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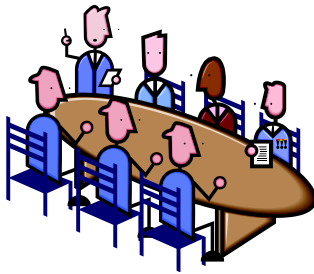
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Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

I know it has been a long time since there was a full general meeting, but we are entering an important time in the Club year. This is the time when we attempt to find list of candidates to fill the Board positions for 2008-2009.

There are six Board positions in which a member can run: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ski Director and Membership Director. To run for one of these positions you have to have been a member as of June 2007. The term of office is from June 2008 to June 2009, although the Ski Director needs to start working prior to June.



MCSC Board positions are not like appointments to the Supreme Court in which you serve for life. The only way the Club or any organization can survive is by having a constant influx of new people on the Executive Board. The people who have held these positions since June 2007 have done a fine job, but all of them are not planning to serve on the board again next year.

There is a significant time commitment in serving as an office of the Club, but I feel most everyone who has served will tell you it was a rewarding experience. The time commitment is less than it was 10 years ago, as advances in technology have made it a lot easier.

If you have any questions about a specific position please contact any Board member and we will give you more information about the position or how the Board operates. The Club will be taking nominations through

the end of March, so I urge you to step forward and run for a position.

By the time you read this we will have only two more ski trips to go, so we are now planning social activities for the other nine months of the year. Beth has planned a number of activities that she needs leaders for. These activities include the Cape May bike trip, fall bike trip, horseback riding, plays, trips to Yankee Stadium and probably Shea stadium, as well as our traditional activities such as the Beach Bike Ride and Year End Party.

Some of these events require more work than others, but running an activity is a great way to get more involved in the Club and to get to know the members and guests better. Once again we need your help to make these events happen.

As I mentioned, we have not had a full meeting since early January and there will be a number of people away in Aspen for the Feb. 26 meeting. In the meantime we have had successful ski trips to Innsbruck and Quebec. We also had 25 people see the NJ Devils/LA Kings hockey game at the "Rock" and a few people had an interesting adventure catching their train. You will have to read the rest of the newsletter that Jill puts together to find out more. Hope to see you soon.

SKI (AND SNOWBOARD) REPORT

Andy Modale





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Ski Season is in full swing. At press time we had 60 people poised to go on what will be an epic trip to Aspen, CO. This represents one of the largest trips MCSC has embarked on in recent history. Thanks again to all of the members for working out rooming in the condos as these accommodations allow us to stay in Aspen at the base of the mountain for an unbelievable price. I'm sure we'll hear more about this event in the future!

We also ran two large and very successful international trips to Innsbruck and Munich as well as a great trip to Quebec for the winter carnival.



We still have a few openings for our annual St Patty's weekend to Stratton, VT, and one opening for our long weekend season wrap up trip to Keystone, CO. Consult our web site for details on these trips and how to contact the trip leader.

Work on the ski survey has begun! Thanks for all of your great suggestions so far. If you have more suggestions on where you would like to go drop me an e-mail entitled "MCSC Ski Survey". The survey will be sent to you online and will be shorter this year. Everyone who completes the survey will be eligible for two lift tickets at a resort participating in the NJSC voucher program.

I'll be attending the worldwide MTS ski show in Vail as well as the regional MTS show in Morris Plains soon to look for great trips and accommodations for the club. This will give the next Ski Director a great start on the next season. Speaking of next season, MCSC Elections will be in full swing soon and as some of you know I will not be running for the position of Ski Director. It's important that we nominate a

person or people soon as the time to begin planning 2009 trips is NOW and not after the election. I can begin to share information with anyone interested in the position, which will assure us great accommodations, dates and pricing!

Thanks to the present MCSC Board as well as last year's Board. Special thanks go out to Tony Tarullo and Paul VanDuyne for their wisdom and history of the club, and all of the past trip leaders who made this position easy:

- "JT" for selling the hell out of a New Years trip which never materialized.
- "Jake" for sharing your first hand info on Zermatt and allowing me to talk you into running the trip.
- Ed Tideman for taking us all to relatively obscure Whitefish, Montana, and ensuring we had a great time. If anyone needs a custom-made tour book on the area I have one!
- Anil for planning a great super bowl trip to Sugarbush.
- Tom and Helen for a great trip to Stowe and providing tons of snow.
- Jeff and Lori Baldwin for leading the Winter Park trip.
- Tony Tarullo for the recent trip to Innsbruck and Munich .
- Trevor Smith and Karen Smith for leading lots of crazy people to "the Great White North" for a long weekend of partying at the Quebec Winter Carnival!



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- In advance I would like to thank Jill Christensen and Nancy McLaughlin for running two trips that have not departed yet to Keystone and Stratton.
- And Doug Leite for helping to introduce me to this position and for being brave enough to take 60 people to Aspen for a week.
- ...and all of the day trip leaders.

way to meet club members. Finally, I want to thank Matt B. for doing a fantastic job editing *Ski Tales* every month and to all of the Board members and trip leaders who contribute articles. It's truly a fantastic team effort!

I would also like to thank Kim for helping me out when I became overwhelmed and attending ski shows with me, and Jean Henry and Tom Buhlinger for opening their homes for the huge ski survey parties.

