



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Tom Buhlinger, President

I can't believe it's March already. Normally I would say ski season is just about over, but has winter even started! The storm in October doesn't count (lol). Yes, the weather has been screwy. Maybe I'm being optimistic, but I do think we will have a snow storm or two before Spring.

We had a great trip to Lake Placid. Our trip goers were even treated to a Giants win in the Super Bowl! G-MEN! Thanks to Anthony for setting everyone up with wonderful accommodations, and thanks to Janet for stepping in at the 11th hour and doing a great job (thanks to John too). Our upcoming trips are to Park City and Copper. I'm sure Sal and Anil have fun things planned for those trips.

The Board is also looking at adding some new and different events for the up-coming months. Would you be interested in having a dinner/dance party (country western or salsa)? If this interests you, please let me know, and which type of dance you prefer.

And lastly, it's almost time to elect our Board Officers for the upcoming year. Our nominees give their speeches at the 3/13 membership meeting. Stop by and hear what our candidates have to say. You will be able to cast your vote at the end of the speeches up until midnight of March 27th. You will also be selecting the Member of the Year. Please vote for the person who you thought was most beneficial to the club over the past year. The ballot will be uploaded to the Yahoo site shortly. I am requesting one thing from you as a member, and that is to vote!

Tom

SKI REPORT



A group of club members headed out to **Park City, Utah** on Saturday March 3 for our week long, western US ski trip. With over 30" of new snow in the last week and under the guidance of Sal R we are expecting everyone to have a great time.

Our next trip - long weekend out west -- to **Copper Mountain, CO** is almost sold out --- only one spot remains. Contact trip leader Anil R (rastogi@optonline.net) if you are interested. The dates for this trip are Wednesday March 21- Sunday March 25. The conditions are excellent! Don't miss out!

If weather permits, we will try to schedule another day trip.

In other ski news, **Andy Modale** will be representing MCSC at the Mountain Travel Symposium in April. He will be looking into resorts for our 2013 ski trips.

Tom



Copper Mountain, CO



MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Please contact Helen McLaughlin, 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 Ski Trip	March 3 - 10	Park City, Utah
MCSC Meeting	March 13	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
AAF	March 15	Bone Fish Route 46 W, NJ
MCSC Ski Trip	March 21-25	Copper Mountain, CO
MCSC Meeting	March 27	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	March 30	Tennis @ Mountain Lakes Racquet Club
MCSC Meeting	April 10	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	April 14	Habitat for Humanity volunteer event, TBA
AAF	April 20	Dolce, N. Maple Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ
MCSC Meeting	April 24	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	May 18-20	Spring Trip to Martha's Vineyard, MA

UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVES

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



MARCH'S AAF - Bonefish Grill
 28 Route 46 West, Pinebrook, NJ 07058
 (973) 227-2443 www.bonefishgrill.com
 Thursday, March 15, 2012.

The Bonefish Grill offers a "big city", trendy atmosphere that is found in Pinebrook. They are delighted to host our AAF once again. Happy hour prices are from 4-7:30, which includes ½ off of house wines and house liquors as well as \$1 off of draft beer. Also, up until 6:30 (regular happy hour), "call" and "super-call" drinks are half price (not the house liquor and wine but the good stuff!). Bonefish Grill offers a full menu for those who would like to dine there.



APRIL'S "AAF" AT DOLCE OF BASKING RIDGE
 (FORMLY KNOWN AS NORTH MAPLE INN)
 300 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920
 1-800-953-3007
<http://baskingridge.dolce.com>

On **Friday, April 20, 2012**, the Vita Bar at Dolce will provide us with a warm ambiance and friendly atmosphere for us to relax, mingle and enjoy our AAF from 5p-8p. There will be complimentary appetizers (6:30-8:00) and happy hour drink specials. Billiards is available for a competitive game of pool! There is a full menu for those who wish to dine there.

Looking forward to seeing you there ☺



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Tennis Anyone?

