



## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



It's June, and while some people are getting ready to enjoy a relaxing summer, a lot is happening in our ski club. We just celebrated the end of another great season with an evening of dinner and dancing at Spring Brook Country Club in Morristown. Even though the new board has just taken office, they have been busy working with the past board members over the last few weeks transitioning responsibilities. Ski trips for the 2012-2013 Ski Season are beginning to go on sale...and we still have several exciting summer events planned for your enjoyment!

First, I would like to thank everyone who served on last years' board. Their efforts resulted in a year filled with great events/trips and wonderful memories. Special thanks to outgoing Board members: Anthony R - thank you for serving as Ski Director last season and for setting the upcoming trips in motion. Anthony and our new Ski Director, Andy M, have worked together to ensure a seamless transition in the planning and executing of our ski trips. The details for the upcoming season are highlighted in Andy's Ski Director Report. Jeff B - thank you for serving as Secretary for the last 2 years and for transitioning your responsibilities to our new Secretary Lisa M. Diane E - thank

you for the outstanding job as Membership Director for the last 3 years and for transitioning your position to Grace E. Tom B - thank you for serving as President for the last 2 years. I would like to thank Chris B for volunteering to serve as Treasurer for another year, and I welcome Janet E to the Board as our new Vice President.

I would also like to thank our Committee Members, who have agreed to serve another year: Lisa M - AAF (Happy Hour) Coordinator, Nancy McLaughlin - Ski Tales Editor, and Beth Hyslip- Web Master and thanks to Steve Rauscher who is retiring from serving as NJ Ski Council Rep for the last 2 years.

Next, I would like to remind you that there are several events planned for you to enjoy throughout the summer months including: A hike on June 9, a NY Yankee Game on June 28, a Mets game, a kayaking trip, the summer beach bike ride, and our monthly AAFs. Check out the Upcoming Events section for all the details.

Finally, I want to encourage you not only to participate in our events - but to get involved. This club has been in existence for a long time and our continued success is based on the involvement and participation of our members.

I look forward to an adventurous, fun-filled year ahead for all of us.

Helen



## SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello MCSC,

After a few years off I'm back as Ski Director for the 2012 / 2013 season. I want to thank Anthony R for serving the club last year and getting the club off to a great start for the 2012 /2013 season. Trips need to be planned early and our members and potential members need to hop on these trips quickly to ensure your spot as we obtain the best pricing for air travel and best accommodations.

I recently attended the annual Mountain Travel Symposium, or MTS. This year it was held at Squaw Valley, CA really late in the season. That combination leads to some really warm (actually hot) temps in town and on the mountain. Fortunately, the snow held up and I had a few good days of riding to wrap up the season. Sooner or later I'll get this club to California. The people, scenery and terrain were all great! Where else can you pack your bathing suit in the morning and party at a huge pool with a band at the top of the mountain?

MTS links ski club reps up with ski travel agents, ski resort reps and marketing professionals from around the world. Over the course of a few days we had access to these people which culminated in a full day of meetings to look into great ski destinations for the upcoming season. I met with Travis from Taos and I told him that after meeting him at MTS three times, MCSC is finally going to his resort!

Taos is on sale now and will be run by the always fun duo of Jeff and Lori B. I found Taos to be a very enchanting place when I went a few years ago and am glad to see the club finally going. The

trip has been selling well and before you think "gee New Mexico is far away and tough to get to" you should know a few things: We'll be getting there by an airplane that flies through the air very fast and there is an extra day of skiing and riding (four days) on this extended "long weekend" trip. It's well worth the price and you should all ask yourself when you've had an opportunity to get to Taos and when you may find another. Dates for Taos are March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up early for Taos and you'll get a free fleece vest from the Snakedance condos which will be our accommodations for the week! Snakedance is located at the foot of Taos. Out the front door is the lift; out the back door is the village. Don't let the condo word concern you; the king beds split into two singles so rooming is just as flexible as hotel rooms. Roger who owns the Snakedance will have the attendees of this trip to his home for dinner and margaritas one night. Roger is a fun guy and likes to party; he was always one of the last ones out and about at MTS. This event will be a great addition to an already fun trip.

The next trip on sale will be our European trip to Kitzbuhel. Some of you will remember a day trip to Kitzbuhel when we were in Innsbruck, the old city had lots of European charm, the mountain is huge and happy houring at the Londoner was a crazy experience. I will forever remember the Austrians standing on chairs singing to John Denver tunes and drinking beer out of glass boots! Tony T will run this trip for us and I'm sure he will share these duties with his monkey. We'll be staying at a highly rated four star hotel just a short walk to the heart of the old city and the lifts. Please attend the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting or meetings afterward for details! Trip dates are January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 21<sup>st</sup> including a two night extension to Vienna.

Stay tuned for other great trips for the 2012 and 2013 ski season. As usual if you have any questions or suggestions reach out anytime [andymodale@yahoo.com](mailto:andymodale@yahoo.com)

Andy



## MCSC CALENDAR

### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Please contact Janet Eaterling, [vicepresident@morriscountyskiclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@morriscountyskiclub.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.

