



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
April 2010

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Beth Malkin

Ski season has come to a close and a good time was had by all. Even though the ski season is over it is time to start thinking about ski season for next year. Please join us at 7:00pm on May 11th at the Ramada Inn in East Hanover for the Ski Planning party. Many trips need to be planned and your input is needed.

It is also time to start thinking about our spring and summer activities. We currently have a few social events occurring and the first one is a 7 mile hike on May 15th at Ringwood State Park. It is a moderate hike so bring some water along with you.

Please mark your calendars for the spring weekend event which will be held on May 21st - 23rd. This year we will be traveling to Baltimore's Inner Harbor with many fun and exciting things planned. Please watch the website for more details concerning this great weekend away.

Save the date for the Season End party which will be held on June 5th. The celebration will be held at the Atlantic Swim Club in Manasquan. Please come and join in the celebration and say good bye to the outgoing officers and say good bye to the ski season until next winter. More information regarding this grand event is listed on the web site.

The next happy hour is on June 10th we will be at the Bamboo Grill located in Basking Ridge.

Maybe you are someone who enjoys the arts, then come and join us for a night in New York City to see the Broadway show Promises Promises on June 24th.

If you enjoy the water this event is for you -- on July 25th we will be kayaking down the Delaware River. It is always a splash of time for this event.

If you are interested in any of these events please see the web site for all the details and ticket information concerning these great events.

Our social events are open to anyone 21 or over. Please come out and join us and I hope to see you there.

SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Sal Rutigliano, Ski Director/Ed Tideman, Ski Director Elect

On **Tuesday May 11th** the Ski Planning Meeting for 2011 Ski Trips will be held at **7 PM** at the Ramada Inn in East Hanover, before the Regular Meeting (8 PM start). Snacks will be provided for your participation in this very important event.

Items to be discussed include:

- 1) The 2011 European Trip to Italy to ski the Val Gardena (7 nights) area, with an extension to Milan (2 nights). The trip is under contract. We will be leaving on Friday January 21, 2011, returning January 31st. **Early Sign-Up, with a \$200 Deposit, will be taken at this Meeting.** There are only 30 Spots! Get your reservation in now. Why wait! Forms on Yahoo.
- 2) The 2011 Western Trip to Big Sky, Montana, or Jackson Hole, Wyoming, will be discussed so we can get this trip under contract. Ground prices are in, but we are waiting for the Airlines to set their costs and schedules.
- 3) New Years Weekend; do you want to go away? Bus trip in the east? Plane to the west? If you want to get away this weekend, come and voice your desires. No trip will be planned without enough support and a Trip Leader on board to start the planning process.
- 4) Bus Trip or Trips; Yes or No? You decide where, when and for how many nights. This past season, 2 Bus Trips were set up but no one signed up for them. If you want a Bus Trip now is the time to show your support and volunteer as Trip Leader; otherwise, they won't be considered.
- 5) Long Weekend out West; where to ski this year? Can we get back to Utah and into Little Cottonwood Canyon and ski Alta and Snowbird for 3 days? Where else can a Jet get us in minimal travel time? Any ideas? Please come and let us know.
- 6) Survey Results for all of the above.

With the European Trip set and the Western Trip close to being determined, this is the time to tell us if you want to go anywhere else for a weekend or extended weekend trip.



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MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

MCSC-Ski Planning Meeting May 11 @7pm - Members Only		Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Meeting	May 11 (follows Ski Survey Meeting)	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Hike	May 15	Ringwood State Park, NJ
MCSC Spring Weekend	May 21-23	Baltimore's Inner Harbor, MD
MCSC Meeting	May 25	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Year End Party	June 5	Atlantic Swim Club, Manasquan, NJ
MCSC Meeting	June 8 (reminder: no meeting on 4 th Tues. in June/July)	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Theatre Event	June 24 (Promises Promises)	Broadway Theatre, NY, NY
MCSC Meeting	July 13 (reminder: no meeting on 4 th Tues. in June/July)	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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE at the Bamboo Grille, 185 Madisonville, Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ

Please come join us on **Thursday, June 10, 2010** at the Famous Bamboo Grill and enjoy the open-air Patio.

Let's catch up with old and new friends while we unwind either at the indoor or outdoor bar. We will have happy hour from 4:00-7:00 with 10% of your drinks and complimentary appetizers. You also can purchase appetizers from a select happy hour menu for ½ price. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there. We will be able to enjoy our drinks and relax to live entertainment with a band (most likely classic rock music)

I look forward to seeing you there ☺

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



Ringwood Hike

Join the Morris county Ski Club on a moderate 7 mile hike in Ringwood State Park on **Saturday May 15, 2010**. The hike will climb to the summit of Mount Defiance with panoramic views and pass several scenic ponds and include a trip to Skylands Manor and the NJ Botanical Gardens. There is some climbing although the climbing is not very difficult. The hike should take about 4 ½ to 5 hours to complete including a lunch stop at the shore of Gataun pond and some time to explore the Botanical Gardens. We will meet at **10:15 AM** at Shepherd Lake (see directions below). After the hike we will go to Prime 15 Steak House & Grill for food and drink.

