



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
July 2008

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

As we reach the mid-point of the summer season, I hope everyone is having a good summer. At our July meeting, we put the Park City New Year's Ski Trip on sale and received a good number of sign-ups. At the first August meeting we will put our European trip to Three Valleys, France on sale, and at the second August meeting, the week long trip to Crested Butte will go on sale. We only had one meeting in each of the months of June and July, but starting in August, we will go back to meeting twice a month.

Starting at the August meeting, we will have our membership renewal forms available. The renewals are not due until October, but this will give you plenty of time to renew. In order to sign up for the Park City, Three Valleys or Crested Butte Ski Trips, you must be a member.

In the past month, Tony Tarullo led a group to see the NY Mets beat the Seattle Mariners at Shea Stadium. On Saturday June 28, we had our End of Year Party at the Lake Mohawk Country Club. We started the evening with cocktails on the beach and then went inside for dinner and dancing to the band "Say Uncle". Andy Modale, our outgoing Ski Director, was presented with the "Outstanding Member Plaque" (well deserved) during the party. Mary Chaplin and Diane Engel did a great job in co-running the event. This past Friday we had a very good turn-out at our AAF at the Bamboo Grille. We enjoyed discounted drinks and free appetizers. We also listened to the band "Mid Life Crisis" which was playing outside. Good choice of location, Lisa.

By the time you read this, we should have completed our kayak trip and have gone to Yankee Stadium to see the resurgent Yankees battle the LA Angels of Anaheim. The Yankees are in the process of making their typical second charge in an attempt to catch the Boston Red Sox. Other upcoming Club events are the Beach Bike Ride at Point Pleasant on Saturday

August 9, a trip to Gettysburg September 12-14, and a Scavenger Hunt on October 4. Our next AAF is Friday August 22 at the Tap Room (Somerset Hills Hotel). These events are open to members and guests alike, so come join us. Have a good August and hope to see you at a Club event.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

Based on your feedback in the ski survey, we will be heading to **3 Valleys, France** in January. The trip is going on sale at the August 12 meeting. We will be staying in Meribel, which is the middle valley, so access to all three valleys is optimal, and the hotel is walking distance to the lift. We have a two-day extension to Lyon, France, which is the culinary capital of Europe and the 3rd largest city in France. For more details, please attend the next meeting where you will be able to pick up a flier. The cost is \$2675, and the first payment of \$700 is due Aug. 12.

We still have openings for the New Year's trip to **Park City, Utah** and fliers will be available at the next meeting.

The weeklong US trip will be **Crested Butte** in February, which will be going on sale at the August 25th meeting. We will be staying at the Grand Lodge Crested Butte which is 200 yards from lifts. There is an indoor/outdoor pool, in house spa, Grille that serves 3 meals a day, and an exercise room. 5 day lift ticket is included. Price is \$1640 with first payment of \$410.00 due by the 1st meeting in October or a late fee of \$35 will be incurred. A flyer will be available at the Aug. 25 meeting with all the details.



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Judee Szaro Treanor	2
Natalia Gaida	4
Pete DeMeo	6
Dawn San Filippo	8
Frank Matturri	11
Katie Maher	15
Geralyn LaNeve	18
Anil Rastogi	21
Jill Christensen	27

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marty Schwartz	3
Brian Baldwin	8
Mary Ann Murphy	9
Bill Oeschger	10
Blanche Hepplewhite	13
Deborah Schmitt	13
Anne Barbagallo	16
Sandra Jarp	20
Lynn Mellor	20
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NEW MEMBERS

Michael Kapp

Stephen Watson



MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

MCSC Meeting	Aug. 12	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Beach Bike Ride	Aug. 9	Pt. Pleasant, NJ
AAF	Aug. 22	Tap Room, Warren, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Aug. 26	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Sept. 9	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Bike Weekend	Sept. 12 - 14	Gettysburg, PA
MCSC Meeting	Sept. 23	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Scavenger Hunt	Oct. 4	NY, NY

Please contact Beth Malkin at bethmalkin@yahoo.com if you would like to lead an event. Please remember that you must lead an event before you can be considered to lead a ski trip.



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UPCOMING EVENTS: AAF HAPPY HOURS



August AAF at the Tap Room (Somerset Hills Hotel) in Warren

Please come join us Friday, August 22, 2008 and bring your fun summer adventures to share with your old and new friends.

Happy Hour will be from 5:00-7:30, featuring \$1.00 off wine and beer drinks. We will also be provided with complimentary appetizers. The Tap Room offers a full menu for those who would like to have dinner.

Join your fellow members and friends for some good drinks and laughs outside on the patio. There will be a live band at 10:00 for us to enjoy so get those dancing shoes dusted off!

Please contact Lisa at LisaSLP@aol.com with any questions/concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SOCIAL EVENTS

Beach Bike Ride

Join the Morris County Ski Club for an event that has grown to be an annual favorite, our MCSC's mid-summer beach bike-ride down in Point Pleasant New Jersey on **Saturday August 9, 2008**. The two rides, 15 and 35 miles that we will be offering are perfect for those that want a good time out in the sun, riding on flat, lightly traveled roads.

