



# Ski Tales

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Newsletter  
January 2008

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. I'm sure the ski resorts did as many areas had their best December in a long time. Some Vermont areas were almost 100% open before Christmas as they received the most natural snow ever in December. Due to a couple of warm spells the eastern ski areas do not have as much of their terrain open as they did earlier, but their snowmaking trails are in fine shape. The western ski areas are also doing well.

Our Aspen trip captain, Doug L., went to Aspen in early December and reported fine conditions. Meanwhile Sal R. was quoted in Vail's daily paper about the excellent snow conditions there in early January. This is much different than last January when the eastern ski conditions were far from ideal. As I write we have a group of skiers in Innsbruck, Austria, enjoying the European snow and party scene.



Our Quebec trip and Aspen trips are sold out, but we have openings for the Stratton ski trip during St. Patrick's Day weekend and the Keystone trip at the end of March. For more information on these trips please see Andy Modale's column.

We also have a day trip scheduled for Elk Mountain for Saturday, Feb. 16. We originally tried to run this trip in early January, but postponed it following a week of warm weather and rain. Ann Shea has agreed to run this trip, so we have scheduled it for the Saturday of President's weekend. We are also planning a day trip to Ski Windham in early March.

We had fantastic turn-out (probably around 150) at our December Happy Hour. The number was significantly less for the January Happy hour at George and Martha's, but we still had a good crowd and the place was very accommodating. In February we will be going to Dolce (previously the North Maple Inn) and in March we plan to go to Miami Mike's at the East Hanover Ramada Inn. Lisa M. has been putting a lot of effort into finding places that will accommodate us, many places cannot, and we greatly appreciate it.

The Club has been planning a number of social events for the spring. The major event is the spring bike trip to Cape May. The dates will be May 16-18 which is a little later than the past year, but Beth was able to get us a good package at the Atlas. We will put this trip on sale at the first February meeting. Other events we are planning are horse back riding, bowling, a Hibachi Grill dinner, hikes, and trips to Yankee and Shea Stadiums. We also talked about some ideas for the Year-End Party.

The start of the New Year means its time to put a nominating committee together to find candidates willing to run for Board positions in the upcoming MCSC elections to be held this spring. The current Board has done a great job, but these positions are not lifetime positions like a Supreme Court Justice! It's key to the health of the Club to constantly bring new people into leadership positions.

If you are interested in one of the Board positions - President, Vice President, Ski Director, Treasurer, Secretary, or Membership Chair - or if you know someone who truly is interested please step forward. If you have any questions you may contact me or any of the Board members. Thank you.



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## SKI (AND SNOWBOARD) REPORT

Andy Modale



For those of you who are used to seeing long articles from me you'll be relieved to know this will be brief since I'm off to Austria in a few hours with 42 MCSC members. I traveled with the MCSC on my first trip abroad and have been back every year since. It's great to travel someplace new and experience new foods and cultures all the while enjoying great company. Think of it as an AAF on the road!

This trip should be no different as Tony has done considerable work setting up great day trips and Ed has shared where to ski and how to keep from getting lost in some vast ski areas. There will be no "inter-country" skiing and riding as we did in Zermatt, but Innsbruck and the surrounding mountains have lots to offer. As you read this you can chuckle and know that we will try to find the N.Y. Giants vs. Green Bay Packers game in Innsbruck as it will begin at 1 a.m. and end around 4 a.m.

If you have never been to Europe, get on the trip next year as you won't find a better way to "get your feet wet".

At press time we only had a handful of spots left on Stratton for St. Patrick's Day and five openings for Keystone, so check the MCSC site and get a spot now. All of our other trips (Quebec Winter Carnival and Aspen) are sold out.

Trip leaders have been working hard and all the trips will offer some unique experiences. I want to thank them for their spirit and motivation to provide you all with the best trips possible!

## ALIVE AFTER FIVE (AAF) HAPPY HOUR

Lisa Margolis

AAF is an opportunity for Club members and friends to relax, unwind and socialize together at a monthly Happy Hour at area bars and pubs.



