



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

As October ends, we have had our first frost of the season, and some of you have had the first snow, which was a significant amount and not just a trace. During October we put 2 ski trips on sale. The first is a 3-day trip to Waterville Valley, New Hampshire March 12 - 15. Waterville Valley has 52 trails and a 2000 foot vertical drop. There is a mixture of wide open cruising runs, bump runs and some glades. We will be staying at the Snowy Owl, one of New England's finest country inns. There is a quaint town square at Waterville with some restaurants, shops, and bars.

The other trip we put on sale is to Ogden, Utah on March 25 -29 where we will ski Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. Snowbasin contains 2,959 vertical feet of ski trails, powder bowls and lush glades which cover over 2,800 acres and truly offers terrain to suit everyone's needs. Powder Mountain has over 5000 skiable acres and receives an average of 500 inches of snow a year. We will be staying at the Ogden Marriott for this trip.

In the past month we had 3 social events. We had over 40 people participate in a scavenger hunt run by Watson Adventures in Little Italy/Chinatown. We had a great hike at Bearfort Mountain, which had awesome views coupled with a good workout. Finally we had a group enjoy dinner and some live horse racing at the Meadowlands Pegasus.

The social events that we have coming up are a bike ride, a NY Ranger hockey game, and the NJ Ski Council Jamboree. The day bike ride will be on the Columbia Rail Trail in Long Valley. This ride has a gentle grade and is suitable for hybrid or mountain bikes. We will be participating in the NJ Ski Council Jamboree at the Giants Stadium Club on Friday, November 21. The jamboree is attended by various ski resorts and ski clubs. Admission is free and there

are door prizes, discounted lift tickets, and a dance party later.

Finally, on December 7, we will be making our holiday journey into NYC. We will visit the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, followed by dinner. After dinner we will go to Madison Square Garden, "the world's most famous arena", to see the NY Rangers play the Calgary Flames in a hockey game. Attending a NY Rangers game at MSG is an experience I would recommend for anyone who has even a mild interest in hockey. Hope you can join us at one of our events.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

Get to the gym and get those legs in shape for the upcoming ski season. Please find below the ski trips planned for this season, along with the status of each. Contact the trip leaders or myself if you are interested.

Trip (status)	Date	Trip Leader
Park City, UT (waiting list)	Dec 20-Jan 4	Anil Rastogi
Crested Butte, CO (waiting list)	Feb 21-28	Ed Tideman
Waterville Valley, NH (on sale)	Mar 12-15	Deborah Schmitt
Ogden, UT (on sale)	Mar 25-29	Anthony Ricciardi

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Tobi Klein, Membership Director

It's time to think about the upcoming ski season and renew your MCSC annual membership. Thanks so much to all of you who have sent me your forms and checks early. Remember, you must be an active member to go on the week-long and long weekend trips out west.



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Dues are \$40 for the 2008-2009 season, which runs from Oct 1 - Sept 30. Forms are available on the Yahoo Group site (under Files / Renewal Form 08-09). You can email the form to Tobi Klein at JrsyGirl723@aol.com, or mail it along with your check to the address on the form. You can also give me your form and check at any membership meeting. Remember, if all your information is the same as last

year, you only need to fill out your name, sign and date the form (your email will be your electronic signature if you are not printing a copy). If you would like me to mail your membership card to you, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Stickers from the NJ Ski Council will be available to me at the end of Oct, so new membership cards will be available in November.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lori Baldwin	6	Diane Brescher	20
Diane Enqel	9	Fred Heindel	22
Jeff Baldwin	14	Rich Palatini	24
Barbara DeMeo	15	Art Lee	27
Michael Kapp	18		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

James Ferrone	1-Dec	John Ehrenbeck	17-Dec
Kimarie Rahill McDonald	2-Dec	John Bernstine	20-Dec
Mark Schmelz	2-Dec	Ray Isola	24-Dec
Matt Buoncuore	6-Dec	Chris Leogrande	25-Dec
Julius Gaida	7-Dec	John Welch	30-Dec
Jeanette Dube	14-Dec	Donna Long	31-Dec

NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Rochford



MCSC CALENDAR
UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

AAF	Nov. 7	Black River Barn, Randolph, NJ
Bike Ride	Nov. 8	Columbia Trail, Long Valley, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Nov. 11	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
NJ Ski Council Jamboree	Nov. 21	Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Nov. 25	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Ski Skills Day	Dec. 6	Windham NY
NY Rangers Game	Dec. 7	Madison Square Garden, NY, NY
MCSC Meeting	Dec. 9	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Holiday Season AAF	Dec. 18	Parsippany Hilton
No Meeting	Dec. 23	Happy Holidays

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



November AAF at BLACK RIVER BARN, Randolph, NJ

Please come join us on Friday, November 7 at the Black River Barn for a fun-filled night!

