



Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter March 2010



News from Kay, our Prez....

It's hard to believe that this may be the last month of skiing for this winter season.....as I write this (it's still Feb) we are getting a nice snowfall and I hope this helps to keep the season going. Mt Laurel had a very busy time this winter, between special weekends at the lodge (many more to come in March & April), Monday Night Racing, the fly trip to Zermatt and our annual club race. Thanks to all that make these events possible.

We have one of the big events coming up in March, the CSC on Snow Carnival, being held this year at Mt Snow. I know that our MTL members will make a good showing and have a great time again this year. Thank you Jonathan for heading up this event for the club.

By the time you get this, the Sunday River drive trip will be underway with lots of good skiing and fun. I know the Sunday River staff will make it a great time for all.

We will be having a St Patrick's Day dinner at Whinstone Tavern, hosted by Millie Arnold. Thank you Millie.

As always check out the web site and calendar for all upcoming events. I can't say enough about how much fun it is to be among so many great and fun people. We have fun no matter what we are doing or where we are, thank you to all for giving your time and efforts to make this such a great club.

If you have any ideas for upcoming programs or events let Jonathan Houck know so we can add them to our calendar.

.....Kay

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

MARCH HAPPENINGS!!

The **St Patty's Day Lodge** weekend blast will be **March 12th- March 14th.** --it's coming up fast! Get your lodge reservations made ASAP, as beds are going fast. Call Lisa Durland for reservations. Sharon Houck is your hostess for the weekend and the Traditional corn beef and cabbage (as well as an alternative) will be served on Saturday night.. There will be a Happy Hour and Party to follow the dinner. So let's all go **Green** and join the fun.. Questions call Sharon Houck, 203-272-0560.

MTL Wine Tasting Event at the Lodge. Please join us **Saturday, March 20th** at the Lodge for the annual MTL Wine Tasting event. Last year, it was *Napa Valley picnic*, this year it is *Around the world of wines*. The cost is \$25 per person (checks payable to MTL), which includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and tasting of 7-8 wines. The event will kick off at 5:00 PM and wine will be tasted throughout the evening. Betty Zawacki has a wonderful dinner planned. Make your bunk reservations with Lisa. Please let us know if you will be joining us for this enjoyable event! RSVP to riley3s@comcast.net or 860-677-9088. We look forward to seeing you there. Your hosts: Stacy & Ken, Charlotte & Andy, Betty & Bob

St Paddy's Dinner—March 17

We're on schedule Wednesday night, March 17 to celebrate the Wearing of the Green by eating traditional Irish fare, drinking green beer and being entertained by Irish step dancers at the Whinstone Tavern. There'll be a buffet of Corned Beef and Cabbage, Chicken Francais, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, rye bread and for dessert, Irish Cream Pie. All for \$18.00 (same price as last year). Irish step dancers from the Shamrock School in Plainville will perform. The party begins at 6:30 with drinks at the bar and dinner at 7:00. Will be a fun night so get your tickets at the meeting or mail your checks to Milli Arnold, 42 Brookview Drive, Vernon, CT. 06066.



LATEST LODGE HAPPENINGS!

Where have you been? Haven't seen you up at the lodge yet. We have had a record year for voucher sales, which makes me wonder why more folks aren't taking advantage of our little hide-away. At the risk of repeating myself again and again-**vouchers must be used this season**. They are not refundable, non-transferable and cannot be carried over to next year. Make your reservations today before it's too late!

We have a full schedule of events lined up for your enjoyment. Join us at the lodge after Club Race for a gourmet dinner, which will be prepared by Chef Johnny Hughes. MTL is subsidizing the dinner and there will be a small charge for all dinner guests. Make your reservations to stay at the lodge for "On-Snow" and sign up for the St. Pat's and Wine-Tasting Weekends. Put your name on the waiting list for Pig Roast. Consider a mid-week stay and check out the Okemo website for special online deals: ladies ski for \$39 on Tuesdays and everyone skis for \$39 on March 18 and 25. (Tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance).

Many thanks to Kathy Amenta for hosting Valentine's dinner and a "hearty" breakfast on Sunday. Anyone who has planned an event at the lodge knows how important it is to get an idea as to how many are coming for dinner. Please be considerate of the event planners and let them know whether or not you want to be included in the event weekend and dinner.

A bit of housekeeping. The central alarm system is currently not connected, however the local alarm is fully operational. In the event of a fire, the alarms will sound, with flashing lights. Everyone should leave the lodge immediately and 911 should be called from a safe location. The designated regrouping area is directly to the right of the lodge, in front of the electric company building.

