



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

We have just completed a successful 2007-2008 Ski Club. We had a lot of great ski trips and activities capped by our Spring Bike Trip to Cape May.

I was fortunate to have great Board to work with this past year. Beth Malkin, Andy Modale, Lori Baldwin, Tobi Klein and Matt Buoncuore put forth a great deal of effort at their respective position and did a great job. Fortunately almost all will be back at their current positions in the upcoming year.

The exception is Andy Modale who decided after two years as Ski Director to not seek re-election. Andy booked some phenomenal ski trips, which many of you went on and enjoyed. Andy also provided interesting PPT presentations to help sell the trips and liven up our meetings. He is currently helping our new Ski Director, Sal Rutigliano, in the transition period. I am sure I speak for everyone in saying we owe a great deal of thanks to Andy for all his hard work.

Besides Andy leaving we have two non-elected members leaving their respective positions. Jill Christensen has done a great job in putting the newsletter together the past year including the reminders to me to write my articles. Ann Shea has volunteered to put the newsletter together in the upcoming year. Steve Rauscher has decided to step down as Ski Council Rep after two years. Currently we are still looking for someone to fill that position. Lisa Margolis has remained the AAF coordinator. We would like to thank Jill, Steve, and Lisa for all their efforts the past year/s and it was well appreciated.

We started the Ski Club year at the Hanover Marriott, but due to cost and renovations had to move our meeting location to the Parsippany Hilton. We had some rocky moments at the Hilton and finally in May we moved our meeting location to the East Hanover Ramada Inn. I was very pleased with the set

up at the first meeting and many people enjoyed socializing at the bar after. I hope we are able to meet at the Ramada for a long time to come.

As we approach summer we have number of activities planned. These include the horseback riding on May 31, Relay for Life on June 7, Year End Party on June 28, Mets game on June 25 and Yankee game on July 31. Recent additions to the calendar include a day of kayaking on July 27 and the Beach Bike Ride day tentatively set for Aug. 9. Of course we still have our monthly AAF's during the summer season where we try to choose locations which have an outside area. Have a good summer season and hope to see you soon.



OUTGOING SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andy Modale

Seems like the ski season really never stops for the MCSC. As one ski season wraps up, planning takes off almost immediately for the next season. Even as the Club heads to the shore for a Cape May bike trip or plans a year-end beach party, the Ski Director enters a very busy time as we work out the details for some exciting trips.

Sal Rutigliano is already working hard planning trips for next season. Personally, I would like to thank Sal for stepping up to the plate, giving back to the Club and doing so early enough that we can make a smooth transition. Please give Sal your support!

Speaking of stepping up, MCSC may be named after the county most of us call home, but it is not run by the county. It only survives and strives with YOUR support. Please continue to think about the Club, the friends you make and the great experiences it



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provides you, and think of what you can do to give back. Maybe it's as simple as showing up at a meeting (think of the first meeting you attended and the impression it made because there were lots of friendly folks with your same interests), suggesting events, leading a trip or just signing up early for an event. Whatever support means to you, please continue to be an active member.

Please mark your calendars as the MCSC continues its tradition of obtaining your feedback for next year's ski trips. This year we'll head north to a party hosted by your new Ski Director, Sal, at his home on Saturday, June 14! Keep an eye out for an Evite with event details and directions to Sal's home. Non-members can email Sal at salrutig@aol.com to be added to the list and join the party later in the afternoon.

I had lots of fun serving as the MCSC Ski/Snowboard Director and as I've said many times before, I want to thank all of you for your support, even if it was just bringing laser pointers to meetings!

NEW SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano

As you know, I am taking over for Andy on June 1, and am already getting my feet wet. We have confirmation for Ogden, March 25-29, 2009, and pricing for Crested Butte, Feb. 21-28, 2009. These should be very exciting trips as the Club has not been to either place since I have been a member. We are still working on 3 Valleys and hoping to have that wrapped up by next week. We are also working on a New Years trip to Park City, Utah.

If anyone is interested in being a trip leader please get in touch with me or anyone on the board. And finally, a big thanks to Andy for doing an especially good job as Ski Director.

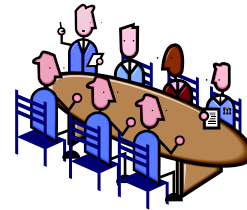
2008/2008 MCSC BOARD

Jill Christensen

The officers for the Morris County Ski Club from June 2008 through May 2009 are as follows:

President: Paul Van Duyne
Vice President: Beth Malkin
Ski Director: Sal Rutigliano
Treasurer: Lori Baldwin
Secretary: Matt Buoncuore
Membership Director: Tobi Klein

Congratulations, Board Members, and thanks for volunteering your time to make the MCSC the great Club that it is.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Jill Christensen

Ann Shea takes over next month as editor of *Ski Tales*. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the newsletter during the past year. I met a lot of new people, learned how to spell classifieds and enjoyed giving back to a Club that has given so much to me. Good luck, Ann. I know you'll do great! Finally, I want to thank Matt B. for his contributions editing the newsletter every month and keeping me honest. I could not have done it without you, Matt!



