



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

As February turns to March, we are entering an important time in the Club year. This is the time in which we attempt to find a list of candidates to fill the Board positions for the 2009-2010 year. There are 6 Board positions for which a member can run. These are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ski Director, and Membership Director. To run for one of these positions, you have to have been a member as of June 2008. The term of office is from June 2009 to June 2010, although the Ski Director needs to start working prior to June.

Club board positions are not like appointments to the Supreme Court in which you serve for life. The only way the Club or any organization can survive is by having a constant influx of new people on the executive board. The people who have held these board positions since June 2008 have done a fine job, but not all of them are planning to serve on the board again in the 2009-2010 year. Currently, Tobi Klein and I are stepping down from our present Board positions. There is a significant time commitment in serving as an officer of the Club, but I feel most everyone who has served will tell you it was a rewarding experience. In truth, the time commitment is less than it was 10 years ago as advances in technology has made it a lot easier. If you have any questions about a specific position, please contact any board member and we could give you more information about the position or how the Board operates. The Club will be taking nominations through March, so I urge you to step forward and run for a position.

By the time you read this, 51 of our members will either be in Crested Butte, Colorado or will just have returned. Ed has put together a great trip which we

are all looking forward to it. We have 2 more ski trips in March which you can sign up for, but you must do it quickly. From March 12 - 15, we will be in Waterville Valley, NH and from March 25 - 29, we will be in Ogden, Utah. While in Ogden, we will ski Snowbasin and Powder Mountain.

A couple of weeks ago, Jeff and Lori Baldwin led a group of us to a hockey game to see the NJ Devils play the LA Kings. Unfortunately, we did not see one of the Devils' better efforts (see article in this newsletter). Upcoming events that we have planned are a hibachi dinner March 7, a scavenger hunt April 18, whitewater rafting May 1- May 3 and a trip to Annapolis May 29 -31. I am currently planning the April and May hikes and more information will follow soon. Hope to see you soon.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

We are down to the wire for the last two remaining trips. Waterville Valley, NH is open to non-members, so ask a friend, and Ogden, Utah is members only. Crested Butte is being run by Sergeant Ed, so get ready to PARRRTY. Ed has done his usual great job of preparing a tremendous amount of info for the trip. I'm looking forward to a great trip.

Trip (status)	Date	Trip Leader
Waterville Valley, NH (on sale)	Mar 12-15	Deborah Schmitt deborahgsch@yahoo.com
Ogden, UT (on sale)	Mar 25-29	Anthony Ricciardi tonyricciardi@optonline.net



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MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Dinner	Mar. 7	East Tokyo, Randolph, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Mar. 10	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Ski Trip	Mar. 12-15	Waterville Valley, NH
AAF	Mar. 19	Coco Pazzo, Morris Plains
MCSC Meeting	Mar. 24	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Ski Trip	Mar. 25-29	Ogden, Utah
MCSC Meeting	Apr. 14	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Scavenger Hunt	Apr. 18	Grand Central Station, NYC
MCSC Meeting	Apr. 28	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Whitewater Rafting	May 1-3	North Creek, NY
Spring Bike Trip	May 29-31	Annapolis, MD

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



March AAF at Coco Pazzo, Morris Plains

Please come join us on **Thursday, March 19** at this new hot spot of Morris Plains. We are excited to host our first AAF at Coco Pazzo with a dollar off all drinks, as well as complimentary appetizers from 4-7. Our group will meet in the upstairs bar to relax and enjoy. There will be karaoke starting at 9:30 pm in the downstairs bar for those of you who would like to get their five minutes of fame!

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

Japanese Dinner at East Tokyo in Randolph

On **Saturday, March 7**, come and dine with your MCSC friends at East Tokyo in Randolph at 7 pm. The cost is \$35 per person and this includes appetizer, dinner, dessert, tax and tip. It's a BYOB, so feel free to bring your own adult beverages.

Contact Avis Krause at (516) 647-5884 or email avis.krause.b@bayer.com or Mary Chaplin at (862) 812-5156 or email mwc352000@yahoo.com with any questions. To sign up, make a check payable to Morris County Ski Club for \$35 and give to Mary at a meeting or mail to: Mary Chaplin, 44 Schmitz Terrace, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856.