For more information contact Paul Van Duyne (C) 201-396-3570 or by e-mail at p_vanduyne@yahoo.com, although advance sign-up is not required, if you plan to go please let Paul know. If the weather is questionable call 973-265-1100 ext. #330 to find out if the hike will still be held.



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Morris County Ski Club Spring Weekend

May 21-23, 2010 -- Baltimore Maryland

The Inner Harbor of Baltimore is one of the top tourist areas with many attractions.

Lodging: Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, located a few dozen steps from all the attractions of the Inner Harbor. The hotel is rated 4 diamonds by AAA. Among the amenities at the hotel are an indoor pool, a whirlpool and fitness center. Breakfast is not included but the hotel does have a café where you may purchase breakfast. There are also many places nearby where you can get breakfast. The hotel also has restaurant and bar. We will have a room for bike storage at the hotel.

Biking: There will be one organized bike ride planned. The distance will be about 25 to 30 miles for the ride. Even if you choose not to bicycle there are many other activities which can keep you busy.

Cost: Members cost is \$230 per person, which includes 2 nights lodging and a Saturday group dinner up to April 13th.

Transportation: You are on your own in getting to Baltimore although car-pooling is recommended as parking is \$26/day with in/out privileges. Once you arrive there should be no reason to drive until you decide to depart for home as you can walk or take the water taxi anywhere you want to go.

To sign up make check payable to Morris County Ski Club and bring to a meeting or mail to Paul Van Duyne 33 Twain Place, Clifton, NJ 07013. Questions call Paul at 201-396-3570 or e-mail at p_vanduyne@yahoo.com

Season End Celebration

Everyone come join in celebrating the end of the Season with your friends at Morris County Ski Club on Saturday **June 5th from 6 - 10 pm**. This year's location is:

**Atlantic Swim Club
1904 Atlantic Avenue
Manasquan, NJ 08736**

Come join us as we gather together to bid the season a fond farewell. Enjoy a delicious buffet barbecue pool side including grilled Sirloin steak, Teriyaki chicken, grilled vegetables and more. Partake in some alcoholic refreshments at the cash bar, and dance the night away to a Dj. Feel free to bring your swimsuit, for the pool and the locker rooms will be open to us.

You will have the option to sign up for a day pass if you would like to enjoy all of the amenities the facility has to offer before our party begins.

The price for this event is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Please sign up by May 12th so you don't miss out on this grand celebration.

**Please mail checks to Deirdre Murphy at PO Box 125
Berkeley Heights NJ 07922**



MCSC heads to Broadway!



Promises Promises

Promises, Promises tells the story of Chuck Baxter, a charming young employee at the Consolidated Life Insurance Company. In an effort to advance at the company, Chuck lends executives his apartment for their extramarital romantic trysts. But things become slightly complicated when Fran Kubelik, the object of Chuck's affection, becomes the mistress of one of his executives. Starring Sean Hayes from *Will and Grace* and Kristen Chenoweth from *Wicked*

When: 8:00 P.M., Thursday, June 24th 2010,

Where: Broadway Theatre, 681 Broadway, NYC

Cost: \$90.00

Dinner will be on your own.

This is open to members until April 1st then non-members may purchase tickets.

For information please contact Beth Malkin at bethmalkin@yahoo.com or she may be reached at (973) 729-9303.

Please make checks payable to the Morris County Ski Club (MCSC) for the full amount and either give to Beth Malkin at a meeting or mail to her at: 33 Rogers Lane, Sparta, New Jersey 07871.

PAST EVENTS



MCSC Annual Election

(Paul VanDuyne)

The Morris County Ski Club recently completed the elections for the 2010-2011 season and the following were officers elected.

Membership: Diane Engle

Secretary: Jeff Baldwin

Treasurer: Chris Billings

Ski Director: Ed Tideman

Vice President: Deirdre Murphy

President: In an extremely close election Tom Buhlinger edged Beth Malkin.

We would like to thank all the candidates for running and all those who voted. Congratulations to incoming Board members and best of luck in their new positions.

Editors Note: Thanks to Paul, Anil and Judy for their contribution as the Nominations/ Election Committee.



Breckenridge Ski Trip (Tony Tarullo)

On Wednesday March 24th a group of anxious 23 Morris County Ski Club members gathered at Newark airport in eager anticipation for our long weekend out West in Summit County Colorado. For those of us leaving from the East Hanover Ramada, the adventure began as we tried to squeeze nine people and LOTS of ski equipment into our shuttle van. It was a scene reminiscent of the clown car at the circus but in true MCSC fashion we made it work.