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dave Treanor 1-Jun
Stuart Gillard 2-Jun
Herb Imbornoni 3-Jun
Anne Marie Gorman 7-Jun
Deirdre Russell 9-Jun
Lisa Hallman 11-Jun
Ray Kennedy 13-Jun
Justine Peterman 14-Jun
Jeff Legutko 16-Jun
Karen Bybel 19-Jun
Tom Monahan 27-Jun
Ira Goldberg 30-Jun

NEW MEMBERS

Jodi Alper
Lynn Lehrman
Don Murphy
Eliza Murphy
Maryse Mussawar



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MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Relay for Life	June 7	Parsippany, NJ
MCSC Meeting	June 10	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
June AAF Happy Hour w/ Garden St.	June 13	Parsippany, NJ
Ski Trip Planning Party	June 14	Sal's House in Norwood, NJ
Mets Baseball Game	June 25	Flushing, NY
Year End Party	June 28	Lake Mohawk, NJ
MCSC Meeting	July 8	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Kayaking Trip	July 28	Barryville, NY
Yankee Baseball Game	July 31	Bronx, NY
MCSC Meeting	Aug. 5	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Beach Bike Ride	Aug. 9	TBD
MCSC Meeting	Aug. 19	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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS: AAF HAPPY HOURS



June AAF with the Garden State Ski Club at Bistecca in Parsippany

Join the MCSC and the Garden State Ski Club for a summer AAF Happy Hour on Friday, **June 13**, at the Embassy Suites in Parsippany, NJ. There will be featured happy hour prices on house wine, light beer, draft and the "promo" drink of the night, as well as complimentary snacks. We will have the pleasure of listening to a live band - at the inside bar - as well as enjoying the outdoor patio. To get to Bistecca, from Rt. 80 West take Exit 43 (Route 287/Rt. 46). Stay to the right and follow signs for Rt. 46. At the fork, bear right and follow to the traffic light. Turn left at the light and turn left at the next traffic light onto Rt. 46 West. Turn right at the light onto Rt. 202 North/Parsippany Blvd. and the hotel is on the right.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SOCIAL EVENTS



American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Join the MCSC team, "Rebels for a Cause", on **June 7**, as we walk in Veterans Memorial Park in Parsippany from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next day. This event celebrates cancer survival and raises money for the fight against the disease. To sign up for the event in Parsippany, please see Tony Tarullo at a Club meeting or contact him at tonytarullomcsc@yahoo.com or 908-393-4422. If you would prefer to support the

event with a monetary contribution, please make your check payable to the American Cancer (any amount appreciated) and give it Tony at a Club meeting or mail it to him at 3310 Robinson Court Bridgewater, NJ, 08807.

Mets Baseball Game

Join the MCSC on Wednesday, **June 25**, as we venture to Shea Stadium to see the Mets take on the Seattle Mariners. We have excellent seats to help cheer on the Mets as they battle a team with championship expectations. Tickets for this event are \$28 and include a mezzanine level game ticket plus a \$5 coupon for use at any concession stand. Tickets are available only to ski club members until May 28. If any tickets remain on that date, they will become available for guests at the same price. We will carpool to the game beginning at 5 p.m. For more information contact Tony Tarullo at 908-393-4422 or tonytarullomcsc@yahoo.com.

Year End Party

On Saturday, **June 28**, come party at the beach on the shores of Lake Mohawk in Sparta with your MCSC friends. Complimentary cocktails at 7 p.m. in the sand followed by a buffet dinner and live band at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 for members and \$70 for guests. For more information contact Mary Chaplin at 862-812-5156 or mwc352000@yahoo.com.

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.



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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.



PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Spring Hikes (Paul VanDuyne)

There were two hikes during the spring of 2008. To avoid conflicts with other Club activities they were held two weeks apart. Fortunately we did not have rain on either hike and actually had good hiking weather for both. The first hike was held Sunday, April 27, at Harriman State Park in New York. The day was cloudy and cool but dry. The highlight of this hike was the challenge of hiking through the "Lemon Squeezer" a narrow rock passage. The hike was about seven miles we had some nice views at the start and at lunch time. After the hike we went to Rhodes North to enjoy food and drink. To help liven up the day there was a two piece acoustic band at the bar.

