



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
June 2008

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

I hope everyone had a good spring and is looking forward to the summer. As we start the summer season, we will only be meeting once a month during June and July, and in August, we will go back to meeting twice a month. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 8. We have had three meetings at our new home, the East Hanover Ramada, and the Board has been pleased with the set up of the meetings and the bar.

As we enter the summer season, we welcome our new Ski Director, Sal Rutigliano. Sal and the Club have already booked ski trips to Park City, Three Valleys, Crested Butte, and Snowbasin/Powder Mountain. We will start putting the trips on sale later this summer.

On the social front, the Club just finished an evening of horseback riding and participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for life. A number of members participated in an afternoon of softball and socializing with members of the Hoboken and Short Hills Ski Clubs and we also recently had a joint Happy Hour with the Garden State Ski Club.

Since there are many private parties and a number of people on vacation, the number of Club social events during the summer is reduced. We will still have our monthly Happy Hours during the summer, in addition to trips to Shea and Yankee Stadiums. The Yankee Stadium trip was especially popular, as we sold our allotment of 40 tickets in 3 days. On Saturday, August 9 we will be spending the day at Point Pleasant, starting with a bike ride, then going to the beach and finishing the day with a happy hour and dinner at one of the local establishments. Since we arrive at Point Pleasant early for the ride, there should not be a problem with parking. This is a fun event for members and guests alike. Another event

scheduled for late summer is a trip to Gettysburg during the weekend of September 12 - 14 for biking and golfing. This event, as well as a scavenger hunt scheduled for early October, will be going on sale shortly.

Have a good and safe summer season, enjoy the holiday weekend, and hope to see you at a Club event soon.

Paul Van Duyne



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

It looks like another exciting year for ski trips in 2009. The trips are being finalized and will include Park City, Utah (New Year's), Three Valleys, France (week-long in January), Ogden, Utah (long weekend in March), Crested Butte, Colorado (week-long in February), and Waterville Valley, New Hampshire (long weekend in March), as well as a couple of day trips (such as Elk and Wyndham). We will need trip leaders, so please contact Sal Rutigliano if you are interested.

The Park City, Utah (New Year's) trip will be going on sale at the next ski club meeting on July 8 and more details will be available for all the trips.



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
June 2008



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy McLaughlin	1
David Schwartz	1
Virginia Kodack	2
Sharon McNulty	2
Robert Schwartz	3
Sunny Ross	5
Greg Ekizian	7
Diane DeMilia	8
Anthony Riccardi	16
Cindy Humphrey	18
Tobi Klein	23
Anthony Caruso	24
Alan McDermott	24
Richard Mendez	24
Olga Powzaniuk	24
Munn Hammel	28
Tom Buhlinger	30
Michael Salerno	31

NEW MEMBERS

Marti Kung



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
June 2008



MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

MCSC Meeting	July 8	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Kayaking Trip	July 27	Barryville, NY
Yankee Baseball Game	July 31	Bronx, NY
MCSC Meeting	Aug. 12	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Beach Bike Ride	Aug. 9	TBD
MCSC Meeting	Aug. 26	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ

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.



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
June 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS: AAF HAPPY HOURS



July AAF at Bamboo Grille in Basking Ridge

Please come join us on Friday, July 25, 2008 at the Famous Bamboo Grill and enjoy the open-air Patio. Let's exchange summer stories either at the indoor or outdoor bar. We will have happy hour from 4:00-7:00 with 20% off your drinks and complimentary appetizers. *Please get your drinks from the inside bar.* You can also purchase appetizers from the happy hour menu for $\frac{1}{2}$ price. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there. We will be able to enjoy our drinks and get our groove on with live entertainment from Mid Life Crisis.

Directions

FROM NORTH JERSEY

Route 80 West or Route 80 East to Route 287 South to Exit 30-A (N. Maple Avenue - Basking Ridge). Proceed 1/2 mile to first traffic light. Make left onto Madisonville Road. Entrance is 2nd driveway on right.

FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH JERSEY

Take Route 287 North and proceed as above

UPCOMING EVENTS: SOCIAL EVENTS

Kayaking Trip

On Sunday, **July 27**, we will be kayaking on the upper Delaware River. The cost is \$38, which includes kayaks, paddles, life jackets, instruction and local transportation. We will meet in Barryville, NY, where we will rent single kayaks. The trip is eight miles and we will stop along the way for lunch, swimming and photos. We will finish the day at the Cedar Rapids bar and restaurant overlooking the river. For more information or to sign up, contact Paul VanDuyne at 973-473-1426 or p_vanduyne@yahoo.com.