### February AAF: Dolce (Formerly the North Maple Inn)

On Friday, Feb. 15, the Coasters Lounge at Dolce will provide us with a warm ambiance and friendly atmosphere, so we can relax and enjoy our AAF from 5-8 p.m. Coasters also offers billiards amid a spirited, pub-like atmosphere. There will be complimentary appetizers and happy hour drink specials.

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 15, at 5 p.m.

**Place:** Dolce of Basking Ridge (formerly the North Maple Inn), 300 North Maple Ave., Basking Ridge

**Phone:** 1-800-953-3007

**Directions:** Dolce is located off Route 287 (the North Maple Ave. exit).

- First right turn (295/300 North Maple).

- Go straight up drive way, passing the 300 North Maple/Dolce Basking Ridge sign.

- Parking lot is on the right.

- To map directions from a specific location, please visit <http://baskingridge.dolce.com>.



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## WELCOME, NEW MCSC MEMBERS!

Blanche Hepplewhitez

Sandra Jarp

Jim Malone

Carol Angelson Noyes

Pieter Richards

Kathy Weber



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alice Schwartz	Feb. 5
Helen McLaughlin	Feb. 7
Grace Ehrenbeck	Feb. 9
Chris Grech	Feb. 11
Christopher Kohut	Feb. 13
Tony Tarullo	Feb. 13
JoAnne Toth	Feb. 13
Kathleen Matrale	Feb. 14
Jim Munroe	Feb. 14
Leon Sample	Feb. 14
John Fritzen	Feb. 15
Sylvia Gummer	Feb. 16
Beth Hyslip	Feb. 18
Donald Smith	Feb. 18
Peter Grossgold	Feb. 20
Dave Harding	Feb. 20
Paul Van Duyne	Feb. 23
Tom Miller	Feb. 26



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## MCSC UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Devil's Hockey Game	Feb. 2	Newark, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Feb. 12	Parsippany Hilton Hotel
AAF Happy Hour	Feb. 15	Basking Ridge, NJ (Dolce/North Maple Inn)
Quebec Winter Carnival Trip	Feb. 6-10	Quebec, Canada
MCSC Meeting	Feb. 26	Parsippany Hilton Hotel
Aspen Ski Trip	Feb. 23-March 1	Aspen, CO
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

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



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## UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS



### NJ Devil's Hockey

**Jeff Baldwin**

On Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. the NJ Devils take on the Los Angeles Kings at their new home, the fabulous Newark Prudential Center. **Tickets are sold out**, but for more information contact Jeff Baldwin at [mi2clever@aol.com](mailto:mi2clever@aol.com). Trip attendees plan on getting together in advance of the game for dinner/drinks.



## ADVERTISEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

### Classifieds

Here's a list of great places to rent with free shuttle service. For additional info contact Tom at 973-503-0100 or [Buhlinger@aol.com](mailto:Buhlinger@aol.com).

### Winter Park - Pines at Meadow Ridge

Presidents Week, Feb. 16-23, 08. 3 BR, 3 Bath (unit 42B-11; sleeps 8). **\$2,700**

### Vail - Streamside at Vail - Aspen

Upscale units with Rec Center. Unit 101; sleeps 6. 1 BR, 2 Bath. Feb. 23-Mar. 1, 08 or March 15-22, 08. **\$1,600**

### Heavenly Valley

Americana Resort, Feb. 24-Mar. 2, 08. Sun.-Sun., 1 BR, 1 Bath, Sleeps 4. Few blocks from gondola. **\$1,000**

### Loon - Village at Loon Mountain Lodges

Feb. 23 - Mar. 1, 08. 1 BR, 1 Bath, Sleeps 4. Adjacent to Loon Ski Area. **\$1,100**

### Steamboat - Celebrity Resorts Suites

Mar. 15-22, 08. 1 BR, 1 Bath, Sleeps 4. **\$1,000**

### Myrtle Beach - Peppertree by the Sea (ocean)

Feb. 10- 17, 08. Sun. - Sun., 2 BR, 2 bath (unit 603, sleeps 6). More than 100 quality golf courses. **\$1,600**



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