The second hike was Saturday, May 11, where we hiked to Ramapo Lake and then followed the newly blazed Wanaque Ridge Trail with its view of the Wanaque Reservoir. This day was bit sunnier and warmer than the Harriman hike. The highlight of this hike was Kathi C. finding a geocache during lunch time. A geocache is a type of box with some trinkets placed in the woods and then people to try to find the box using a GPS. Kathy just happened to stumble on this and we did enter our information in the log. After the hike we went to Thatcher McGhee's an Irish pub in Pompton Lakes.

Both these hikes were moderate in difficulty with the Harriman hike being a little harder than the Ramapo hike. In the fall I plan to run a challenging hike at Bearfort Mountain and a more moderate hike in Ringwood. Thanks to everyone who attended.



Hibachi Dinner (Tobi Klein)

On Saturday, April 26, 17 MCSC'ers met at East Tokyo in Randolph for a Hibachi Dinner. As soon as the previous diners finally left the table, we formed two semi-circles around two grills. Most of us enjoyed the wine or beer we brought to share while waiting for the show. Each semi-circle grill had their own chef who cooked up our choice of a steak, chicken or shrimp dinner, along with a shrimp appetizer and veggies, lo-mein (pasta) and rice.

We watched as the chef chopped up the food with his fancy knife-work, made a volcano out of an onion, and more! No cuts or burns, just a good show - a few of us even caught a piece of zucchini in our mouths tossed by the chef. After dinner several people made their way over to The Barn in Randolph to listen to a band and dance the night away. All in all, a good time and good meal was had by all.

Tennis Party (Tim Harvey)

This event was a lot of fun. The mixed doubles round-robin format run by tennis pro David Kramer gave MCSC members a chance to play with people of various levels. Most players enjoyed the four game rotation. After five rotations we moved into a singles sudden death one point bracket playoff. Herb Imbornoni was the overall winner of this event and Richard Prow won the most games (16) in the doubles



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round robin. Second place in the round robin went to Sarah Robinson (a Bergen Ski Club member).

There were a few honorable mentions for their round robin mixed doubles play with 12 or more points won: Tamsen Thorpe, Mary Beth Grunstra, Lyn Ruderman, Donna Diamond, Elaine Collyer, Herb Imbornoni and Tim Harvey. We finished off the evening with open play, which is always a good time. Congrats to all who came out to play. Let's do it again in the fall!



Cape May Bike Weekend (Kathy Caccavale)

As folks arrived from the northern reaches of NJ through the day on Friday, the weather teased us with wind, rain, clearing skies and more wind and rain. After a happy hour in our hospitality room, we scattered to various dining establishments, including the Lobster House and Ballyhoo's, which offered DJ music and dancing after 9 p.m. Chris L. and Kathi C. enjoyed a cha-cha, followed by Alan M. bowing in with two swing dances. Later, everyone headed to the nightlife part of town to check out the music and dance scenes at Carney's, The Ugly Mug and Cabanas (which turned out to be the hot spot of the night).

Saturday the weather gods delivered an exceptionally wonderful (although breezy) day for biking, golf, shopping and touring by trolley car or on foot. The 43-mile long ride went off without incident, unless you include avoiding the obstacle course of pirates, mummies and treasure hunters on the Wildwood boardwalk, and nine of the 12 long-riders enjoyed a well-earned lunch at the Mad Batter. The 26-mile short ride included a few more challenges, including Justine P. flat tire. However, she was ably and successfully assisted by Felix C. and Frank E. Rumor has it that the golfers scored an amazing number of holes-in-one; however, when reviewing the rules of

golf, it was discovered that losing your ball in the water does not constitute a hole-in-one.

After our Saturday excursions, several folks tried out the beach and the water (well, up to the calves at least; it was COLD), then we convened in our hospitality room for another happy hour, followed by dinner at the hotel and another round of checking out the nightspots. Saturday night's winner was Carney's, with a live band called Animal House. Kathy G. and Lisa H. were seen mingling with the groupies on the dance floor. The hotel offered its own dancing nightspot at its bar/restaurant, Bloody Marys. Rumor has it that the dancing got better once Dawn set the DJ straight, with a set list of music that Club members would actually like to hear.

Paul V. may have been the only person to get back on his bike on Sunday morning, and head over to the Cape May Lighthouse, which other folks visited by car. Several folks walked or jogged along the beach in the morning, and some toured the Washington St. pedestrian mall in search of souvenirs. We found ourselves convening at The Ugly Mug for a convivial lunch before heading home. Some folks couldn't bear the thought of the long drive in Sunday beach traffic, so stopped off at Atlantic City to "wait it out." Check out the photos at the Club's Yahoo Groups web page and add your own. Rumor has it... oh, right, that one's not suitable for publication!



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