We will have happy hour from 3:00-7:00, featuring \$3.00 "well" drinks and \$2.50 beer specials. We will, also, be provided with complimentary appetizers. 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 the *Weisenheimers Band*, starting around 10. They play classic rock as well as a wide-range of music so get those dancing shoes ready!

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

Columbia Trail Bike Ride, Long Valley, NJ

Join the Morris County Ski Club on Saturday, November 8 for a 24-mile bike ride along the scenic

Columbia Trail. The ride should take around 3 hours to complete. We will take a short break in the town of High Bridge. The route is flat and is suitable for hybrid or mountain bikes (not suitable for road bikes). After the ride we plan on going to the Long Valley Brew Pub for food and refreshments. You must wear a helmet to participate in this ride. If you would like to meet us at the Long Valley Brew Pub we should get there around 2:30 PM.

For more information please contact Paul Van Duyne at p_vanduyne@yahoo.com. Advanced sign up is not required; however, if you plan to go, kindly email Paul.

NJ Ski Council Jamboree

Come out to Giants Stadium (Stadium Club) on Friday, November 21 for the annual Ski Jamboree. There will be sport exhibits and a dance party starting at 7:00 pm. There is free admission and free parking. Visit with ski resort reps and plan your



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next winter getaway. Find out about discounted lift tickets and group snowboarding and ski trips. There will be fabulous door prizes, great music and cash bar. For more information go to www.NJSKICouncil.org

New York Rangers Game, New York



Join the Morris County Ski Club on **Sunday, December 7** at Madison Square Garden to see the Rangers play the Calgary Flames. The cost of the ticket is \$60.00 and game time is 7:30 p.m. We will plan to meet near Rockefeller Center to see the tree and have dinner before the game. The meeting time and location will be announced at a later date.

To sign up make a check payable to Morris County Ski Club for \$60.00 and give to Sal Rutigliano at a meeting or mail to Sal Rutigliano at 9 Tilden Place, Norwood, New Jersey, 07948, cell phone number is 1-201-970-2202 and the e-mail address is salrutig@aol.com.

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Hike - Bearfort Mountain

One of the key components of having a successful hike is good weather. On Saturday, October 11, we could not have had any better weather for the Bearfort Mountain hike. We had a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the mid 60's without wind for the hike. A total of 15 members and guests navigated around a road closure due to a local festival to go on this challenging hike. We met at the A&P parking lot in Hewitt and car pooled about a mile to the trailhead. Parking is a bit scarce near the trailhead, but we were able to park the 4 cars reasonably close to our starting point.

This hike is among the most challenging that I run in NJ, both from a physical and a technical standpoint. After hiking about 20 minutes along the Bearfort Ridge trail, we started a steep ascent. There were times during this part of the climb we had to use our hands, but we were rewarded with some great views of the fall colors. We hiked the Bearfort Ridge trail for about 2.5 miles, which took us 2 hours to complete. The remainder of the hike was easier, but we still had a significant amount of climbing. We enjoyed a great view overlooking West Pond and Surprise Lake, as well as great view of Greenwood Lake. (I have included a picture overlooking Greenwood Lake taken at lunchtime.) After lunch, the hike was much easier with a gradual descent. The hike took longer than a typical MCSC hike to complete (5.5 hours)

After the hike we went to the Lake View Pub, a biker bar, which is located on the Greenwood Lake shoreline. Although the bar had a nice view of the lake, we were a little skeptical of eating there, so we went to a nearby pizzeria for food. Finally, at 7:00 PM, we left for home after a great day of hiking and a good workout. Thanks to everyone who attended. I hope you enjoyed the hike and company as much as I did.





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CLASSIFIEDS

Rental

Steamboat Condo Rental \$1200
2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Full kitchen
1/31/09 - 2/7/09 sleeps 6
Contact Tom @ buhlinger@aol.com

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