Once again we will start and finish at Point Pleasant, which will provide plenty of options for post-ride festivities. Sun-bathing, swimming, boardwalk activities, cocktails and dinner are all within walking distance at this seaside hot spot, and changing rooms with showers are available (for a nominal fee). Since

we are expecting a large crowd, group dinner reservations will not be made, but we will meet for afternoon cocktails either at Martell's Tiki Bar on the boardwalk or at the Wharfside. Everyone will then be free to make his or her own dinner and evening plans.

To sign up, or for more information contact Deborah Schmitt 908-647-3836 or deborahgsch@yahoo.com.

Gettysburg, PA Fall Bike Weekend

We will be heading to Gettysburg, PA on **September 12-14, 2008** for a weekend of biking. There will be 2 organized rides: long and short. The cost is \$230.00 for members until August 19 (then \$250.00 for members and non members).

To sign up make check payable to Morris County Ski Club and bring to a meeting or mail to Avis Krause at 112 Countryside Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. If you have any questions you may reach Avis Krause at 908-766-4226 (avis.krause.b@bayer.com) or Rob Geraghty at 908-604-4689 (rgeraghty@alcatel-lucent.com).

"Gansters of New York" Scavenger Hunt, New York City

MCSC will be heading to New York City on **Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 pm** for a "Gansters of New York" Scavenger Hunt. The cost is \$27 per person.

Discover the bygone haunts and battlegrounds of gangs and gangsters in Little Italy and Chinatown. Visit the notorious Five Points spot that inspired the book and movie *Gangs of New York*. You'll also discover cafes, bakeries, teahouses, stores, markets, historic buildings, TV and movie locations (*The Godfather*) and more! Along the way, you'll discover the answers to such questions as: What word got rubbed out where Joey Gallo ordered clams and got slugs? What place associated with



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Lucky Luciano and Jimmy Hoffa has traded mobsters for lobsters? What beasts stand guard where Don Corleone got shot? And at the Bloody Angle, what can you do with a "fun goon"?

For more information, contact Deirdre Murphy at (908) 419-1521 / redmurph7@hotmail.com or Mary Jo Murphy at 908-377-2575 / mojo6jojo@yahoo.com

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Mets Game (Tony Tarullo)

On a lovely evening in mid June, sixteen members of the Morris County Ski Club headed out to Shea Stadium to see the Mets take on the Seattle Mariners in the finale of a three game series. About half the crowd gathered at the Hanover Marriott to carpool into the stadium, while the rest headed straight to Queens via car or train.

Although the Mets were in third place at the time and struggling (including an 11-0 drubbing by the Mariners the night before), optimism flowed as new manager Jerry Manuel had just taken over for the recently fired Willy Randolph.

Spirits were high as we all made our way to the ballpark on this beautiful night for baseball, a comfortable summer evening with temperatures in the sixties.

The Mets wasted little time providing something for our group to cheer about as they started the scoring with a 1st inning homer by home town hero David Wright. A two run homerun by Wright in his next at bat in the 2nd inning boosted the Mets lead to 4-0.

The Mets capped their end of the scoring in the third inning by putting up four more runs highlighted by a three run homerun from Jose Reyes that had the crowd on its feet to chants of "Jose, Jose, Jose".

Meanwhile, Mets pitcher John Maine was cruising along without even allowing the Mariners' batters a hit until the 5th inning en route to their 8-2 win.

As we enjoyed the action on the field, in the stands the beer was flowing and we ate to our hearts' delights. Hot dogs were a crowd favorite and a number of us were tempted by ice cream. Hey, why's everyone staring at my sausage (sandwich)? Food circulated through our crowd (more peanuts or cracker jacks, anyone?) while Nancy M was kind enough to even share popcorn from her special box.

We all enjoyed a quick, well played Mets' victory and plenty of food / drinks as part of this fun evening with our MCSC friends. We all look forward to returning next year to watch the Mets at Citifield, their new stadium, which we were able to admire in the distance.

Horseback Riding (Steve Rauscher)

On Saturday, May 31st, with a cloudy day giving way to a sunny and mild evening, 20 adventurous, horse-loving members of the Ski Club ventured up to Echo Lake Stables for an evening of fun.

Riders of all abilities mounted their 'western saddled' horses and took off along a scenic trail, riding for about two hours.

Anticipating that the weather might not cooperate for the remainder of the evening, some attempted the two-step and a few line dances to C&W DJ entertainment, as the 'Western BBQ' was enjoyed under cover of the barn.

To round out the evening, and with the weather holding, Ski Club members enjoyed a traditional hayride. Everyone had a great time!



Year End Party (Mary Chaplin and Diane Engel)

Over 50 MCSC members and guests gathered at the Lake Mohawk Country Club on Saturday June 28th for the Year End Beach Party.

The weather couldn't have been better, as the rain had stopped earlier in the afternoon and Mother Nature provided spectacular sunshine and a light breeze for the start of the party, which began with cocktails and appetizers on the beach. After the 1 hour open bar, we moved inside the Country Club to enjoy a buffet dinner and a live band - Say Uncle.

The beach theme continued inside where each table was decorated with a Tiki Torch or Palm Tree balloon, sand toys and beach balls. Everyone got into the spirit by blowing up beach balls and in true MCSC fashion everyone was soon batting the beach balls around, ending with a spectacular finale of beach ball butchery on the dance floor. The party lasted well into the night and the band was able to keep up with us - the dance floor was never empty.

In the midst of all the merriment, Andy Modale was presented with the member of the year award and a heartfelt thanks for all the hard work he had done as Ski/Snowboard Director. Thanks Andy!

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