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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Beth Malkin

Welcome back to our skiers who enjoyed our trip to Telluride and thank you to Tom and Helen for organizing the trip.

The trip to Breckenridge, Colorado is from March 24th to March 28th 2010 for a long weekend of late season skiing throughout Summit County Colorado. The price of the trip is \$1075 which includes all transportation costs, lodging costs, three day lift ticket (good at any of five mountains in Summit County - Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin, plus one day in Vail or Beaver Creek) plus club organized happy hours. The trip leader is Tony Tarullo if you have any questions he can be reached at TonyTarulloMCSC@Yahoo.com.

We currently have a few social events on sale. The first event is for the hockey enthusiast we will be traveling to see the New Jersey Devils play on March 20th.

The second event is a night of bowling on April 16th and our third event is rock climbing being held on May 1st. For more details on these events please see the web site.

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.

The next two happy hours are on March 19th at "What's your Beef" in Parsippany and on April 8th at Attilio's Tavern located in Dover.

Save the date for the Year End party which will be held on June 5th. More information will follow regarding this grand event.

Finally, 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 Engel at any meeting, event, or mail it in to the address on the renewal form, available on the yahoo group site and our MCSC website. Any questions please reach out to Diane.

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

The trip to **Telluride** was a huge success. See Helen and Tom's write-up in this issue.

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



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MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

MCSC Meeting	March 9 (Final day of Nominations for Board)	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC AAF	March 19	Where's Your Beef, Parsippany, NJ
MCSC at NJ Devils	March 20	Prudential Center, Newark, NJ
MCSC Meeting	March 23	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Meeting	April 9	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Bowling Night	April 16	Hanover Lanes, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Meeting	April 27	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, NJ
MCSC Rock Climbing	May 1	NJ Rock Gym Fairfield, NJ
MCSC Meeting	May 11	Ramada Hotel, East Hanover, 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	TBA

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.



MARCH'S "AAF" What's Your Beef, 252 Route 46 West, Parsippany, NJ 973-882-0002 www.whatsyourbeefparisppany.com

On Friday, March 19, 2010, *What's Your Beef* is welcoming us back for another exciting happy hour in this upscale, "New York" atmosphere. Happy hour will be from 4-8, featuring discounted drink specials. These include \$1 off bottle beer, \$5 house Martinis, \$5 glass of wines and \$5 well drinks. There will be complimentary appetizers for us to munch on (5:30-7:30) as well as live entertainment at the piano bar for us to enjoy.

What's Your Beef offers "an unforgettable dining experience, combining simple elegance, a lively atmosphere, an extensive wine cellar and the finest steaks, seafood and pasta." There is a full dinner menu if you wish to dine there as well.

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



APRIL'S "AAF" AT ATTILIO'S TAVERN, 80 East McFarlan Street, Dover, NJ 973-328-1100 www.attiliostavern.com

Please come join us on **Thursday, April 8, 2010** to catch up with old and new friends.

We will have happy hour from 4:00 until closing with ½ price drink specials and ½ price appetizers from 4-7. There will be passed complimentary appetizers for a limited time. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there and a DJ for those who want to get their groove on a little later in the evening.

"Attilio's Tavern is a place where the food is freshly prepared and you are always treated like family. So, come on in, take a step back in time and celebrate life!"



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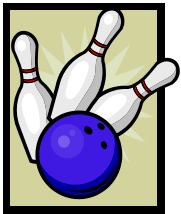
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NJ Devils Game

Join the Morris County Ski Club and our trip leader Jeff Baldwin for an exciting game as the NJ Devils take on the Blues of St. Louis at their new home, the Newark Prudential Center also known as the "Rock". The cost of the ticket is **\$47**, which represents a discount over the box office price of \$56. As an added bonus, the price of the ticket also includes a \$10 food voucher. Game time is 7:00 PM and there is information regarding transportation to the arena below. 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.

Contact Jeff and Lori at RNI2Clever@yahoo.com for more info and to sign up.



MCSC Bowling Night...

GOT BALLS??