Yankees Baseball Game

Join the Club as we go to historic Yankee Stadium on **July 31**, to see the NY Yankees. The bus will depart at 3:30 p.m. so we have the best chance at touring Monument Park. The event costs \$50 and includes refreshments on the bus. This event is sold out, but please contact Kim KimCastellucci@yahoo.com or Andy AndyModale@yahoo.com to get your name on the wait list.



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.



PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life (Tony Tarullo)

On Saturday June 7, at Veterans Memorial Park in Parsippany, a number of MCSC members took part in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, an overnight walk-a-thon designed to raise money and celebrate cancer survival.

Unlike the rain that marked the start of the event for the past three years, this year's event's 5 PM start was greeted instead with sweltering 90 degree weather with PLENTY of humidity. Dry heat? Not in New Jersey.

Those of us who showed up early (including me and Jeff and Laurie B) set up camp as people started to gather and set up their campsites and accommodations.

After a brief opening ceremony including a speech by a 28 year old cancer survivor, the walk-a-thon officially began with the traditional cancer survivors' lap with those who have been battling the disease taking the initial laps as the crowd gathered and applauded.

Then it was our turn to join them on the track. Because of the oppressive heat, it only took a lap or two of walking before we were quickly dripping in sweat.

As the sun started to set and the temperatures started to cool (since it was still in the 80s even at 8PM), we were joined on the track by other club members include Paul V, Kathy G and Katy S. Kim C showed up shortly thereafter escorting both Andy M and her new puppy, Ebony (not yet a club member).

Out on the track the members of our team joined a number of other walkers who came out to walk in

support of the cause. With various teams giving away goodies, we collected all sorts of items (popcorn, candy, beads, Hawaiian leis, etc) as we circled the track throughout the evening. And Ebony even made a few new friends in the process.

Shortly before 9PM as the final candles were being lit for the luminary ceremony, a heavy thunderstorm quickly rolled in. The event was halted as organizers hurried people off the track and into a large pavilion to keep them out of harms way from lightning. When it was decided afterwards that people's cars would be safer, the crowd quickly dispersed and scurried toward their automobiles.

From there we watched as lightning lit up the sky while thunder boomed nearby. Heavy winds then began to blow as many of the tents took flight across the field. Our large tent was one of the last to blow over, but as it did, it took out the tent next to it as well. The wind even caused the ring of burning luminary bags into a massive burning flame. And the rain began to pour, drenching all that had been scattered by the wind.

After a few minutes though the storm subsided and people began the task of putting the campsites back together and gathering all of their soaked belongs which the wind had strewn in various directions. But the change in weather had definitely cooled things off and left behind excellent temperatures for walking.

Candles were re-lit for the luminary ceremony where the track is lit only by the candles burning in memory of those fighting or lost to cancer. It was a truly moving experience for all of us there to witness it. The delayed 11PM ceremony also ran into some additional technical difficulties, but still provided a number of heart felt moments nonetheless for all those in attendance.



Afterwards, our team members joined all the other walkers in attendance as we took laps around the track lit mainly by the candles burning around it.

After a long night of walking, a number of our team members eventually headed home in search of a good night's rest knowing that they had helped with their support of this worthy cause.

For the night our team (Rebels for a Cause) raised more than a thousand dollars and the event raised more than sixty thousand dollars to help fight the battle against this dreaded disease. Thanks again to all who contributed and, of course, to the many members who came out to walk that night. I hope to see you there again next year.

MCSC Committee Members

- AAF Coordinator** **Lisa Margolis**
lisaslp@aol.com
- NJSC Rep** **Steve Rauscher**
Steve.Rauscher@andrew.com
- Ski Tales Editor** **Ann Shea**
ashea2@optonline.net
- Webmaster** **Anthony Caruso**
ajc@ajcis.com

www.MorrisCountySkiClub.com

CONTACTS

MCSC Executive Board

- President** **Paul Van Duyne**
p_vanduyne@yahoo.com
- Vice President** **Beth Malkin**
bethmalkin@yahoo.com
- Secretary** **Matt Buoncuore**
CaptMatt8@yahoo.com
- Treasurer** **Lori Baldwin**
RNI2Clever@yahoo.com
- Ski Director** **Sal Rutigliano**
salrutig@aol.com
- Membership Director** **Tobi Klein**
JrsyGirl723@aol.com