



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
October 2009

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Beth Malkin

It's time to start planning your ski trips and securing space on one of these fantastic ski opportunities. The first trip of the season starts with a trip to Hakuba, Japan, Jan 16-26. 10 spaces remain. Don't miss out. See Anthony R to sign up. tonyricciardi@optonline.net

The Telluride Ski Trip, Feb 20-27, has been in great demand and is almost sold out. Contact Helen M or Tom B to sign up for this great trip before it's too late. (hjm07@optonline.net or buhlinger@aol.com)

The newest trip is to Breckenridge, Colorado, March 24th to 28th; a long weekend of late season skiing throughout Summit County Colorado. The cost is \$1075 and includes transportation, lodging, 3- day lift ticket (good at any of 5 mountains in Summit County - Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin, plus 1 day at Vail or Beaver Creek), and club organized happy hour. The trip leader is Tony T. If you have any questions he can be reached at TonyTarulloMCSC@Yahoo.com.

The AAF/Happy Hour this month will be held on Thursday, November 12th at the Red Oak Grill in Basking Ridge, so please mark your calendar.

Don't forget that it is time to renew your MCSC membership so that you don't miss out on any of these great trips and events. You can submit your renewal form to Diane Engle at any meeting, event, or mail it to the address on the renewal form, available on the yahoo group site and our MCSC website. Any questions, please reach out to Diane Engle.

Regarding our past events, thank you to those attended Jersey Boys, it was a great event and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Tom B and Helen M for organizing the MCSC booth at the NJ Ski Council Jamboree, and all the volunteers who assisted. Thanks to thank Matt B for organizing a fantastic Halloween party. Congratulations to Jeff, Lori, Helen and Mike for their award winning costumes. I would also like to thank Paul V for leading his most recent hike; they are always fun and exciting.

In the month of December we will have: The Ski and Snowboard Skills Tune Up Day on Dec 5 at Windham Mt, The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in Morristown on Dec 12 and our Holiday Happy Hour at the Parsippany Hilton on December 22; I do hope you will be joining us. Look for details on all upcoming events in this edition of Ski Tales and at our next meeting, Tuesday November 10.

MCSC social events are open to anyone over the age of 21. Please come out and join us; I hope to see you there.

SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

While ski season hasn't started yet... our ski trips are filling up fast. **Japan** is going to be a great -- once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Don't miss out. The dates are Jan 16th thru Jan 26th We will be traveling with two other ski clubs, OC ski club and The Flying Dutchmen. If you have any questions, contact trip leader Anthony R (tonyricciardi@optonline.com).

The **Telluride** trip is nearly sold out. There is only 1 king room available at this time... so if you are interested - contact Tom B or Helen M quickly. (hjm07@optonline.net) Any interested singles will be put on the wait list. This trip is for members only and additional information can be found on the Yahoo site. For anyone signing up; use the Telluride Group B registration flyer on Yahoo.

The long weekend **Breckenridge** trip (3/24 - 3/28) went on sale on 10/27. With Tony T as trip leader - this trip will be loaded with fun. Contact Tony for more info. TonyTarulloMCSC@Yahoo.com

A long weekend trip to **Sugarbush**, 3/12 to 3/14, 2010 is also being planned. Stay tuned for more information.

Registration forms for Ski Trips are on the web site.



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MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

MCSC Meeting	November 10	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
AAF	November 12	Red Oak Grille, Basking Ridge, NJ
MCSC Meeting	November 24	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Ski & Snowboard Skills Tune Up Day	December 5 (advance registration required)	Windham Mountain, Windham, NY
MCSC Meeting	December 8 (Final Telluride Payment Due)	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign	December 12	Kings, Morristown, NJ
Holiday AAF	December 22	Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NJ
MCSC Meeting	January 12	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Meeting	January 26	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ

Please contact Deirdre Murphy at redmurph7@hotmail.com if you would like to lead an event. Remember, you must lead an event before you can be considered to lead a ski trip.



**NOVEMBER'S "AAF" AT
THE RED OAK GRILLE, 579 Allen Road,
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, (908) 781-9400**

Please come join us on **Thursday, November 12, 2009** at The Red Oak Grille for a fun-filled night!

We will have happy hour from 5:00-8:00, featuring \$1 off tap beer, house wines and select martinis. We will also be provided with complimentary appetizers. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine. "The Red Oak Grille, this casual yet elegant restaurant and bar located at New Jersey National Golf Club in the Hills Development of Basking Ridge-Bedminster is an exciting destination for delicious food and lively atmosphere." For more information about the restaurant, please see www.redoakgrille.com

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



**DECEMBER "Holiday AAF" AT
The Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NJ**

The Parsippany Hilton will again be the host for our annual Holiday AAF, which is scheduled for Tuesday December 22. Plan to attend, take a break from all the holiday chaos, and take time to socialize with MCSC friends.