Bowling balls that is! AND we thought we mix it up a bit by trying some new boards at Hanover Lanes, 119 Rt 10, East Hanover, NJ, Friday April 16. We're starting a little earlier this time, 6pm at our very own meeting bar, Miami Mikes in the Ramada. The lanes are just across Rt 10 and our start time is 7:30. There is a bar at the lanes if you cannot join us for pre-bowl cheer. Cost: \$21 for 2 hours unlimited bowling - shoes included! Contact: Matt B @ 732-371-8823 or by email captmatt8@yahoo.com or Kim C @ 973-641-2074 or by email kimcastellucci@yahoo.com



MCSC Rock Climbing

JOIN The Morris County Ski club for a night of indoor rock climbing at the NJ ROCK GYM in Fairfield, NJ on *May 1st*. Experience indoor rock climbing and bouldering in a fun and safe environment.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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**.

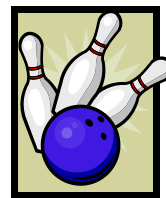
If any one is interested in getting a basic belay certification it would be an additional \$16.00

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

For more information contact Anthony Ricciardi at tonyricciardi@optonline.net or call me at 908-642-8428

Past Events:



On Friday, January 8, 2010, 40 of us ventured out to Rockaway Lanes for a night of bowling. The evening started at the Exchange in Rockaway, where Kim C and Matt B placed the remainder of the singles into teams. Along the way some had drinks and others had dinner.

We arrived at Rockaway Lanes and the norm seemed to happen; we always seem to have a problem with this establishment. Luckily, it wasn't insurmountable. We were delayed about 30 minutes due to a Friday night league; one of the lanes had mechanical problems and they finished 30 minutes later than the rest of the



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league. We started late but they gave us the 2 hours we were expecting. Just something about that place breeds problems. But being the troopers we are, the MCSCers did not let a problem get in the way of a night of drinking...bowling. We experienced a few minor problems on the lane that had been giving the league problems and after our 2 hour period, which they did add on to, the team on the troubled lane had not completed their 2 games. The alley allowed them to continue until they completed that game.

Now, as we usually do, Kim and I check all the scores and pick out the highest game, the highest series and this year we chose the second lowest score. The problem here was that their computer malfunctioned and couldn't print out the scores so we had to check each and every scorecard on the computer individually. Adding to the problem was we had to weed out our group from all the other bowlers. By the time we had finished most of the people had left. Prizes were handed out at a later date. Except for Matt; he had high game. (No fix there). Chris Billings had high series and Lisa Margolis had second lowest game. All winners got a \$50 gift certificate to a local establishment.

All in all a good time was had by everyone. Matt thanks Kim for doing most of the work as usual.



Chinese New Year Tasting at "a Taste of Asia II" in Chatham! Thursday, February 18th

Several people attended and it is reported that all had a good time tasting the Chinese cuisine.

MCSC Telluride 2010

(by Helen McLaughlin and Tom Buhlinger)



Saturday February 20 Our first group of 40 eager MCSC skiers gathered at Newark Airport to embark on a week-long adventure of skiing and good times. Thankfully everyone arrived on time and boarded for an on-time departure... However, - due to load balancing problems with the luggage - our departure was somewhat delayed...

After a relatively quiet flight (it was difficult for MCSCers to remain seated...) and smooth landing, our bus driver, Sam - from Telluride Express, was waiting to take us to our destination -- the Hotel Telluride. In addition to the 40+ passenger bus, there was a pickup truck also waiting --- which carried the excess luggage that did not fit under the bus. (Wonder why Continental had luggage load balancing issues???) All 40 members and luggage were present and accounted for... We headed out to Telluride and were greeted with snow on the ride to town...

Upon arriving at the Hotel Telluride, after Sam had to skillfully turn the bus around on narrow, snow covered roads.... We received a warm welcome by the Hotel Telluride staff.... Everyone checked in, found their luggage, and got settled in the very comfortable accommodations. Some people later wandered thru the historic town - checking out shops, restaurants and of course the bars... others headed across the road to Clark's market or the liquor store to stock up on snacks and beverages for the week.

Group B, under the guidance of Penny Cappuccino, arrived just in time for the Welcome Reception at 6:30pm...



