



## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

**Paul Van Duyne**

Our Club calendar year came to a close on May 31 while we were enjoying a great trip to Annapolis, Maryland. As we start a new season, we will have a couple of new Board members, including a new President. After two years as Vice President, followed by 2 years as President, I felt it was time to step aside and have someone else fill the position. Fortunately, Chris Leogrande stepped forward and will be President for the 2009-2010 year. Chris has been a member of the Club since the early 90's and previously served as an officer. He has seen the Club grow from less than 100 members to our current number of 225. I am confident he will do a good job fulfilling the role of President and wish him well.

The other officer stepping down from a position is Tobi Klein, our Membership Director for the past two years. Tobi did a great job maintaining the membership database, in addition to handling the new member's applicants and the renewals. Tobi also put her English background to work and acted as our proof reader for various documents. Tobi is being replaced by Diane Engel for this coming season.

The other 4 officers are remaining in their current positions to continue their excellent work of serving the Club. Vice President Beth Malkin, Secretary Matt Buoncuore, and Treasurer Lori Baldwin will be filling their positions for a third year. Ski Director Sal Rutigliano will be serving a second year in his position. All of these people donated a lot of time and effort in serving the club and I am appreciative of how much work they have put in making my job easier.

During my term as President, there have also been a number of people who donated a significant amount of

effort in making the Club an enjoyable experience. First there is Andy Modale, who was the Ski Director during my first term. Second, there are the Ski Tales editors, first Jill Christensen, followed by Ann Shea. Ann will be succeeded by Helen McLaughlin as this coming year. The Ski Council reps were Steve Rauscher followed by Lisa Hallman. Lisa Margolis has served as AAF coordinator throughout my terms as Vice President and President. Finally, there are all the trip and event leaders.

To the general membership, I hope you will continue to act as event/ trip leaders and think about running for an officer position in the future. The only way the Club can survive and grow is by getting new people involved. Thank you for all your participation and help during my terms as a Club officer.



## SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director**

We are not even into the summer yet, and I am already planning next year's exciting trips. We will go to Lake Placid for New Years, which is home of the 1980 miracle on ice. There are tons of activities for both skiers and non-skiers. Then a first ever for this club, we will be skiing in Japan, with 2 ½ days in Tokyo. From Tokyo, you can choose to take the 2-hour bullet train to Kyoto. Our weeklong trip out West will be to Telluride, with 2 new lifts and expanded skiing. In March, we are looking at a bus trip to Sugarbush and a long weekend to Breckenridge. Enjoy your summer, but start thinking about next year's trips.



MCSC CALENDAR  
UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

<b>MCSC Meeting</b>	June 9	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
<b>AAF</b>	June 11	Bistecca, Parsippany, NJ
<b>Rock Climbing</b>	June 13	NJ Rock Gym, Fairfield, NJ
<b>Meadowlands Racetrack</b>	June 20	Meadowlands, East Rutherford, NJ
<b>Exec Board Meeting</b>	June 23	(reminder: no meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. in June/July)
<b>End of Year Party</b>	June 27	Elks Club, Sparta, NJ
<b>MCSC Meeting</b>	July 14	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
<b>Beach Bike Ride</b>	August 8	Pt. Pleasant, NJ

Please contact Beth Malkin at [bethmalkin@yahoo.com](mailto: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



June AAF at Bistecca Restaurant & Grill, Parsippany, NJ

Please come join us for a very exciting happy hour on **Thursday, June 11**. This is the bar's opening night for the summer season.

There will be featured happy hour prices from 5:30-7:30 on a selected beer and house wine, as well as complimentary snacks. There are also \$3 appetizers during this time.

We will have the pleasure of listening to a live band as well as enjoying the outdoor patio to catch up with old and new club members.

Bistecca offers a full menu for dining for you to enjoy as well!

Please contact Lisa at [LisaSLP@aol.com](mailto:LisaSLP@aol.com) with any questions.

Rock Climbing, Fairfield, NJ

Join the Morris County Ski club on **Saturday, June 13** for a night of indoor rock climbing at the NJ ROCK GYM, 373 D Route 46 West. Experience indoor rock climbing and bouldering in a fun and safe environment. Our group will have a ratio of 5:1 student to instructor and a max of 30 participants.

Price for this is \$24.00 per person for 2 hours. If any one is interested in getting a basic belay certification it would be an additional \$16.00. The belaying class will give you the basic skills to climb at the gym, use equipment, climbing commands, knot tying, belay set up and belay and lowering techniques. The Belaying class has to be 4 people max per instructor and would have to be set up in advanced.

Wear gym clothes, although climbing shoes can be rented at the gym. No previous climbing experience is needed. Afterwards we will go out for something to eat.

For more information contact Anthony Ricciardi at [tonyricciardi@optonline.net](mailto:tonyricciardi@optonline.net) or call me at 908-642-8428



# Ski Tales

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## Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ

On **Saturday, June 20**, 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](mailto:TonyTarulloMCSC@Yahoo.com)

## Year End Party, Sparta, NJ

Come celebrate on **Saturday, June 27** at THE ELKS CLUB on the Boardwalk (6 West Shore Trail).

The cost is \$60.00 for members and \$75.00 for guests.

The party starts at 6:00 pm and the band will play until 11:00 pm. Price includes dinner, wine, beer, soda and all the dancing you can handle! Music by The Conflicted Band. - [www.theconflictedband.com](http://www.theconflictedband.com)

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 Mary Chaplin or mail to Mary - 44 Schmitz Terrace, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

For more information, please contact either Mary or Avis

Avis Krause at (516) 647-5884/email: [avis.krause.b.@bayer.com](mailto:avis.krause.b.@bayer.com) or

Mary Chaplin at (862) 812-5156/email: [mwc352000@yahoo.com](mailto:mwc352000@yahoo.com)

## Beach Bike Ride, Pt. Pleasant, NJ

Join the Morris County Ski Club for an event that has grown to be an annual favorite, our MCSC's mid-summer beach bike-ride down in *Point Pleasant New Jersey* on **Saturday, August 8**. The two rides, 15 and 35 miles, are perfect for those who want a good time out in the sun, riding on flat, lightly traveled roads.