- MCSC Event June 2
- MCSC Event June 9
- MCSC Meeting June 12
- AAF June 14
- MCSC Event June 28
- MCSC Meeting July 10
- MCSC Event July 15
- MCSC Event July 21
- AAF July 26
- MCSC Meeting August 14

- Season End Celebration, Spring Brook Co. Club
- Wanaque Ridge Trail Hike, Wanaque, NJ
- Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
- Pazzo Pazzo, Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ
- New York Yankee Game, Bronx, NY
- Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
- Kayaking on the Delaware, Barryville, NY
- Mets Game@ Citi Field
- Bamboo Grill, Basking Ridge, NJ
- Hanover Marriott, Route, 10, E. Hanover, NJ

### UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVES



**JUNE'S "AAF" AT PAZZO PAZZO**  
 74 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960  
 973-898-6606

Please join us for our AAF at Pazzo Pazzo on  
**Thursday, June 14, 2012.**

This trendy, upscale restaurant/lounge will provide us happy hour from 5-8 with half price off of beer, wine and specialty drinks. You will find the group outside on the **upper patio**, weather permitting.

There will be no complimentary appetizers but please feel free to order half price selected appetizers as well as a full dinner menu for you to enjoy.

Street parking is available as well as at the Hyatt Garage which is across the street from Pazzo Pazzo. Pazzo Pazzo does not validate parking from the garage. It will cost about \$10 for 4 hours.

### **JULY'S "AAF" AT BAMBOO GRILL**

Basking Ridge Country Club  
 185 Madisonville Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
 973-766-9499 [www.bamboo-grille.com](http://www.bamboo-grille.com)

**Thursday, July 26, 2012**

Please come join us at the Famous Bamboo Grill and enjoy the open-air patio.

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% (about a dollar) off your drinks. You 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 starting around 7:00 with a band named *Kootz* that plays modern and old rock-n-roll.

Questions? Contact [LisaSLP@aol.com](mailto:LisaSLP@aol.com)





## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### MCSC Yankee Game

**Thursday, June 28, 2012**

Join the Morris County Ski Club as we go to Yankee Stadium on Thursday night June 28<sup>th</sup> to see the New York Yankees play the Chicago white Sox. Members will have priority to these tickets through the **June 12th** MCSC meeting.

**Date:** Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Arrive at Hanover Marriott by 3:30 bus departs promptly at 3:45

**Seats:** Field Level Section 132 ~ Rows 13 to 19

**Opponent:** Chicago White Sox

**Game Time:** 7:05 PM

**Price:** \$75

This is a "packaged event" Including: Bus Transportation, Parking, Tolls, Snacks and Beverages on the bus.

For information please contact  
Andy Modale at [AndyModale@yahoo.com](mailto:AndyModale@yahoo.com)  
Day of event please call 732-319-1410

Bus Leaves from the Hanover Marriott  
1401 Rte. 10 E · Whippany, New Jersey 07981  
(GPS address 2 Ridgedale Avenue Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927)



### Kayaking on the Delaware River

**Sunday July 15, 2012 9:45 AM (Be on Time)**

Cedar Rapids Rafting Barryville, New York  
Join the Morris County Ski Club for a day of kayaking on the upper Delaware River. We will be meeting at the Cedar Rapids Rafting Base in Barryville, New York where we will be renting single kayaks. The trip length will be about 8 miles and the total time will be dependent upon the weather and water conditions that day. We will stop along the way for lunch, swimming and photography. We will finish our day at the Cedar Rapids bar/restaurant which overlooks the river.

Cost: **\$45-** Includes kayaks, paddles, life jackets, local transportation (courtesy of Cedar Rapids Rafting - [www.cedarrapidsrafting.com](http://www.cedarrapidsrafting.com) 1-845-557-6158) and lots of fun.

You will need to bring:

- \* Swim wear and a change of clothes. **You will get wet.**
- \* Old sneakers, river sandals, or water sneakers/shoes for kayaking. No flip flops, or open back shoes.
- \* Sunscreen and sunglasses.
- \* A small cooler containing your lunch packed in zip lock bags
- \* Bungee cords for securing your cooler to the kayak
- \* **NO GLASS** containers on the river,
- \* No previous kayaking experience is necessary but you should be comfortable around water.



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!!

Please join the Morris County Ski Club on Saturday, July 21st at 1:10 p.m. to watch the NY Mets battle it out against the LA Dodgers at Citi Field. This is a special event, marking Citi Field's 1st Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day. Tickets are \$40 and a portion of proceeds goes towards promoting ovarian cancer awareness. The seats are in the Pepsi Porch section located in right field.

As a very special treat, our former MCSC President Lisa Galley will be singing the National Anthem! Show your support for the battle against Ovarian Cancer, T.E.A.L. ("Tell Every Amazing Lady" about Ovarian Cancer) and wear something teal to the game.

If you are interested, please make checks payable to: Morris County Ski Club and mail the check to: Myra McGinley, 324 Potomac Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

Any questions, please contact me at [myramcginley@aol.com](mailto:myramcginley@aol.com)

Transportation is not included, but carpooling is suggested.