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Telluride Group Sales Manager, Charity Banker, was on hand to pre-register racers for NASTAR, provide an overview of the Telluride/Mountain Village ski area and answer questions while we snacked on delicious appetizers prepared by Chef Malik..... After hearing all the great things we could do in Telluride..... some people headed out to town for dinner.... Brown Dog Pizza was a favorite..... while others opted to stay at the bar.

Sunday February 21 A delicious buffet breakfast awaited us in the Bistro... MCSCers boarded the hotel shuttle, a very nice Ford Expedition, or the Galloping Goose - Telluride's free transportation -- to the base of the Telluride side of the mountain to board the lift or gondola... Off to the slopes to 5" of fresh powder.

The conditions were excellent, lift lines short. What more could a skier ask for? At 12:30 several met for lunch at a very crowded Warming Hut atop the mountain... then back to the slopes.

Après ski today was a trip sponsored Happy Hour at the New Sheridan Bar --- which is actually very old. The physical bar itself dates back to the 1800's... MCSCers enjoyed some excellent appetizers and drinks while getting acquainted with others on the trip, and playing several games of pool and foosball... Everyone had a great time... and most made it back to the hotel on their own... Bob C, did you find your jacket?

Monday February 22 It snowed all night and we awoke to 11" of incredible soft powder on Monday morning... After what became our usual routine of stocking up on calories from freshly prepared food and pastry at the daily breakfast buffet... having the hotel valet deliver our skis to the lobby and boarding our transport (or walking) to the mountain... several took off to Revelation Bowl - with about 20" of powder --- where screams of excitement echoed throughout the mountain... Those not yet ready for all that steep powder wandered the blue trails - maneuvering thru the soft while fluffy ground cover... Others opted for lessons. The day was exhilarating and exhausting for everyone.

Upon return from a hard day's work... many of us snacked on the Hotel Telluride's homemade cookies and hot cider in the lobby, then headed to the outdoor hot tubs to relieve our achy muscles... Deborah, unfortunately,

suffered more than a few achy muscles - she slipped on the lobby floor - landing on her butt. ☹

Tuesday February 23 Race Day... and Happy Birthday Paul Vanduyne... After a few warm-up runs 28 MCSCers headed to Butterfly run for the NASTAR race... Would Tom Buhlinger claim first place for the men for the 3rd consecutive year? Would Cindy Humphrey claim first place for the women for the 5th consecutive year???

The sun was shining, the course groomed and ready to be raced... Ed Tideman - team photographer... secured his position to the left of the green course - out of the way of any out of control skiers... While clicking away - Ed noticed that several racers opted to bypass the gates... Not to mention any names but Rob M, Wayne, Avis, Andrea were caught ... After the racers completed their runs... we had time to check out some new terrain before heading to the group lunch at Gorrano Ranch. Charity reserved the lower deck of the ranch for our group... The sun was shining and it was a great setting to be outdoors enjoying a delicious lunch with friends... Following lunch everyone posed for a group photo. Wondering who the winners are? Wait till Thursday's Happy Hour.

The group met for après ski drinks at the Hop Garden outdoor bar - in an area referred to as 'The Beach'..... After imbibing on a few beers... many of the group headed up the Gondola to Allred's for some Electric Margaritas and to watch the beautiful sunset.... Following several rounds of drinks, some of us stayed and dined at Allred's... again.. not to mention any names.... Tom thought it would be fun to ski down from Allred's into Telluride... although the trails were closed at 9pm ...and skiing after the trails closed would result in loss of lift ticket and \$1500 fine.... While Tom did not ski down... He did state he would need to get caught first.....

Wednesday February 24 This was a day off for most of us... Bray D, Helen M, Sal R, Wayne R, and Tom B went snowmobiling, and it was Bray and Helen's first time snowmobiling. The group got some great photos of the 'Coors Light' mountains. Karen S, Ed T, and John B went for a historic walk around town. Mary C, Marcia S, Rob M, and Rob G tried a new adventure -- ice climbing -- and lived to tell about it (even if they didn't live to tell about it, Marcia was posting pictures on Facebook, real-time).