On the evening journey out to Denver we managed to lose only one person (but it was intentional) as one member felt too sick to fly and ended up joining us instead the next day.

The plane ride was a rather mellow one with most of us glued to the movie "The Blind Side" through most of the flight. We did have some interesting in-flight entertainment to go with the movie as the drunk/high/confused passenger a few rows kept us entertained with his constant hair styling, mad barefoot dashes to the bathroom and crawling on all fours through the plane center aisle. With passengers like this who really needs the movie anyhow? And for once, it was someone else besides the ski club members who were getting odd looks from the other passengers and getting reprimanded by the stewardesses. Ah, MaryAnn what happened to the good old days?

Once at the Denver airport, we boarded our private bus for our two hour journey through the mountains to the Breckenridge area. Except for our bus driver constantly wanting to stop and to point out random things that only he seemed to care about, it was a very quiet and peaceful journey to the resort.

At the resort we were able to check into our rooms quickly, and after a bit of room switching (for those who had closets reserved) those of us with energy left gathered in the hotel bar, Base Nine, for a late night drink.

On Thursday we awoke to beautiful sunny skies and started our day by gathering for breakfast at our welcome orientation where we received many resort trinkets and were able to get our many questions answered. From there many in the group headed out for our free two hour guided mountain tour while others headed to the slopes in groups. Our guides took us an educational journey across the many peaks of Breckenridge and left us at our lunch spot, the Vista Haus, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch outdoors with spectacular views of the village below. Except for one person (felled by the effects of altitude sickness) everyone in the group enjoyed a beautiful day of skiing in sunny weather and great snow conditions.

After our ski day concluded almost all in the group met up for a club sponsored happy hour at the Copper Top bar where we enjoyed food, drinks and conversation while the bar band played (country?) music on all kinds of interesting instruments including a saw and washboard. We were even joined there by some travelling and former ski club members.

Dinner that night was an excellent one as nineteen in the group headed into town to dine at the Dredge, a restaurant floating in the pond at the center of town. From there it was on to some drinks and basketball as we joined in the "March Madness" at Downstairs at Eric's. At the bar one member, Diane B, even made



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friends there with a man in giant spider outfit. We believe he was there to help root for Cornell against Duke but since his entire head and body was completely covered, we are not even sure he was human.

On Friday, we awoke to cloudy skies and the forecast of afternoon snow showers. A steady snowfall started late that morning and continued throughout the day leaving behind snowy ski conditions for the day with eight fresh inches of powder before it stopped that night. About half the group spent that day at nearby Keystone resort while the rest of the group took advantage of the ski-in, ski-out accommodations and headed back to the slopes of Breckenridge.

Many who skied Keystone dropped by the Kick-A-Poo tavern afterwards for happy hour. Afterwards, we headed back to Breckenridge for dinner with many in the group gathering at Mi Casa for a fine Mexican dinner and some very tasty (but extremely potent) margaritas.

After dinner a number of us then headed for drinks at the local Irish pub, ????. The theme there was a toga party (with none of us remembering to pack a toga) and the crowd there reminded us (not too longingly) of our college days. Our visit there was brief as we opted instead for drinks and billiards at the hotel bar. But at least we were able to get group pictures with John Belushi and a blow up doll that evening. As they say, when in Rome (for a toga party) ...

On Saturday, our final ski day, many in the group had planned to ski nearby Arapahoe Basin. But another snowy day (this one with three to four inches of new snow) resulted in a change of plans as we stayed closer to home to ski Breckenridge once again. After our snowy day on the slopes almost all trip participants headed downtown to the Blue River Grille for another club sponsored happy hour. There we dined on excellent appetizers while enjoying many adult

beverages many of which were sampled from their fine martini menu. While there, Andy M even reported a sighting of our "friend" from the plane (though apparently he proved to be far less entertaining while actually still in a bar).

After happy hour we broke into smaller groups as we headed for dinner, shopping or in the case of a few people an impromptu pub crawl. Mike, beware the "locals" - they are used to this thin air (and know how to handle their alcohol too). Many in the group then reconvened for late night drinks at a local institution, the Breckenridge Brewery, where we sampled the local brews before eventually heading back to our hotel.

On Sunday, the sunny skies returned as we spent the morning enjoying the town one last time before boarding our bus early that afternoon for the journey home. A scenic bus ride through the beautiful mountains followed as we enjoyed the views that had been missed on our night time journey there. Once at the airport we found our flight delayed (by about an hour) as a result of terrible rainstorms in New Jersey. But a very quiet and peaceful plane ride had us back in NJ shortly after midnight.

As with most vacations, it was a great trip that passed much too quickly; but we eagerly await our return trip to this wonderful destination.



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