**Ski & Snowboard Skills Tune Up Day
Saturday, December 5, 2009**

The New Jersey Ski Council will hold its annual ski & snowboard skills tune up on Saturday, December 5th, at **Ski Windham**. Only Ski Club members and their immediate families are invited to attend. The fee of **\$55** for an adult with their own equipment includes lift ticket and all day group lessons; without equipment the fee is \$75. This is a great opportunity to have fun and get a good start on the new season. Payment must be made to MCSC--- MCSC will then submit a single check to the NJ Ski Council.



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Participants must provide the club member organizing this event with their ski ability on the ski club participant's summary sheet. **This is an early season event and it is possible not all runs will be open, depending on the weather. Refunds will be made in the event that Windham Ski Mountain does NOT open.**

The focus of this day is an instruction program for adults. All tickets and lessons will receive a NJSC group discount. The classes will start at 9:15AM and have the same instructor all day. Participants must be 16 years or older to join the NJSC group classes. *Lessons, tickets and rental equipment for children under 16 are the responsibility of the individual member or parent.*

Participants are to meet for the event at the NJ Ski Council table located on the Windham Mtn. main level between 8:00 and 8:45am, sign in, receive lift tickets and instructions for the program. Participants who are renting equipment should be there no later than 8:15 AM. **Please be on time to class!!!** Those participants who are late may not be assigned to a proper class. Class assignments begin at 9:15 AM at the assembly area on the hill. ***Ski Skills Tune Up Day is limited to the first 150 people.***

Get your registration into MCSC asap!

Lisa Hallman is the MCSC representative to the NJ Ski Council. For addition information contact Lisa at Hallmanlicorice@msn.com



Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

Once again, MCSC will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The Morris County Ski Club will be assisting the Salvation Army in taking donations from 10 am - 9pm on Saturday December 12th at Kings grocery store on South Street in Morristown. We are asking people to donate an hour or two of their time during this holiday season to help those in need. See Deirdre Murphy for sign-ups redmurph7@hotmail.com

Past Events:



Terrace Pond 2009

The Terrace Pond Hike was held on Saturday October 10 and, in contrast to the 3 subsequent Saturday's, it did not rain. There had been some rain the night before but only clouds remained the day of the hike along with a strong breeze. Due to road construction and a festival detour, some people had difficulty getting to the car pool location. After everyone arrived at the A&P in West Milford we car pooled about 4 miles to the trail head.

Terrace Pond is located off Clinton Road in West Milford, NJ and there is only a small parking lot by the trail head; there is nothing on to indicate it is a hiking location. The hike up to Terrace Pond was interesting and challenging. There were several climbs in which we had to go single file and use our hands. The bright side of this is we were blessed with great views and saw very few other hikers. We did keep seeing 2 guys who started hiking at the same time as us and were almost considered part of our group. The trails were well protected so the wind was not a factor except at the overlooks. There were some tricky sections of the hike; one in particular in which fallen leaves obscured what was water on top of heavy mud. We had one hiker (Grace) stumble in the mud and another (Marife) stuck in mud up to her knee. After Marife got out of the mud she had one white sock and one black sock. We had a quick lunch overlooking Terrace Pond and then circled to the other side. By the time we reached our destination for the group picture the sun came out and the weather was sunny the remainder of the hike.

The second part of the hike was much easier than the first part as we circled the swamp. We could see the beavers had been busy; water level in the swamp was quite high and there were numerous beaver huts. After about 5 hours we finished the hike. After hiking we went to Prime 15 Steakhouse in Ringwood for drinks and food. It turned out to be a nice day for hiking and thanks to everyone who came.



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MCSC on Broadway

Frankie Valli got it right when he sang "Oh What a Night"!

On Wednesday October 28th a group of 28 MCSC members headed into New York City to see a show about the boys from Bellville. The evening started not with a full group dinner, but various groups dining around the city. Some enjoyed skate (and I use the term enjoyed loosely), others imbibed in some Sangria, while another group dined on French food.

Jersey Boys did not disappoint. The audience was feeling the beat right from the start. There were members in our group that were singing right along with the performers and loving every minute of it. If you have not had a chance to see Jersey Boys, put it on your to do list! I am personally still enjoying the show due to a recent birthday gift of the cd from the show. Thanks to all who attended.



Ski & Snowboard Jamboree

The NJ Ski Council held its annual Ski Jamboree at the Hanover Marriott on October 30th. The past few years the Jamboree had been at the Meadowlands, and with the new location, it was evident everyone liked the new location as the joint was jumping. There were many resorts and Ski Clubs represented; several mountains were raffling off lift tickets and there was also a tricky tray and silent auction. MCSC had a great presence. In addition to our members who volunteered, a number of our members attended the event as well.