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Harriet R, Lynn M, and Ray I tried cross county skiing. They purchased one trip lift tickets, picked up trail maps, headed to the chandola and Lift 10 to TopAten Nordic Ski Trails. After skiing, then stopping for a snack break with an incredible view, Ray exclaimed "put on some clothes and let's get the hell out of here, a storm is coming." (*Editor's note: No one knows exactly what Ray meant by that statement.*)

Some took advantage of the super discount on massages at the Spa... And there were the usual who shopped. It's nice to know that Avis K did her part by helping boost Telluride's economy (and she didn't miss a flight this year). Frank M, Chris G, and Paul V (and probably a few others we are not aware of) opted to ski, which means they skied all 6 days. The Sheridan bar was the popular choice Wednesday night for after dinner drinks.

Thursday February 24 Just about everyone went skiing Thursday. Deborah was back on the slopes and this was Bray's first lesson free day! ... Under the careful guidance of a very skilled Ski Director ... Bray unfortunately wiped out, racing down a double green trail. After being loaded onto a sled and taken down by snow mobile, she experienced the care of the Telluride Medical Center. Luckily her injury wasn't too serious (possible ACL tear). We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Grace E tackled Revelation Bowl, her first black diamond trail on the trip. Rumors have it that her scream was heard in Denver! Congrats Grace, great job. After yet another day of terrific skiing, everyone headed back to get ready for our 2nd MCSC Happy Hour/NASTAR results readout -- at the Llama. With great drink specials, the pitchers of margaritas and beer were flowing while we snacked on chips and salsa.

It was then time to acknowledge some of our very distinguished athletes. First - our First Time Racers: Bill Z, Rob M and Marcia S. Next - the Wounded Warriors - Deborah, Bray and Alan K for impaling himself in the ribs with a candy bar - while trying to snow board.

Next - the NASTAR WINNERS: Congrats to All... Bronze pins were awarded to: Karen S, Munn H, Penny C, Harriet R, Cindy H, Frank M, Paul V, John B, Rob G, Bill Z. Silver pins were awarded to Judee T, Sal R, Dave T and Mark E. A Gold pin was awarded to Tom B.

Once these awards were all given out... we had a surprise for the group. We decided to do something new and different. In keeping with the Olympic theme (since it was an Olympic week ...) we were giving out Bronze, Silver and Gold medals to the top 3 men and top 3 women racers. With the Olympic theme playing in the background (the Llama was kind enough to connect our iPod to there sound system) the MCSC Telluride 2010 Bronze Medals were awarded to Dave T and Harriet R. Silver to Mark E and Cindy H, and Gold to Tom B and Judee T. These awards were given out, coincidentally, at the same the US Women's team were receiving medals on the TV in the background. It was a great HH and awards ceremony... Numerous people had too many margaritas - then stumbled out onto the streets of Telluride in search of food, drink or the Hotel shuttle. Some were seen heading for Smuggler's Brew Pub, and others were later spotted and the Last Dollar Saloon.

Friday February 26 - Happy Birthday Jodi!

To say the least -- people were moving slow that morning in the Bistro. No one seemed eager to get to the mountain before the lifts started. This would be our last day of skiing in Telluride.

Despite some early morning headaches and confusion regarding our ability to get back to NJ due to the EPIC Snowstorm that hit the northeast... we had a good day skiing.

And we can't forget to mention Rob M's award-winning performance -- sneaking Joe C thru the gondola lift ticket scan line... Joe lost his lift ticket while skiing on Friday. Rob sent Joe on ahead, grabbed the scanner guy, yelled in pain and flopped to the ground saying something about a muscle cramp. Joe finally skied away, Rob got his skis on and limped down the mountain out of sight.

Saturday February 27 Packed and in the lobby by 11:30am (most of us anyway).. we awaited Sam with our chariot. Luggage was loaded (thanks to all the men who loaded the skis and bags), headcount taken... everyone accounted for except - Bob C... we did find him thou. We safely arrived in Newark, however, most skis did not make it to their rightful owners till later in the week.

All in all ... I believe everyone agrees, Telluride is definitely on the list of places to visit again.



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MCSC CLASSIFIED:

Skis for sale:

K2 Mod 7/8, all-mountain, length 167,
intermediate/advanced ski, rated 4.5 out of 5, orig over
\$500 with bindings, best offer

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