It's time to dust off the racquets, pop open a new can of balls and hit the courts! Join MCSC on

Friday March 30 from 7pm- midnight

Mountain Lakes Racquet Club

225 Route 46, Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

Mountain Lakes Racquet Club has 6 courts, a lounge area with a large screen TV and wood burning stove. They also have two large locker rooms with lockers, showers that we will have use of.

Players will be grouped by ability for competitive play and a beginners' workshop will also be offered.

Cost for this event is \$30 per person includes:

Full use of the tennis facility for 4 hours
Food and Beverages (Wine, Beer, Water) and Prizes!!!

Open to members and non-members

Make checks payable to MCSC and mail to Event Leader: Herb Imbornoni, 11 Kerri Lane Lincoln Park, NJ 07035. Herb can be contacted at montskier6@yahoo.com or (973) 706-7631



Habitat for Humanity Day

April 14, 2012 8:30am to 4:00pm

Work site: In Budd Lake, NJ

Join Morris County Ski Club for a day of giving back to the community. We will be participating in the building of a single family home in Budd Lake, NJ. The project is considered a "new build" and is open to both experienced and inexperienced workers.

Morris Habitat will provide us with: hard hats, goggles, gloves and basic tools, or you may bring any of your own personal items if you prefer.

Lunch: Lunch is $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. We can organize a group pot luck meal.

Parking: Parking is limited at the work site. Carpooling is recommended for groups.

Restrooms: porta-potty

For more information pick up a flyer at a meeting or on-line.

Contact trip leader Nancy McLaughlin at nmclaughlin71@gmail.com or 973-234-5284.



Spring Trip to Martha's Vineyard

May 18th - 20th 2012

Join MCSC as we head to Martha's Vineyard for a weekend of fun filled activities

We will be staying at the Island Inn located in Oak Bluffs <http://www.islandinn.com>

Bicycling is a great way to see the island and the Island Inn offers rentals if you don't want to bring your bike with you. Martha's Vineyard has excellent bike trails throughout the island. We will organize a short ride (<20 miles) and a long ride (>20 miles). The Island Inn is adjacent to the Farm Neck Golf Club - if you choose to play. There are also 3 tennis courts right on the premises. You'll also find sailing, boating, and fishing less than five miles from the hotel. If shopping is your thing, we will be only minutes away from historic Edgartown.

Martha's Vineyard has a great bus transportation system that can take you just about anywhere on the island.

The cost per person for the weekend is \$245 and includes: Room, double occupancy, with kitchenette, bike storage, round trip taxi from ferry to hotel in Oak Bluffs, and a group dinner on Saturday evening

Contact Trip Leaders: Rob Geraghty
robert.j.geraghty@gmail.com or **Mary Chaplin**
mwc352000@yahoo.com for more information

PAST EVENTS



SKI & SUPER BOWL PARTY WEEKEND

MCSC bus trip to Lake Placid, NY
By Janet Easterling

Hey, hey, what more can one say? We had it all on our long weekend bus trip to Lake Placid. We did! Real actual SNOW, ski conditions totally fine, a ski director becoming a dad, a proposal of marriage accepted, and a mighty close Super Bowl battle, well fought and ultimately won decisively by our own home team. Woo hoo!

PRE-SKI: In a season of no real snow in the east, we were oh so lucky! With minds eased before we even left, hearing of fresh snows at Whiteface throughout the prior week. An enjoyable bus trip up was fun stoked by good company, and ok a nip or two to pass the time.. so much so that the time passed almost too quickly, and we found ourselves 'suddenly' entering lovely picturesque Lake Placid.

Snow was falling beautifully and steadily as we arrived. Its whiteness like a backdrop designed to welcome eager-to-ski newcomers arriving by night. We looked out bus windows and strained to see the lovely little village while listening for the snippets of happy news from back home. Helen called to inform us just as we entered Lake Placid of a healthy baby born to a new mom and dad. The



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latter, our own director Anthony, having stayed put in NJ, right where he needed to be. What timing little baby Anthony, you have in commencing mom's labors *before* papa was to have left for LP.

