow and good friends and a terrific Saint Pat's weekend and good meals. We look forward to April 1 with no fooling around to attend wine and food tasting event (Apr 1/2) Dinner provided followed by our popular Pig Roast weekend (Apr 15/16) which ends our winter season at the lodge. Usually fully booked, but openings occur at the last minute. So ask to be waitlisted. If not staying at Lodge for events, let the event organizer know if you are planning to attend, Think about possibly planning an event for next year or attending a possible non winter event here such as hiking or biking. Thanks to all the support from lodge sales and reservations and innkeepers and members who make it possible.

Bob Sjostedt: rcsjostedt@snet.net; Lodge Committee Chairman
George Swepson: gswepson@comcast.net; Lodge Manager



Lodge Reservations: Contact Lisa Durland at (860) 533-1981 before 9:00 p.m. or

mtlres@cox.net

CHEER!

KAYAK MEETING– Wed. April 13 at 6:30 p.m.



If you are thinking about kayaking in summer 2011, please save the date of Wed., April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Whinstone Tavern for a brief informational meeting. Joe, Angie, Fred and Irene will be coordinating the kayak events but members are going to be asked to prepare and lead kayak trips. Events can range from flat water to ocean based kayaking and of course, will have a variety of difficulties. These changes and procedures for submitting kayak events will all be explained at this meeting so please try to attend to get your questions answered.

CT Breast Health Initiative, Walk in the Park

Join team Mt. Laurel Skiers on **Saturday, May 7** to support Breast Cancer research. Log into www.ctraceinthepark.org and then go to our team site 'Mt. Laurel Skiers' to register. Cost is \$26 for adults but pledges from yourself, family and friends can also be added. There is a 1 Mile Walk and 4K walk starting at 10:15. There are also options for 5 K runs for men or women which start at different times.



Cindy Kelly and Rick Sullivan

MONDAY NIGHT BIKING

It's almost time to put away the ski's and dust off our bikes... so dig out those padded shorts and get ready to ride! There are rides available for all levels, routes are marked by the member sponsoring the ride, and pizza or a picnic follows the ride. Helmets are mandatory as is the sign out/sign in policy to ensure that everyone is accounted for each evening. All rides begin at 6:00 each Monday evening, holidays excluded. Plan to arrive early to set up your bike, sign out and obtain a map. Directions to the rides will be posted on our web site and in newsletters. If you are interested in sponsoring a ride, contact the biking co-chairs since the schedule must be planned in advance for each month, thru Labor Day. The first ride of the season will be May 2, St. Gregory Church, Bristol coordinated by Andy and Charlotte Le Clair. This ride is traditionally a joint ride with Newington Ski Club. Pizza will follow the ride at a local restaurant; cost will be determined by ride leaders. Take I-84 West to Rte 72 West, Washington Street . Turn right at end of exit. Travel about 3 miles to intersection of Rte 6 West. Turn left onto Rte 6. Turn right at light onto Stafford Ave. St. Gregory's is 1/2 mile on left. Park in the front, right section of the lot.

Cindy Kelly and Kathy Amenta, Biking Co-Chairs.





MTL ANNUAL BANQUET May 14

it's time to make plans to join everyone for the 55th anniversary Mt. Laurel Banquet. We will be partying the night away at the beautiful Tower Ridge Country Club in Simsbury. The clubhouse banquet room is in a beautiful setting, with a view of the golf course, just under the Heublein tower. We will be enjoying an evening of fine dining, recognition for outstanding service to Mt. Laurel, and for the skiing awards earned during this past season. After dinner, there will be dancing to the live music of 'Tire Biters'. So, get out your semi-formal wear and dancing shoes, and set aside Saturday, May 14th! The festivities start with appetizers at 6:00 pm. Additional details are forthcoming, and will be posted on the website. We look forward to a great turnout and a wonderful evening!!



APRIL 2011

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2 WINE TASTING WEEKEND
 3	4	5	6 Brd & Reg. Mtg	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Reg. Mtg	14	15	16 PIG ROAST WEEKEND
 17	18	19	20 LIP SYNC	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 ANNUAL ELECTIONS	28	29	30

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

SAVE THESE DATES

4/1 Wine Tasting Wknd
 4/6 Bd. & Reg. Mtg.
 4/13 Reg. Mtg.
 4/15 Pig Roast Wknd
 4/20 Lip Sync
 4/27 Reg. Mtg/Elections

5/2 Mon. Night Biking
 5/4 Bd. & Reg. Mtg
 5/7 Annual Walk in the Park
 5/11 Reg. Mtg
 5/14 Annual Banquet
 5/18 Reg. Mtg
 5/25 Reg. Mtg.

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