MCSC had a prime location right by the main entrance (it helped that it was by the bar too). Many thanks to Helen M, Grace E, Dee M, Nancy M, and Ed T for booth set up. Our booth looked great, and attracted many, with a photo collage, 2 laptops displaying the Telluride 2010 Trip presentation and pictures from last year's Crested Butte trip, and all of our flyers for the various upcoming trips and events. Nancy M made delicious cookies which attracted people to our booth and went fast.

Also, thanks go out to all the other member volunteers who manned the booth and provide info to the numerous people who inquired about MCSC: Sue S, Doris F, Beth M, Mary C, Andrea S, Laura G, Jim H, Sal R, Paul V, Tony T, and Alan K. We showed prospective members how much fun our club is.

Helen and Tom were also able to meet the Group Sales Manager from Telluride (Charity Banker),

whose booth was right across from our tour operator, Marcie Hawks. Charity tells us we are in for a great trip, and thought we were a really fun bunch. She is really looking forward to seeing us in Telluride!

We also learned of two mountains who will be offering special prices for lift tickets this season for ski club members: Windham Mountain and Bolton Valley, VT. (see page 7 of Ski Tales for more information).

We had a constant flow of traffic at the Jamboree, which included many people in costume. Around 9 PM the DJ started, and people danced the night away. Everyone who attended (or helped with our booth) had a great time. Mark your calendar for next year.



Halloween Party



After taking a

year off from the MCSC Halloween Party, the board decided we would bring it back this year. So, on the morning of the 31st of October, a group of us headed over to the Elks Club in Summit, NJ to decorate the place for that evenings festivities. After about 3 hours the place was ready. I must give thanks to the committee of Helen M., Tom B., Jeff and Lori B. and the Murphy girls; great job folks. At 6 PM I headed over to the Elks club to await the band and the caterer. The bartender was already there so I made use of his services immediately.

People started arriving at 7pm and the costumes did not disappoint. I am sure the pics are posted so if you get a chance check them out. From the lamest costumes to the most imaginative. We had them all. Yours truly was a 40's style gangster with the pinstripe suit complete with mobster style hat and spats. The caterer soon arrived and it was a bit chaotic. Luckily the band had a laptop with songs programmed so we had some music as they slowly set up. People were enjoying all the flat screen TVs and the shuffleboard and pool table. Also, I think there was an insignificant baseball game on that night.

By 8:30 the band was ready and so was the food. I announced that the food was ready and then moved out of the way. Unfortunately, the better entrees disappeared rather quickly. (I think I will use a server next time). We had enough pasta to go around and also ran around the corner and ordered pizzas. Thank you , Beth. After overcoming the adversity of the band starting late and running out of food, the band took the stage. What a band they were. From the first song to the last they had the place jumping all night. At one point the dance floor looked like a club scene. People I didn't know danced were kicking up their heels. This band was very crowd interactive -- to the point of letting someone strum the guitar with them to allowing our own Stephen S to sing Suffragette City by David Bowie. Since Stephen looked smashing dressed as a Pharaoh we would have loved to hear his rendition of King Tut. But, alas, it didn't happen.

I think the crowd was surprised at how well Stephen handled that song. Nice chops, Stephen.

As the night progressed I had my committee checking out the possible winners of the prizes for best costumes. The best couple was won by Jeff and Lori B. Jeff was dressed as a knight with a dragon attached. (I know, you had to see it to appreciate it. And Lori was his lady.

Unfortunately, Lori had a problem staying on her feet that night. She kept falling. Luckily for her it's not such a long way down.

Best female went to Helen M, who dressed as the bride of Frankenstein, complete with incredible makeup and her own wedding dress which she had worn 25 years ago; still fits. Kudos, Helen.

Best male went to Mike R who had fashioned an original costume out of foam. Yes, you guessed it, he was Foam Man. Yes, that Foam Man. All winners received gift certificates to local ski shops and restaurants.

The night continued on and as it got close to the end of the evening we convinced the band and the establishment to continue a little while longer. They ended the evening with a medley of Sweet Home Alabama and All Summer Long, by Kid Rock. They took us out in style, allowing us to sing along with them. All in all it was a wonderful evening and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Elks Club treats us well and we look forward to using their establishment again. I promise, the food will last next time.

The bands name is Conflicted and the leader told me if we go on their site we can see pictures that one of them was taking all night long.

www.myspace.com/theconflictedband. The food was catered by Firehouse Pizza in Madison, NJ.

I would like to thank everyone that helped me put this together. To run a successful event you need good people to help you. Thank you all -- Matt



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