SKI: We woke to crisp blue skies both ski mornings, with cold yet never extreme temps and absolutely ZERO wind. It was perfect conditions for discovering the village of Lake Placid and all its offerings. (Dorothy was the expert!) We appreciated Whiteface for the scenic mountain it is, and took in the full variety of slopes and terrain with plenty just right for each level of skier: Lake Placid, Whiteface, Little Whiteface, and Lookout Mountain. Together they delivered on fine activities and good quality skiing experienced by us all.

APRES-SKI (& AVANT, too): Our smaller number proved nice for sharing meals, playtimes and outings. We began each day with a hearty and/or healthy breakfast in MCSC's private room with an elegant and full buffet. On Saturday night, Wayne's choice proved within walking distance and willing to take a reservation for a table of 13! Actually seating us at one long table where all, driver Scott included, shared the experience of good food and lots of good cheer, or rather, almost all. Two were missing in action. Thinking we simply weren't interesting enough (or not young enough, or more likely, both) as a group, we did not worry; though we missed their charming presence. Next day, the truth came out! Alex and Kate had been just a little preoccupied that first evening après-ski, as they had been out, making and accepting a very fine proposal of marriage! (Awfully good excuse, we all thought.) CONGRATS, you guys!

SUPER BOWL PARTY: GO GIANTS!! And they did! For MCSC's Super Bowl party was held at an inn/bar a few short blocks from our hotel. There was ample food and bottomless glasses of beer or wine, and space in which to play, and scream, and jump up and

down, and cheer our home team on to victory. Of course we all did, submersed in our great setting of fine companionship, watching the very best game of the year.

For free time on Monday, "the dogs" on Mirror Lake and the Olympic Center proved the universal activities of choice. We *had* to respond to a crazy, loud beckoning to join the sled dogs for a ride around frozen Mirror Lake, right across from our hotel. After that, we walked the town and poured over the cool exhibits at the Olympic Center Museum, playing like 10 year olds at their first experience of science museum. Then one more meal out, and we were done.

Back to real life: Back to the Bus to start our peaceful and easy return journey; except that is, for the crazy film Janet selected, "District 9", compelling anyone watching to think: "What is she thinking?" at a time all were wishing to sit back and relax :->

The trip to Lake Placid was a true treat. Thanks to all for making it so. -JANET





Ramapo Valley Hike 2/25/12

By Paul Van Duyne

The Morris County Ski Club scheduled a snowshoeing event for Saturday February 25th. Although there was snow on the ground, (a little patch here, a little patch there) the amount of snow coverage was not sufficient for snowshoeing. Instead, a hike was scheduled for Ramapo Reservation.

The day before the hike there was a forecast of high winds and I wondered if we would be even able to hike. Fortunately, although the day was definitely cool and breezy the winds were not too strong as to make hiking uncomfortable or dangerous. A total of nine people and one dog showed up for the hike. This was about eight more people than I thought I would have on Friday night. After a 15 minute walk around Scarlett Pond, we started a rather steep climb up the Halifax trail. This trail offered a nice lookout at a spot called Hawk Rock. Here we were able to take a short break and see Ramapo College, a small ribbon of snow known Campgaw Mountain, New York City, and a hawk circling.

We continued to hike up this trail for a bit and then the trail began to descend. Eventually we turned off this trail and started a steady climb up the Havermyer Trail. Although not a steep as the climb on the Halifax tria,l this climb was actually

longer and a good workout. During this portion of the hike we were protected from the wind. We then turned onto the Ridge trail which took us to another overlook of the surrounding valley and New York City. The hike along the Ridge trail was the only part of the hike where we had a lot of wind exposure. After a break at the overlook, we hiked to MacMillan Reservoir, and then followed the stream leading from the reservoir back to the parking lot. The hike was about 5 miles long and took a little over 3 hours as we took numerous breaks.

After the hike we went to the Mahwah Bar and Grill for food drinks. Thanks to everyone who went on the hike.



GOOD NEWS!



Congratulations go to Alex Stiles and Kate Robinson on their recent engagement!



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