



Ski Tales

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Beth Malkin

As we head in to fall it's time to start thinking of ski trips and placing deposits to secure your space on these fantastic skiing opportunities. The first trip of the season starts with ringing in the New Year with Jeff and Lori in Lake Placid; it's sure to be a great event with an outstanding New Years Eve party. If you are looking for an international trip, the ten day trip to Japan with an additional day in Tokyo is for you. This trip is being led by Anthony. We have skiers from two other clubs joining us for this international affair. Important information for this trip to Japan is the new dates -- January 16th thru January 26th. If you are interested in Telluride a handful of spaces are still available but they are going fast. Please reach out to Tom and Helen for availability. The next trips going on sale are Breckenridge and Sugarbush. Please look for the blasts with the information regarding these trips. Please be sure to send in your deposits; these trips are selling out and you do not want to miss out on any of these great skiing events.

We have several social events planned for this month including a happy hour at George and Martha's in Morristown on October 8th and a great hike at Terrace Pond in West Milford on October 10th. The 28th of October we have tickets for Jersey Boys, which is sold out but we are accepting checks for the waiting list. The last social event for the month is the Halloween party on October 31st at the Summit Elks Lodge in Summit. It is being led by Matt and committee and is sure to be a great event. Get your costumes ready. We have prizes for the best couple and individual costume. Who will win this year???

Looking into November, the happy hour will be on November 12th at the Red Oak Grill in Basking Ridge so please mark your calendar.

Please do not forget to renew your membership by November 1st to avoid the late fees. If you have any questions regarding membership or becoming a member please reach out to Diane Engel; she will be able to assist you with any questions you may have.

Our social events are open to anyone over the age of 21 so please come out and join us and I hope to see you there.

SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director

Think **Japan!** This is going to be a great -- once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Don't miss out. The dates have changed to Jan 16th thru Jan 26th with an additional day in Tokyo (and the cost has increased by \$100). We will be traveling with two other ski clubs, OC ski club and The Flying Dutchmen out of PA and NY.

Sign up now before all the spots are filled. If you have any questions, or to sign up, contact trip leader Anthony Ricciardi (tonyricciardi@optonline.com).

The **Telluride** trip was sold out... but we were able to open 10 more spots - and only a few of those remain. If you are interested get your registration form and check in the mail to Tom Buhlinger and Helen McLaughlin. The 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 New Years at **Lake Placid** trip is on sale now. The dates are December 30th to January 3rd, and includes a New Years Eve party in addition to a great weekend of skiing. Jeff Baldwin will be running this trip so you know you can count on having a lot of fun.

In March we have two weekend trips: **Sugarbush**, 3/12 to 3/14, 2010 and **Breckenridge**, 3/24 to 28th, 2010. *The long weekend trip to Breckenridge will be going on sale at the October 27 meeting.*

Registration forms for Ski Trip are on the Yahoo site.



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MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Membership Renewal	Renew by November 1 to avoid late fees	
AAF	October 8	George & Martha's, Morristown, NJ
Terrace Pond Hike	October 10	West Milford, NJ
MCSC Meeting	October 13	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Meeting	October 27 (Breckenridge Trip on-sale)	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
Jersey Boys on Broadway	October 28	August Wilson Theatre, New York, NY
The NJ Ski Jamboree	October 30	Marriott Hanover-Whippany, NJ
Halloween Party	October 31	Summit Elks Club, Summit, NJ
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

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.



OCTOBER'S "AAF" AT GEORGE & MARTHA'S, 67 Morris Street, MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960, 973.267.4700

We are going back, by popular demand, to one of Morristown's trendy bars on **Thursday, October 8, 2009**. Come join us.

George and Martha's is delighted to host us once again for our October AAF. Happy hour prices are from 5:00-10:00; include \$5 Absolute Vodka drinks, \$5 glasses of Pepperwood wines and \$3 domestic drafts. There will also be complimentary appetizers for us to enjoy.

George and Martha's offers an Americana cuisine, and a full dinner menu will be available for those who would like to dine there. There will be an 80's/90's DJ starting around 9:30 for those who would like to get their groove on! For more information about the restaurant, please see www.georgeandmarthas.com.



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.



