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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

We completed our 2008-2009 ski trips last month, so now it is time to start planning for the 2009-2010 ski trips. A number of the Club's officers and potential trip leaders will be attending a Ski Group show on Sunday, May 3. This show is geared to ski clubs, and representatives from the various resorts and ski tour groups attend. We will be meeting these reps and discussing plans and obtaining pricing for next season. Previously, we have presented our findings at a ski trip planning party/meeting on a Saturday at someone's house. This year we will be doing something different. We will be holding a ski trip planning meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at the Ramada Inn prior to the general meeting. The ski trip planning meeting will start at 7:00 PM and will be followed by a quick general meeting. We felt it would be easier to present our findings and get opinions in a more "formal" meeting than trying to provide the information in a party, where people seemed to be interested in socializing. Do not worry; we will have a party on June 27, which will be our Year End Party. Back to the ski trip planning meeting, you will be receiving an e-mail with the details of this meeting.

We have started planning our spring/summer social calendar. We had a great time on a scavenger hunt in Grand Central Station on April 18 and hike at Mahlon Dickerson on April 25. Upcoming events in May include a whitewater rafting trip May 1-3, a hike on May 9, a billiards night on May 16, and a trip to Annapolis May 29-31. In June, we will have a night at the race track on June 20 and our Year End Party on June 27. At the Board meeting, we discussed social events for July and August. If there is an event you would like to lead, please suggest it to Beth Malkin and we will try to make it work. Hope to see you.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

Everyone is thinking about summer arriving, going to the beach, sailing, and hiking, but the Board and I are working on next year's ski trips. The survey is very helpful, so please fill it out. It was sent out through the Yahoo sight, so if you did not get it, please let me know and I will send it to you.



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MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Whitewater Rafting	May 1-3	North Creek, NY
Hike	May 9	Norvin Green
Ski Planning and MCSC Meeting	May 12	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
AAF	May 15	Tap Room Somerset Hills Hotel, Warren, NJ
Billiards Night	May 16	Rockaway Billiards, Rockaway, NJ
MCSC Meeting	May 26	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Spring Bike Trip	May 29-31	Annapolis, MD
MCSC Meeting	June 9	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Meadowlands Racetrack	June 20	Meadowlands, East Rutherford, NJ
MCSC Meeting	June 23	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
End of Year Party	June 27	TBD

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



May AAF at the Tap Room Somerset Hills Hotel, Warren, NJ

Please come join us **Friday, May 15, 2009** to enjoy drinks and good times with old and new friends!

The Tap Room is looking forward to hosting our AAF once again at this popular and stylish bar from 5-8. There will be drink specials as well as complimentary appetizers. The Tap Room offers a full menu for those who would like to have dinner as well.

There will be a live band from 10:00 to 1:00 am for us to enjoy, so get those dancing shoes dusted off!

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

Hike, Norvin Green, NJ

On **Saturday, May 9** at 10:30 am, join the Morris County Ski Club on a challenging 7-mile hike in Norvin Green State Forest. This hike will climb to a number of Norvin Green's scenic peaks including "High Point". There will be some great views on this hike. The hike should take about 4 ½ to 5 hours to complete, including a lunch break. After the hike we will go to a nearby Bar and Grill (probably Prime 15).

For more information please contact **Paul Van Duyne** (201) 296-3570. Email: p_vanduyne@yahoo.com. Advanced sign up is not required, but recommended. If you plan to go, kindly e-mail Paul.

Billiards Night, Rockaway, NJ

On **Saturday May 16th**, join us at ROCKAWAY BILLIARDS for a night of pool starting at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$18 per person for 3 hours of tournament play and a hot catered buffet. The evening is a BYOB



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(Beer or Wine only) and all bottles and cans must be removed after the tournament.

Tournament play is handicapped so if you are a less skilled player and you play a higher skilled player you will be given points. When you are no longer in the tournament you are still allowed to play on other tables throughout the remainder of the evening.