Scavenger Hunt, NYC

On **Saturday, April 18** discover the history, cool places and surprising sights of Grand Central Terminal. Come on out and explore the gourmet extravaganza of the Grand Central Market, the architectural wonder of the Whispering Gallery, the



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Transit Museum Annex, the dazzling Art Deco lobby of the Chrysler Building, surprising historic photos in the Graybar Building and the bustling food court.

Cost: \$30 per person

Time: meet no later than 3:30 pm; the hunt starts promptly at 4:00 pm.

To sign up, send a check written to Morris County Ski Club (MCSC) and drop off at a club meeting to Diane Engel or mail to: Diane Engel, 531 Atlas Road, Landing, NJ 07850. For more information, contact Diane at (973) 945-1469 / dscheneck@msn.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.

Whitewater rafting, North Creek, NY

Join the Morris County Ski Club on **May 1-3** for a whitewater rafting adventure weekend along the Indian and Hudson rivers. The trip includes two nights lodging at the Black Mountain Lodge in North Creek, NY, a day of whitewater rafting (17 miles on river) in class III - IV rapids through the Adirondack Park with Beaver Creek Outfitters on Saturday that includes all necessary rafting gear, in addition to

lunch and dinner. Sunday is open to other area activities, such as hiking, horseback riding, biking or shopping (these optional activities are not included).

The cost is \$210 (\$225 for non-members) and includes two nights lodging, rafts, paddles, life jackets, helmets, wetsuits, and transportation to & from the lodge, an on-river lunch, dinner following the trip, lots of fun & excitement and spectacular scenery. No previous rafting experience necessary but must be able to swim. They will break us up into groups of 5-7 people per raft. Each raft will be commanded by an experienced and certified Beaver Creek Outfitter river guide. Member's only sign-up period through the March 24th meeting, at which point the trip will be open to anyone 21 or older.

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Park City, Utah Ski Trip

In late December, 20 MCSC members woke early to journey to the Land Of Snow - Utah. Unfortunately, there were 21 who were meant for that journey, but one strums to the beat of her own Traveling Guitar, and had to join us later. The flight was uneventful as we left and arrived on time with all luggage (let's just forget about the nightmare some had checking and paying for their luggage... \$90 for 7 pounds over!?!). After a 45 minute bus ride, we arrived at the Park City Peaks Hotel and were pleasantly surprised with its charm. Everything was going like clock work. It was a perfect sunny day in the 30's. After splitting up for lunch, we all gathered for a Wine and Cheese Party sponsored by the hotel to acquaint us with the area and to hand out lift tickets.

The next day was New Year's Eve. Everyone who skied headed to Park City Mountain to enjoy the sun, mid-30's temperature, and the ice-less slopes of the west. The mountain was said to be about 85% open, except the new Empire Bowl area. Most people kept it to a shorter ski day to prepare for the evening. Everyone was on their own for dinner and many tried



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House. Most of us were able to sit together in the back but Paul and Leon sat at the bar and got much faster service. We were all afraid that our poor waitress was in over her head. Fortunately, we were able to eat and settle up in time to walk to the arena. The puck was dropped and the two teams went at it. The first period ended without either team notching a tally. However, Katie was happy to see her favorite hockey event, a bout of fisticuffs. The second period got ugly. The Devils got into penalty trouble early and never recovered. The Kings managed to score three times in a four-minute span. One goal was the result of a penalty shot awarded to the Kings after defensive man Mike Mottau "allegedly" covered the puck while it was in the crease. The Devils rebounded with a goal in the third period, but it was too little, too late. The Kings rookie goalie stood on his head to keep the lead. Sadly, the horn sounded at the end of the match with the scoreboard bemoaning a 3-1 loss for our boys in red. Despite the loss, our stalwart club members managed to keep our chins up as we headed for the exits. Everyone agreed that it was great to be out amongst friends. So until next year, keep your stick on the ice.

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Skis for sale

Elan series AO6 175 cm FUSION bindings EL10 color red. Two years old and in good condition. I'm looking to sell them for \$300.00. Please call Beth Malkin at 1-862-354-3792.

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