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Terrace Pond Hike

Join the Morris County Ski Club on a moderate 6-7 mile hike during the peak foliage season to Terrace Pond. This hike is considered one of the most scenic forest hikes in New Jersey. This hike was rated 9 out of a scale of 10 for beauty. The hike should take about 4 to 4.5 hours to complete including a lunch break. The terrain will consist of rocky footpaths and much of the hike is single track. We will meet at **10:15 AM** at the A&P Shopping center and car pool a few miles to the hiking trail. After the hike we will probably go to the Valley View Pub. For more information please contact Paul Van Duyne (p_vanduyne@yahoo.com). **Advanced sign up is not required but recommended, if you plan to go e-mailing Paul is appreciated.**



Ski & Snowboard Jamboree

Each year The NJ Ski & Snowboard Jamboree offers an evening for skiers to get together with mountain/resorts, tour operators and vendors. It's an opportunity for skiers to plan for the upcoming season, check out new equipment, meet with friends and maybe win some prizes!!!

The NJ Ski & Snowboard Jamboree is the annual kick off to the ski season - it's a combination tradeshow and party. As such, it is a wonderful chance for current and prospective members to meet and talk with the Ski Mountains.

Join us **Friday Evening October 30, 2009**
7 - 10 PM for Trade Show, 9 - 12 Party & Dance

Blue Charge to attend

The Marriott Hanover-Whippany, NJ has been selected this year as the Jamboree site.

MCSC will have a table at the Jamboree as well. We are looking for volunteers to assist throughout the evening. Please contact Tom Buhlinger (Buhlinger@aol.com) if you can spare an hour. We hope you can join us for the Jamboree.



Halloween Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 7:00PM - HOWLING MIDNIGHT, SUMMIT ELKS CLUB
40 MAPLE STREET, SUMMIT NJ

Matt Buoncurore will, once again, be hosting the MCSC Halloween party, Please join us for what is sure to be a ghoulishly good time with a **LIVE BAND**, cash bar, And a great dinner buffet. Costumes are a must for this scary event with contests and prizes.

Open to Members and Guests
\$35 for sign up **BY October 23rd**
\$40 AFTER October 23rd



For more information contact Matt at
CaptMatt8@Yahoo.com



MCSC on Broadway

MCSC heads to Broadway on **Wednesday October 28** to see Jersey Boys at the August Wilson theatre in NYC. While tickets are sold out, get your name on the wait list now in case someone has to cancel. For more info contact trip leader Beth Malkin (bethmalkin@yahoo.com)



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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a great summer. Now that summer is officially over, it's time to start thinking about winter activities. Great ski trips and other club activities are planned that are available **only** to current MCSC members. Now is the time to renew your MCSC membership for the 2009-2010 season (Oct 1 thru Sept 30). Dues are \$35 for singles and \$60 for couples living at the same address.

Ensure your spot on a members only trip or event by renewing your membership promptly! I have already begun accepting renewals and would like to thank all of those who have already submitted theirs.

The Membership Renewal form is available for download from the Yahoo site, and will be available at Club meetings. The form and check can be mailed to me at the address listed on the form or given to me at any meeting or club event. Remember, if you want your membership card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

NJ Ski Council stickers will be available in late October, so new membership cards will be available in November. Don't forget, after Nov 1st you will be charged a \$5 late fee in addition to your renewal fee, so don't procrastinate. Send in your membership check today.

Please contact me by email at dscheneck@msn.com if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Diane Engel

Past Events:



Twin Willows Golf Outing

On **Sunday September 13** Beth Hyslip led a new event for MCSC at Twin Willows Golf Course in Lincoln Park, NJ. It turned out to be a great day for golf. We had fabulous weather; 75 degrees and full sunshine.

There were 6 golfers who broke into two threesomes; Mary, Joe, and Beth. The other threesome was Judy, Nancy and her sister, Beth. Nancy even brought along her 80 year old mom who watched us from a chair by the clubhouse.

After golfing, the group headed to the Sunset Pub and Grill overlooking the Lincoln Park airport for a few drinks and a very pleasant dinner. It was a relaxing day and a good time was had by all!



NY Yankees Baseball Game

On Wed 9/16, 40 MCSC members and friends met at the Ramada for our annual Yankee win! Ah, Yankee *trip* that is... against the Blue Jays.

In normal MCSC spirit, there were lots of drinks to kick off the evening and some great sandwiches from Al's



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Buffet in Dover. Despite leaving slightly late, our trusty bus driver, Joe, still got us in with plenty of time to make the long trek past the old stadium (sigh) from the bus parking area. No group plan to see the new monument park this year, but many visited the usual stops -- wouldn't be a Yankee game without a beer from Stan's.