Who am I forgetting? Oh yeah... All of you who hopped on a trip in the last few years, had a great time and gave me continued feedback. Ski trips have always been my main source of vacation and they are even better now since finding the MCSC. Again, I'm honored to help plan these trips for all of you.

See you on the slopes or sitting in the crowd at meetings having a beer.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Jill Christensen

May 2008 will mark my one-year term as editor of *Ski Tales*. If you are interested in taking the reigns and managing this monthly publication please let me know: jilljaws@yahoo.com. Using the template it only takes a few hours a month to complete and is a great



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Felix Costa	9-March
Mike Ryan	10-March
Rosa Iaria	11-March
Jason Kay	12-March
Robert Weissman	14-March
Michael Henches	16-March
Salvatore Rutigliano	17-March
Xu Wenxiu	17-March
Mary Chaplin	18-March
Mariana Falong	20-March
Timothy Harvey	22-March
Shelly Zanowicz	23-March
Terri Laird	24-March
Wayne Rudy	24-March
Susan Wieters	24-March
Edward Tideman	27-March
Denise Kaye	29-March
Desiree Sullivan	29-March
Otto Valladures	29-March
Chris Billings	30-March



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MCSC CALENDAR: UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Windham Mountain Day Trip	March 2	Windham, NY
MCSC Meeting	March 11	Parsippany Hilton Hotel
St. Patty's Trip to Stratton	March 14-17	Stratton, VT
MCSC Meeting	March 25	Parsippany Hilton Hotel
Keystone Trip	March 26-30	Keystone, CO
Bowling Outing	March 28	Rockaway, NJ
Tennis Party	April 5	Florham Park, NJ
MCSC Meeting	April 8	Parsippany Hilton Hotel
MCSC Meeting	April 22	Parsippany Hilton Hotel

Please contact Beth Malkin at bethmalkin@yahoo.com if you would like to lead an event. She is looking for trip leaders.



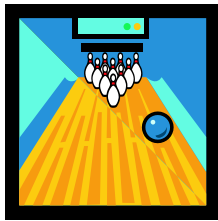
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UPCOMING EVENT SUMMARIES

Bowling in Rockaway

The MCSC is planning a night at the lanes: Rockaway Lanes. The fun starts on Friday, March 28, with drinks/snacks (at your expense) at The Exchange in Rockaway followed by two hours of unlimited bowling beginning at 9 p.m. The cost is \$15. Please contact Matt at captmatt8@yahoo.com or Kim at kimcastellucci@yahoo.com for more information.



Night of Tennis

Join the MCSC on April 5 from 7-11 p.m. for an evening of tennis at the Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, NJ. The event costs \$35, which includes tennis, food and non-alcoholic beverages. You may bring your own beer or wine. We are looking to have a total of 30 people. Please contact Tim at 973-722-1400 or harveybuilding@aol.com for more information.

Cape May Bike Ride Weekend

Join the MCSC May 16-18 for our Spring Bike Weekend in Cape May. There will be two organized rides - a shorter ride of around 20 miles and a longer ride of 35-40 miles. We will stay at the Atlas Inn, an oceanfront hotel with a sauna, swimming pool and exercise room. Member's cost is \$205 per person, which includes two nights lodging double occupancy and three meals. Members have sign-up priority through March 25. After that the cost for members and guests will be \$230. Please contact Beth at 973-670-0065 or bethmalkin@yahoo.com for more information.

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES



NJ Devil's Hockey

Jeff Baldwin

We came, we saw, and the Devils kicked butt! On Saturday, Feb. 2, 25 Morris County Ski Clubbers descended upon downtown Newark on route to the "Rock". About half drove in while the other half hit the rails of NJ Transit. We made some friends on the train who were more than happy to share the extra libations they brought.

Once in Newark we hopped the light rail to Penn station, but not before we were subjected to a five-minute tirade from a local eccentric (AKA nutcase). We headed to Scully's Publik house to meet up with some more MCSC comrades. We enjoyed the Pub's atmosphere, food and, of course, the beer.

Next on our itinerary was the Prudential Center, AKA "The Rock". The new arena for the Devils is a gem to behold. With several bars, food venues, beer stands and even a man hand-rolling cigars, there really is a vice for every taste. Our seats were excellent. Nestled low in a corner, but high enough to see the entire rink, we were treated to a great vantage point for watching the game.

The Devils did not disappoint us. They jumped to an early lead and managed to keep it for the entire game. That's not to say the LA Kings didn't give the crowd a good show. The two teams combined for six goals in the second period alone. The Kings even turned it up a notch in the third, out-shooting the Devils 13 shots to 3. But the Devils hung on and even managed to add to their tally 2 minutes after LA scored in the third. When the final buzzer sounded, the Devils celebrated their 6 to 3 victory over the visiting Kings.



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We left the arena with our spirits and heads held high. However, the excitement was just beginning for seven of our group. It's not often that you get a ride in a police squad car from the arena to the train station. I'm sure it was a new experience for most of them (no place like home, eh Andy?). So keep your schedule open next season for our annual Devils trip, you won't be disappointed. And remember; keep your stick on the ice.



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GORE LIFT TICKET FOR SALE -- Gore Unlimited Lift Ticket for sale for \$40. Please contact Tom at buhlinger@aol.com.

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