



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Paul Van Duyne

As January comes to a close, we have completed a couple of ski trips. During the New Year's Holiday week, Anil R lead a trip to Park City and Deer Valley. The participants enjoyed some great skiing, and a number of après ski activities, including a New Year's Eve party. At the end of January, a small group of members went to Windham to take advantage of the Windham Ski Club, which allows Club members to ski at a highly reduced rate. Besides Windham, there are a number of other mountains which offer discounts to ski club members, in addition to the voucher system. Among those are Belleayre, Platterkill, Stowe, and Whiteface. To see a complete list ski areas, please go to the New Jersey Ski Council web site www.newjerseyskicouncil.org.

Our week long trip to Crested Butte is coming up at the end of this month. Crested Butte has been having a great season receiving over 200 inches of snow so fall. The club went to Crested Butte in 1993 and we are looking forward to this trip. In March, we will be going to Waterville Valley, NH and Ogden, Utah. While in Ogden, we will be skiing Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. In the February issue of Ski Magazine, there is an article on Snowbasin titled "Utah's Big Secret". We currently have openings for both of these trips.

In January, Matt and Kim ran another successful bowling night. On Saturday, Jeff and Lori will be running a trip to see the "first place" New Jersey Devils play the LA Kings. There are currently a couple of tickets still available for this game

The Club has been planning a number of social events for the spring months. The first is a hibachi dinner at East Tokyo on Route 10 Saturday, March 7. The next is a private scavenger hunt at Grand Central Station on April 18. We will be going rafting on the Hudson River Gorge (class IV rapids) on the weekend

of May 1-3. Finally, our spring bike weekend will be May 29-31 at Annapolis, Maryland. Of course, we will still have our monthly happy hours and a couple of hikes during the spring months.

We have started taking nominations for the Board positions. The current Board has done a great job, but these positions are not lifetime positions like a Supreme Court Justice, and key to the health of the Club is to constantly bring new people into the leadership positions. There are a couple of Board members who will not be seeking another term. If you are interested in one of the Board positions of President, Vice President, Ski Director, Treasurer, Secretary, or Membership Chair, or if you know someone who truly is interested, please step forward. The elections will be held in April. If you have any questions, you may contact me or any of the Board members.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

Crested butte is around the corner; time to get excited. We still have openings for the Waterville Valley, NH bus trip and Ogden, Utah. Remember, Waterville Valley is open to non-members, so ask a friend to go. Ogden only has a few spots left, so if you are thinking about going, get your checks in to Anthony, the trip leader .

Trip (status)	Date	Trip Leader
Crested Butte, CO	Feb 21-28	Ed Tideman
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

NJ Devils Game	Feb. 7	Prudential Center, Newark, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Feb. 10	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
AFF	Feb. 13	Dolce, Basking Ridge, NJ
Ski Trip	Feb. 21 - 28	Crested Butte, Colorado
MCSC Meeting	Feb. 24	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Dinner	Mar. 7	East Tokyo, Randolph, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Mar. 10	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Ski Trip	Mar. 12-15	Waterville Valley, NH
MCSC Meeting	Mar. 24	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Ski Trip	Mar. 25-29	Ogden, Utah
Scavenger Hunt	Apr. 18	Grand Central Station, NYC

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



February AAF at Dolce of Basking Ridge

On Friday, February 13, 2009, the Vita Bar at Dolce (formerly known as North Maple Inn) will provide us with a warm ambiance and friendly atmosphere for us to relax and enjoy our AAF from 5 - 8 pm. There will be complimentary appetizers and happy hour drink specials. Billiards is available for a competitive game of pool! There is a full menu for

those who wish to dine there. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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

NJ Devils Game, Newark



Join the Morris County Ski Club on **Saturday, February 7** at 7:00 pm as the NJ Devils take on the Los Angeles Kings at their new home, the Newark Prudential Center, also known as the "Rock". The cost



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of the tickets is \$47, which represents a discount over the box office price of \$65. We will try to pick a place near the arena to meet before the game. After the game, we will pick a nearby place for post game refreshments.

To sign up make a check payable to Morris County Ski Club for \$47 and give to Jeff or Lori at a meeting or mail to Jeff Baldwin at 36 Cliffside Tr., Denville, NJ 07834 (862-209-1063). The e-mail address is rni2clever@yahoo.com.

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 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

PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

Bowling Night, Rockaway, New Jersey

On Friday, January 9th, about 40 ski club members ventured out on a frigid night to go bowling at the Rockaway Lanes. A group of us met earlier at the Exchange for dinner and pre-bowling cocktails. Some members had their teams picked beforehand and Kim helped put together foursomes for the rest. After dinner, we made our way to the lanes, where much to our surprise, no one had informed the woman behind the counter that our group was bowling that night. Not one to panic, Kim kept her cool and we managed to work things out with the woman in charge, whose name we found out later was Christina. Christina appeared to work miracles, considering every lane was being used by league bowlers and there were many walk-ins waiting to bowl. Our start time was 9:00 pm. Christina worked her magic and most of us were bowling by 9:30. If not for some slower league bowlers, we would have all started at the same time. There were 8 bowlers who had to wait an additional 1/2 hour, but we were allotted the extra time at the end of the evening. The beer flowed and the pins dropped. (Well, not as many for some people). As Kim and I bowled and checked on everyone throughout the evening, it appeared everyone was truly enjoying themselves. As always, beer makes bowling more enjoyable. (Wait, I think it makes everything more enjoyable).

Upon completion of our bowling, we all repaired to the bar, where there were prizes to be handed out. Bill Tompkins won the men's high score prize with an even 200 game, which was a gift certificate at a local chain restaurant. Kim Kennedy won the women's high score prize with a 178. She won a certificate to a local sporting goods store. And the lowest score was a 37, but I will refrain from mentioning the name here. We considered it the best golf score. That person



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won a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble, where it was suggested that perhaps they can pick up a book on bowling.

Considering the way the night began, everyone had a wonderful time. Kim and I enjoy running this event. Where can you have a great time on a Friday, bowl 3 games and get nifty bowling shoes, all for the low, low price of \$15.00? We are thinking of running another bowling night in the summertime.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out that night, being patient and having a fun evening.

Matt and Kim

OTHER NEWS

Morris County Ski Club member Harry Grossman passed away at age 77 on January 31 at the Hospice House in Citrus County in Florida. Harry was the first person to achieve lifetime membership in the Club. He became a lifetime member sometime in the 1980's. Harry was instrumental in the early days of the Club and contributed greatly to the Club during that time.

CLASSIFIEDS

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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