To sign up for this event, fill out this flyer with your check written to Morris County Ski Club (MCSC) and drop off at a club meeting to Matt Buoncuore or mail to Matt - 11 Clinton Street, Morristown, NJ 07960

For more information, contact Matt at (732) 371-8823 or email at captmatt8@yahoo.com

Spring Bike Trip, Annapolis, MD

Join the Morris County Ski Club **May 29-31** for a weekend in Annapolis, Maryland. Annapolis is home to the US Naval Academy and a quintessential Revolutionary War town in the history of the United States. Its historical district is picturesque, allowing a person to step back in time and experience the excitement of the United States of the eighteenth century. If biking is not your thrill, then there is golfing, sailing, shopping, museums, dining, and more importantly, the company of others.

We will be staying at the Historic Inns of Annapolis. The cost is \$250.00 per person (Double Occupancy & Group Dinner Saturday Night included).

If interested, please contact Kathy Golden at 201-370-1688 (cell) or Kathy.Golden@Roche.com or Lisa Hallman at 732-742-5857 (cell) or Hallmanlicorice@msn.com.

Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ

On **Saturday June 20th 2009**, Morris County Ski Club and Outer Circle Ski Club members and guests are invited to an evening of harness racing under the

stars at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Under festive party tents, we will enjoy a picnic style buffet dinner in Paddock Park situated at the homestretch on the ground level of the racetrack. Gates open at 5:30 PM with food service starting at 6:00 PM and post-time for the first race of the evening set for 7:30 PM.

For \$27.00 each participant will receive admission to the racetrack, a program, parking (self park is included while valet parking is \$5.00) plus dinner.

Beer / alcoholic beverages will be available at normal track prices inside at the bar concession areas.

Please send your check (made payable to Morris County Ski Club) along with the form (see Website) to Tony Tarullo at 3310 Robinson Court Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Payment may also be passed along at any ski club meeting. If you have questions, Tony can be reached by phone at (908) 393-4422 or by email at TonyTarulloMCSC@Yahoo.com

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Waterville Valley, NH

Thanks to members of the club who stored decorations from the past (and Jeff Baldwin), the bus was transformed into a moving St Patrick's Day celebration. Snacks, beer and wine flowed freely and our loyal bus driver Joe adeptly got us to our destination. The Inn workers had retired for the evening, but left our keys on the counter. There was one problem with this, however - one room had not been cleaned and was quite uninhabitable. We woke up the sleeping innkeeper and this was rectified.

Friday morning brought sunny skies, but cold temperatures. They had received several inches of snow earlier in the week, but rain after that, so thankfully the slopes were groomed. The Freestyle Junior Olympics were being held there, so there was added entertainment. After an exhilarating day on the slopes, many of us headed to the hotel sponsored Happy Hour including wine, cheese, chips and cookies. Then it was off to the hot tub where we broke a few



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rules, but luckily no glasses. For dinner, Joe drove us all to the best restaurant in town...Coyote Grill. Deeeelish!

Saturday brought warmer temps and magnificent sun, so it was a perfect day on the slopes. After another Happy Hour at the Inn, we donned our 'bling' for St Pat's Day and headed out looking for dinner and a party. Most folks ate at Legends, and hung out waiting for the band. Alas, they didn't seem to know how to dance in Waterville, so we retired for the evening.

Sunday was sunny and even warmer. Another great day of skiing for some; others spent the early part of the day sleeping in or shopping. We gathered for group photos and departure at 2. Along the way home, we treated ourselves to a maple syrup stop, a stop at the NH liquor store and a deli in Conn for dinner. Thanks to everyone for being such a fun and friendly group!

Ogden, Utah

We had an early start to our trip, waking up when it was still dark and heading to Newark airport for a 7:15 am flight. To my surprise, all of us made it there on time, including Lisa, who with the help of Lori and Jeff, was one of the first to arrive. Our flight left without any complication and we arrived at Salt Lake City on time. We couldn't have asked for things to run more smoothly; all our luggage appeared and our bus pulled right up to the terminal door for loading. After a 45-min drive, we arrived at the Ogden Marriott. Everyone wanted lunch and our group split apart; some explored the town and others headed to a sports center call the Salomon Center. Ann and I headed to the gym, while Kim and Andy suited up for their indoor ski diving, which seemed to be a ton of fun. After their flying, and lots of laughs, several of us hit the rock walls for a little climbing, followed by an intense hour of indoor surfing.