The new stadium is smaller but much easier to navigate. Exciting first year at the stadium! As we write this, the Yanks have won the division and are ready to take on Detroit and then (hopefully) Boston. We didn't have our "front row" seating like last year but still great views from the penthouse. Watch out for those flying bats!

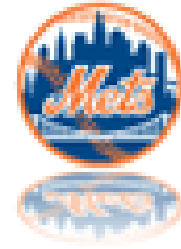
The night was cool but no rain as predicted for days (thanks for miscalculating again forecasters). Very different from last year's 90+ degrees and scorching sun but we were dry. Even though our winning streak was broken last year with a Yankee loss, we were right back on track with a Yankee WIN.

Pie anyone?? The home team was behind but the Yanks do it best - we witnessed their 14th walk off win of the season. Matsui's 2 run homer tied the game in the 8th. Bottom of the 9th, Brett Gardner stole second base setting the stage for Francisco Cervelli as he drove in the winning run, finalizing the come-from-behind 5-4 victory over the Blue Jays.

No one was hurt, we didn't lose anyone, and all were back at the bus in one piece and on time. And Joe always comes through getting us home safely and quickly. Thanks to Paul V for setting us up with seats and to all of you for joining us!

Editors Note:

As of the publishing of this newsletter, the Yankees are playing Minnesota... Go Yankees!!!



NY Mets Game

From the AP wire: Wednesday September 23, 2009 (East Hanover, NJ) - A small yet spirited group of die hard NY Mets fans from MCSC gathered at the Ramada Inn last Wednesday September 23rd for their annual pilgrimage to see their beloved baseball team take on their dreaded arch rivals the Atlanta Braves. Excitement was in the air as the two car caravan carrying five unwavering fans headed east for their first glimpse of the Mets' new Citi Field. Two others, utilizing mass transit, joined the group just as the 7:12pm first pitch was being thrown.

The new ballpark was designed to provide a more intimate baseball experience. All seats are angled toward the infield providing fans with clear sight lines to a majority of the field and a complete view of the action. The upper decks are set forward and are closer to the field. This provides a more theatre like setting for the fans....

Unfortunately, this season has proved to be a difficult one for the Mets who are struggling due to a series of injuries to many of their key players. As a result, they have lost a majority of their games and have fallen out of post season contention. This game was no different. The Braves had jumped out to an early 4-0 lead by the fourth inning. Although they had several opportunities to make a competitive game of it, their beloved Mets could not capitalize eventually losing 5-2 to their southern rivals.

Overall the group had a great time taking in the grandeur of the new ballpark....and they know the atmosphere will be different next year when their team will be right back in the hunt for post season play....



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Fall Bike Ride/Outing

On September 25 a group of 8 Ski club members left NJ for beautiful Hershey PA for a weekend of fun and bike riding. Friday evening the group got together for casual drinks at Dukes Riverside Bar & Grille (which turns out doesn't have a river anywhere near it).

At the crack of mid-morning on Saturday, the group found its way to the lobby of the hotel where they were cheerfully met by Michael Floyd, the president of the Harrisburg bicycle club, who had volunteered to lead the group through the beautiful area surrounding Hershey Park. The ride started out touring through the surrounding emerald colored pastures and wound its way through the golf courses and meadows of Hershey. Highlights were Hershey cemetery, Hershey school for orphans, Hershey gardens, and other historical sights.

After the vigorous bike ride, the group reconvened and made a bee-line for Chocolate World where they were treated to a wonderful tour of the factory and free chocolate. The group learned the history of the Hershey fortune and was mystified by how the chocolate making process has evolved over the years since being founded by Milton Snavely Hershey. FYI - it's motor oil and not chocolate in the display.

Next stop was the Hershey Hotel where all engaged in the drinking of the traditional Chocolate Martini!! From there, the group proceeded to their reservation at Fire Alley for a scrumptious dinner with their guest of honor, Michael Floyd. With entrees that stretched from good old meat loaf to exotic Chilean Sea bass the group feasted on a wonderful gourmet dinner. Many bottles of wine were consumed later at the hotel in traditional ski club fashion.

On Sunday the group scattered to the four winds with some heading home for an early start to Sunday afternoon football, some off to visit nearby relatives and the others heading off to the outlet stores of Hershey.

All in all a fun filled trip with lots of lasting chocolate (drinking) memories!

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