**Starting Point:** Risdens' Beach & Bathhouse, Ocean Ave. and Trenton Ave., Point Pleasant New Jersey

**Meeting Time:** 8:30 AM. Bike rides will roll at 9:00AM sharp.

Once again, we will start and finish at Point Pleasant, which will provide plenty of options for post-ride festivities. Sun-bathing, swimming, boardwalk activities, cocktails and dinner are all within walking distance at this seaside hot spot, and changing rooms with showers are available (for a nominal fee). Since we are expecting a large crowd, group dinner reservations will not be made, but we will meet for afternoon cocktails either at Martell's Tiki Bar on the boardwalk or at the Wharveside. Everyone will then be free to make his or her own dinner and evening plans.

To sign up, or for more information contact Deborah Schmitt 908-647-3836 or [deborahgs@comcast.net](mailto:deborahgs@comcast.net).

## PAST EVENT SUMMARIES

### Hike, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, NJ

Mahlon Dickerson Reservation is located in Jefferson Township near the old Snow Bowl ski area and was the location of the **April 25** hike. We had abnormally warm weather, with the temperature at the start in the mid 60's, climbing to the 80's by the completion of the hike. Fortunately, the day was not humid, but foliage was not in full bloom, so there was no escape from the sun.



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The first half of the hike was moderate in difficulty as we climbed rocky footpaths to our lunch location at Headley's Overlook. Here we had a nice view of Lake Hopatcong and enjoyed a nice breeze, although limited shade. The second half of the hike was easier as it consisted of mostly wood roads through the reservation to the highest point in Morris County at 1395 feet. Unfortunately, there is no view at this location, only a sign indicating it is the highest point in Morris County. After the hike, we went to Thirsty Moose on Route 15 for drinks and appetizers.

## White Water Rafting, Hudson River Gorge in the Adirondacks (May 1-3)

On Friday evening, we headed North to have a weekend of water-filled fun. On the way up, some of the group stopped at Carl R's Café in Glens Falls, NY. For those of you who did not - you missed a great party with a cool band named Bobby Dick & the Sundowners. What's with that name? A short drive later, "Mother Al" made sure everyone was checked in the hotel and comfortable. The Lodge where we stayed was very quaint. After Anil and John hosted us in his new bar, we all settled in for a good night sleep - to awake to rain showers the next morning.

Breakfast on Saturday morning in North Creek was quite good. After breakfast the deJaVue kicked in as we all boarded a yellow school bus to head to the rafting base. Should have brought my skis - as we passed Gore Mountain, it still had lots of snow on it!! Thanks to the crew at Beaver Brook outfitters, we all seemed to squeeze into wetsuits that were one size too small. 10:00 a.m. and the river was surrounding us. Luckily, the weather cleared - sunny and in the low 60's and the river water was a crisp 43 degrees Fahrenheit. Bone and Marney were our rafting guides. After the command drill - "back left, back right, full ahead and hard relax", we were ready to conquer the whitewater. First, we hit some class 3 rapids and then we broke through some great keepers in the class 4's. Awesome way to get wet!! Did everyone see the leftover ice in the woods near the

riverbank? That did not stop some of us from jumping in several times!! The penguin dive from the large rock was definitely a blast!! Why did Andrea keep falling out of the raft? We enjoyed PB&J sandwiches and soup for lunch which actually seemed quite good. After more rapids in the afternoon, we all boarded the buses for a post-rafting meal at the lodge.

Beth managed to get a great suite and the bar opened with Joe making screwdrivers and dishing out the red wine and munchies. When the appetites hit, we wandered around town and discovered that the hottest place was the pizzeria with a cool juke-box. After a few pies, we headed to the local pub where some of MCSC closed down the bar.

On Sunday morning, the majority of the group gathered for breakfast in town for a real good Adirondack breakfast. Most people went home after breakfast, but some enjoyed a hike in the mountains.

Thanks to all for making this a great trip!!

## Hike, Norvin Green, NJ

The second hike was to a location we have gone many times, Norvin Green State Forest. This hike was held on **May 9** and there was sufficient foliage to block us from the sun. Unfortunately, there was very little sun to be found that day. It had rained the night before and the day was overcast when we began the hike. We hiked through the fog to various view points with limited visibility. As we neared our lunch location by the falls, the sky began to brighten and we had some views of the Wanaque Reservoir.

After lunch, we hiked up to Norvin Green High Point. This was the most strenuous part of the hike and we worked up quite a sweat as the day was warm and quite humid. We had a nice cooling breeze and the summit to enjoy. We then finished the hike, followed by going to 15 Prime Steakhouse in Ringwood.



**Billiards Night, Rockaway, NJ**

On Saturday, May 16th, about 16 MCSCers ventured to Rockaway Billiards for a night of pool, food and, of course, liquid refreshments. We were split into 2 person teams and following a few rounds of games, the victors emerged. We also enjoyed a hot buffet and salad, along with dessert. It was a BYOB and everyone enjoyed their favorite beverage. Everyone told me they had a great time and would love to do it again sometime. Afterwards, we made our way to a local bar where they had a great band that most of us danced to. Little by little, the crowd broke up, but leave it to me and a few hearty souls to party into the night. I will definitely revisit this type of event in the future. 3 - 4 hours of pool and a hot buffet with dessert for the low price of \$18.

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