Later that afternoon, we regrouped at the hotel and headed out to Rooster's, a local micro brew house for our first happy hour. We all enjoyed appetizers and drinks, which led to a very nice dinner to start the weekend off right.

After a good night sleep and a big breakfast, we headed out to Snow Basin, where it had started snowing the night before, and there was an accumulation of about 20" of fresh powder for our first day of skiing. Our groups hit the slopes as fast as they could. The day went very well, with the exception of fellow skier Chris L, who had fallen and was swallowed up by the snow, but luckily for him, our little power house Lori B was there to help pluck him from the grip of the snow, saving the day. After a hard day of skiing, we headed back to Ogden and out to the Sonora Grill for happy hour. After a few Margaritas, loosing track of time, and forgetting that the Mormons like to close down the town early, it became difficult finding somewhere to eat. With a few of us stumbling into some belly dancers and having some laughs, we all managed to find a dining spot.

On Friday, waking up to beautiful blue skies and about another 10" of powder, we headed to Powder Mountain, where it earned its name. All of us took tours or hired a guide to see as much of the mountain as possible, with a few of us taking a cat further out onto the mountain. The group ended the day at the lodge bar listening to live music and having a few drinks. After a long hard day, most of us headed to the hot tub for some relaxing time, except for Ann who decided to run another 3 miles at the gym (crazy girl). After soaking for some time, we decided to head out to the famous Union Station where about 15 of us had a wonderful dinner. After dinner, 12 or so went to a college type bar called the City Club, which is adorned with tons of Beatles' memorabilia. Joe and Joe, two of our new members, showed all of us how to dance it up.



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On Saturday, our last ski day, we went back to Snow Basin. The weather was another picture perfect day, clear blue skies and about 35-40F. Beautiful conditions allowed most of us to run the 2002 men's downhill course. After a great day of skiing, we gathered at the lodge to enjoy a fantastic local band and some drinks. On our last night, the group broke apart for dinner going to several places; one being an Italian restaurant, and the other a steakhouse called the Timbermine. The Timbermine was filled with thousands of knickknacks and was decorated like an old saloon. After a very filling meal, we went to Brewski's, where a heavy metal band was on stage. After a few shots and some beers, we closed the bar and headed back to our rooms.

Sunday, for once a very relaxing travel day (no 6 am buses), we were able to sleep in and enjoy a late breakfast and finish packing. Some ventured into town to get their last bit of Ogden, only to find two places open - a diner and a bar. We loaded the bus at 1:30 pm and all headed back to reality.

I'd like to say thank you to Sal for arranging this trip and everyone else for all working together and making it a great time.
Anthony Ricciardi

Grand Central Scavenger Hunt, NYC

On Saturday, April 18th, 33 adventurous souls made their way into New York City for another fun-filled Scavenger Hunt run by Watson Adventures. This time around, the hunters were faced with exploring the mysteries and secrets of Grand Central Station.

Attendees formed into six teams and the race was on to complete the hunt in the allotted 1½ hours while solving 22, and ONLY 22, of the 28 clues provided. Much fun and confusion was experienced by all as the teams meandered through the various passageways of Grand Central Station and the adjoining Market, crisscrossing paths with other teams, some even

trying to eavesdrop on opposing teams or throw off the competition with false clues.

Once all the teams had done their best to solve the cryptic clues, everyone adjourned to the Oyster Bar on the Dining Concourse to tally scores and enjoy a refreshing beverage or two. All of the teams performed extremely well, with only a three point spread between first and last place. With a three way tie for first place, the lead teams were then faced with a tie-breaking challenge question, to guess how high the ceiling is in the Main Concourse of the terminal. After much debate amongst the three teams, they all submitted their answers, and a winning team was declared.

Congratulations go out to Marie G, Art, John T, Gretchen and Frank R for their skill, or maybe just darn good guessing, for coming in first place and winning the Grand Prize of gift certificates for a free Watson Adventures Scavenger Hunt in the future.

Once the official portion of the event was concluded, attendees were free to explore the various dining and entertainment options in NYC, before finally making their way home from a fun-filled day of adventures in the City.

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