ERIN GO BRAUGH!!
Moe Gaherty
Lodge Manager



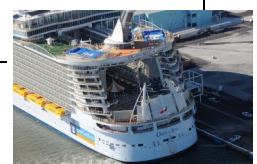
Ski Trip 2010 to Zermatt

We are back. No serious injuries to report and had phenomenal snow with phenomenal weather in a phenomenal location. We did get to ski to Italy 1 day. I want to thank everyone in the group as they were a true joy to have along. Roger with his magic, Chuck with his awards, Wayne with his picture expertise, and Eila with her stomach virus. Please let me know as to your choices for next year as this has to be in place no later than May. Thanks again and remember a follow up picture party will be on May 30 at my home. *Eric C. Ardolino*

October 16-23, 2010 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 with ports of call at Labadee, Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico. For more information on Oasis of the Seas, visit www.oasisoftheseas.com. 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! Space very limited at these rates.** Deposit \$300.00/person. Flights to/from Ft Lauderdale will be out of White Plains, NY.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please email all submissions by the third Wed. of the month to Irene_murray@sbcglobal.net or Fax to (860) 644-3951.



'YOUR COLOR FOR ALL SEASONS'
MARCH 3, 2010– 7:30 P.M.
(at end of meeting)

Lena Dorner has been a certified Image Consultant since 1986. She was trained in color analysis, wardrobe planning and make-up artistry. She has served a variety of clients including MEN and women. Her mission has always been to empower her clients to discover and achieve a look that brings them joy!



THANKS FROM MEMBERS...TO MEMBERS!

Thanks to the MTL Family. I appreciated those who attended my mother's service, sent cards, donations, hugs and prayers. Andy and I are grateful for your friendship and support. **Charlotte LeClair**

What a club! I have been inundated with get well cards, birthday cards, cookies, candies & other special treats. Thanks a million - you're all wonderful. Faye & I also thank you for the many sympathy cards we received for the loss of her Mother. Your old pal, **John Ewen**

Prospective's Perspective Submitted by Kevin Quinn

Being at best a mediocre snowboarder I was cajoled into foolishly entering a race following the reasoning of "gaining points for the club". I knew I was off to a hot start when a girl snowboarder at the bottom of the race course said "the skiers are always faster than the snowboarders ya know" and I'm thinkin' Great !! this is a race right ?

Oh well, I waxed my board last night and I'm very proficient at making a fool of myself part time so..... Now all you skiers out there have to realize that after being able to ski through a Cheerio at 50 miles per hour a snowboard presents a whole new set of needed skills most of which if you don't have by puberty you'll never really acquire.

I got on the lift rode to the top and got off the lift. By the way successfully getting off the lift is absolutely the hardest part of snowboarding . Anyway I got off the lift buckled in and followed some skier with a number on his back through a narrow hole in a fence to where a group of numbered people were mulling about discussing quantum physics and the human genome.....not really. They filtered into two groups, red and blue which I later realized translated into: blue equals anyone who stood a chance and red was everybody else eight to eighty crippled or crazy. I was Red ...Very Red.

That was about the time I really took a good look at the start house. For those of you that have never raced or have never seen the start house it's a tiny two story building with stairs in back to climb up and 45 degree or so snowy icy ramp to really get you started quickly. I thought "two skis no problem..nice pair of grooves in that ramp....snowboard big problem!! Holy cow!!! Looked very similar to being thrown from a second floor window. I thought "it's ok I have insurance..I think I have insurance..I hope I have insurance..."







I noticed the people in front of me disappearing down the hill. My turn came. I said to myself "I can do this." A head popped out of a window next to me and said "You can go". I said "Thanks, by the way this first gate should be on my right correct?" He smiled and nodded. I looked down at the two distinct ski tracks on the ramp and with my snowboard in neither and pushed off. I almost missed the first gate and had to put on the brakes but actually made it and all the other gates too. I was so slow they timed me with a calendar. I completed a second run slightly better and faster than the first and as I've always said "Any day that doesn't involve Lifestar is a good day." Anyway I'd like to thank the people in the club who said "Why don't you try it." THANKS...Quinn

CHEER! A long list of Mtn Laurelers need cheering up. Janice Bacon fell, broke her wrist and needed surgery to repair the injury. Effie Economou is home and facing a long recovery after serious surgery recently. And also under the knife recently was Dennis Allard. On the snow, a fall at Okemo on President's Day brought an early end to Charlotte LeClair's skiing season. Lorie Bernard broke her wrist; Kevin Quinn dislocated his shoulder at Monday Night Racing (see preceding article). And now for some good news - Peter Piwarzyk is a grandfather for the first time He got the news of his grandson's birth just after arriving in Zermatt - a great beginning to a great trip. Jean Leonard's son is engaged! If you have any news of members, please let me know at 860-871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com. Thanks, Milli



MARCH 2010

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3	4	5	6
				Brd & Reg. Meeting			CSC On-Snow Mt. Snow
	7		8	9	10	11	12
CSC On-Snow		Sunday River Trip 3/7-3/12		Reg. Mtg.		St. Paddy's Weekend	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				St. Paddy's Dinner 7:30 Newsletter Deadline		Downhill Instruct's	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Reg. Mtg.			
	28	29	30	31			
				Reg. Mtg.			

Remember...
Meetings at Whinstone
Tavern

Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
Reg. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

See Calendar for
March events and
articles in newsletter for
details.

APRIL

Apr. 7 Board & Reg.
Meeting

Apr. 14 Reg. Meeting

Apr. 15-17 Pig Roast
Weekend

April 21 Reg. Meeting

April 28 Reg. Meeting

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