## PAST EVENTS



## Sky Diving Trip

By Jeff Baldwin

It was a gorgeous blue bird sky day. It was the kind of day where you think "Hey, I'd like to tempt fate and stare death in the face". That is exactly what seven members of the Morris County Sky Club...oops, I mean "Ski" club were saying to themselves. After being postponed twice over a six month period due to inclement weather, Mother Nature finally cooperated and gave us a beautiful day. We got a great deal from Skydive Jersey courtesy of Groupon. Skydive Jersey is located on the beautiful Alexandria Field in historic Pittstown, NJ.

We were signed up for tandem jumps. This is where you are tethered to an instructor as you plunge five thousand feet before they employ the chute, and then you gracefully glide an additional five thousand feet till once again your feet are joined with the Earth. Of course, this is if all goes as planned and you don't end up as something resembling a Rorschach Ink Blot in a crater in a field in West Jersey. We went up in groups of two, which meant two jumpers, two instructors and



a pilot all crammed into a small plane. Nothing can prepare you for the rush of adrenaline as they open the door and you step outside under the wing. The wind hits your face and the only thing that keeps you from realizing that you are ten thousand feet above the ground is that you are concentrating on the two minutes of instruction you were given only ten minutes earlier that could potentially separate you from life and death. The instructor rocks you back and forth in a one-two-three signal to indicate that you are about to be separated from the security and sanity of the plane that took you aloft.

After a brief moment of utter pandemonium, you are once again oriented with the ground which is now hurtling towards you at an unprecedented rate of thirty two feet per second. But this is not as unsettling as you might think. The prevailing thought is "Wow, what a view!" It all goes too quickly. The next thing you know, the chute has opened and you are treated to a carnival-esque ride with amazing panoramic views. After you land, you suddenly realize "Hey, I just took hold of my fear and lived to tell about it". We left the airstrip after all seven of us had jumped and made our way to Miller's Tavern for some great conversation over some great pizza. Remember, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."

Ambrose Redmoon



## Martha's Vineyard Weekend Trip

**By Mary Chaplin**

The weekend of May 18-20, forty-two MCSC members descended upon Martha's Vineyard for a glorious weekend of fun in the sun. Golf, tennis, biking, touring, a great happy hour, an even better clam bake, and an appearance by a "rockin" air guitar band, and you have all the elements for a great spring weekend.

A handful of people got a jumpstart on the weekend and arrived on Thursday. Mary C and Wendy B managed to get in some golf on Thursday at the course that was adjacent to the hotel. The later arrivals were able to walk the mile into town or better yet, catch the bus into Oak Bluffs for some dinner and a little night life.

Those who arrived earlier on Friday spent their day exploring the island either by bus, car or by bike. Some just chose travel into either Oak Bluffs or Edgartown for some shopping and lunch. Friday night's happy hour was set for five pm at the Look Out Tavern in Oak Bluffs.





# Ski Tales

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Luckily for us, the bar was opening at four pm for the season. The newly renovated Tavern had an expanded bar and deck area and a great view of the Nantucket Sound.

Just about the entire group had arrived on Martha's Vineyard by happy hour time. The few who didn't did manage to make it to the Island Inn by ten pm and opened their room for a gathering, which eventually moved to one of the townhouses.

Mother Nature gave us another spectacular day on Saturday for the bike ride. Almost everyone came out for one of the bike rides on Saturday. The short and long rides started out together heading towards Katama beach. The headwind in the beginning of the ride was pretty strong and made the flat route a bit of a challenge. We all persevered and were treated to a great ride to the beach. The long ride then took off for an additional twenty mile jaunt through the state forest, while the short ride headed back to Edgartown for lunch and the "best ever" Bloody Mary's. Many folks stayed in Edgartown for shopping and sightseeing. Five of us headed back to the Island Inn, but were compelled to stop off at Sharky's bar to sample one of their Pain Killers.

On Saturday night, we were treated to a catered clambake outside in the courtyard at the Island Inn. Thanks to Karen S, Maryanne M, Paul V and Tony T, for helping to set up. A special thanks to Tom B and Helen M for bringing the club alcohol, fruit salad, cheese and veggie platters with them from NJ. While the official start of the clambake was at six pm most didn't come until 6:30 when the "chowda" was served. We then feasted on Lobsters (or chicken), clams, mussels, chorizo, corn on the cob and potatoes. Everyone was having such a great time that when it got dark and cold, we moved the party inside to the conference room. The boom box that the workmen left was the perfect aid for the appearance of the air guitar band - "Petey and the Frownies". Thanks to Jean K, for bringing the blow up guitars and microphone and Karen S, who provided flashing light up tambourines. The props (and the alcohol) really helped to unleash people's inner rock star. A special shout out to Doug L and his awesome rock solo!





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I'm pretty sure that there weren't too many people who got an early start on Sunday. Some of us managed to walk or bike into Oak Bluffs for breakfast before packing up and getting on the ferry. All in all it was a great weekend and everyone seemed to have a great time!



Clambake



"Petey and the Frownies"

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