



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Hi MCSC Members:

I know the calendar is telling me it's Spring, but this weather makes me want to head back to the slopes! I love skiing and had a great season - but I am ready to move into some warmer weather and outdoor activities.

In between ski trips the Board has been planning some great Spring activities for you to enjoy:

- Sunday April 21 - Spring Hike - Leader - Paul V
- Saturday April 27 - Rock Climbing/Dinner-Chatham - Leader- Ray I
- Spring Trip - May 17-19—Cape May, NJ - Leader Paul V - Bike or just hang out on the beach...
- Saturday June 1- combined Ski Planning/Year End Celebration - Andy M's place - Bernardsville. Members must bring a food or beverage item to complement the grill items - details will be provided via email. A Member may bring 1 guest only - cost \$10 for Guest, No Cost to Members. Everyone must RSVP in advance to permit appropriate planning.
- Saturday June 15 -Softball Game - Leader - Tom B. We will be playing High

Life SC. Come to play or just cheer on your ski club!

- Friday June 21 - Yankee Game vs. Tampa. Leader - Dorothy P...on sale to Members Only beginning April 9
- Saturday June 29 - Habitat for Humanity - Leader - Don S.

Flyers for all events will be posted on Yahoo and the MCSC web site.

In the meantime - the annual MCSC Election of Officers and Vote for MCSC Member of the Year is underway. There are no contested positions in this years' election - but that doesn't mean you don't need to vote. Show the candidates that you support them by casting your vote. Also - each member is requested to identify who you think should be awarded MCSC Member of the Year. Vote now. Voting will end on Tuesday April 9. Ballots will be available at the MCSC Meeting on April 9 and can also be found on the Yahoo site. MCSC Member of the Year will be awarded on Saturday June 1 at the Ski Planning/Year End Celebration.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday April 9 or at the next AAF on Friday April 19th.

Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



10th through April 14th and this year it will be held at Snowmass, CO. Doug will have access to over 75 resort reps and has scheduled meetings with 35 of them. There is little downtime at this event so when Doug isn't in his meetings he'll network with a few hundred people from other ski clubs and gain some great information.

Thanks again Doug for making the trip!

Andy MCSC - Ski Director

Hello MCSC,

Spring has sprung and our last ski trip to Taos, has just returned. With no other trips planned for this year I guess this article will be a walk down memory lane and another opportunity to thank you again for responding positively to our trips this year.

Overall we had 116 members and non-members travel with MCSC this year from a basic weekend bus trip to a European bus trip with extension. Our latest trip to Taos just returned and represents a different trip for the club, in lieu of the usual Wednesday to Sunday long weekend to someplace standard like Utah or Colorado an extra day was added and we took you to Taos, N.M. The feedback we have heard so far has been positive! I won't be Ski Director next year but will recommend that we follow this format to bring you to places you wouldn't normally get to for the long weekend trip.

Yes, a ski survey will be out soon and we will incorporate your ideas for trips for next year. In support of next year's trips Doug L will be off to the annual Mountain Travel Symposium or MTS as we like to call it. MTS dates are April





MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Please contact Janet Easterling, 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 Meeting	Apr 9	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC AAF	Apr 19	Red Oak Grill, Basking Ridge, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Apr 23	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	Apr 21	Spring Hike, Mohican Outdoor Center
MCSC Event	Apr 27	Indoor Rock Climbing, Gravity Vault, Chatham
MCSC Meeting	May 14	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	May 17-19	Spring Weekend, Cape May, NJ
MCSC AAF	May 9	Cinders; Mine Hill, NJ
MCSC Meeting	May 28	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	June 1	End of Year Party

UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVES



APRIL'S "AAF" -THE RED OAK GRILLE

579 Allen Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
 Phone: (908) 781-9400

Please come join us on **April 19, 2013** at The Red Oak Grille for a fun-filled night!

We will have happy hour from 5:00-7:00, featuring \$1 off tap beer, house wines and select martinis. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there. "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 info: go to www.redoakgrille.com

MAY'S "AAF" AT CINDERS WOOD FIRE GRILL

319 Rt.46 · Mine Hill, New Jersey 07803 · 973-928-7000

<http://www.cinderswoodfiregrill.com/index.html>

On **Thursday, May 9, 2013**, the Cinders will provide us with a warm ambiance and friendly atmosphere for us to relax and enjoy our AFF from 3-7:00. There will be a complimentary appetizer and happy hour drink discounts. You also can purchase a tapas special which is buy 2, get 1 free during happy hour. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Ski Club Hike Mohican Outdoor Center Blairstown, NJ

Date: Sunday, April 21,
Time: 10:30 AM

Description: Join us on a moderate hike on Sunday April 21. We will meet at the Mohican Outdoor Center on Camp Road in Blairstown. The hike will start with a climb on the Appalachian Trail and will then follow a ridge to a fire tower. We should have some great views along this section of the hike and will stop for lunch at the Fire Tower which is the halfway mark. The hike will then return through a rhododendron grove on the Rattlesnake Swamp Trail which passes by along Catfish pond.

The hike will be 8 miles long but will not be too difficult as it has only one significant climb. The hike should take about 4 ½ to 5 hours to complete. Afterward we will go to a local bar and grill.

Bring: Plenty of water, a snack, and it is advisable to wear hiking boots.

For more information contact Paul Van Duyne at:
P_vanduyne@yahoo.com

Or call: 201-470-9317



INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

Want to challenge your mind and body? Try indoor rock climbing!

Join MCSC and hike leader Ray Isola for an Intro to Rock Climbing at Gravity Vault in Chatham, NJ

- Saturday, April 27
- 3:30 to 5:30
- Cost ~ \$24/person (minimum of 5, maximum of 15 participants)
- Includes instructor/belayer, climbing shoes and harness*

There will be a group dinner to follow at a local eatery (watering hole).

For more information, contact Ray Isola at:
rayisola@optonline.net



Spring Weekend in Cape May May 17-19, 2013

Come join the Morris County Ski Club for their annual spring bike ride in historic Cape May, NJ. Trip leader Paul Van Duyne will have two choices of bike rides planned as well as other activities.

Cost: \$267 covers 2 nights' lodging, breakfast and a group dinner on Saturday nite.

Lodging: We will have ocean front accommodations at *The Beach Shack* located near the famous *Rusty Nail*.

Bike Treks: Cue sheets will be provided for one 25 mile ride and one 43 mile ride.

Deadline for sign-ups is April 23

Contact Paul Van Duyne for more information at:
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PAST EVENTS



Whistler Fun by Judee Treanor

The excitement! The challenge!! The nail-biting!!!...and we weren't even on the trip yet! This was just filling Wayne R's spot when he had to drop out at the last minute. Fortunately Eric F stepped up in time, and on Saturday, February 23rd, 33 of us (including four guests: Mike H, Paul D, and Andrea and Brian S) headed off to Whistler.

Believe it or not, we had no travel issues. In fact, the plane got us in early, the bus was there in minutes, and we had fabulous views of Horseshoe Bay during our trouble-free ride to Whistler. Trip leaders kill for stuff like this so you KNOW what I was thinking, right? WRONG!!! I was freaking out that this was too good to be true so how bad was this week going to be?? I shouldn't have worried.

After unloading at the *Summit Lodge & Spa*, our home for the week, our fearless Ski/Board Director, Andy M, Mike H, and Dave and I raced to the nearby market to buy libations and snacks for our welcome reception. Once lift tickets were handed out and the dog & pony show done, it was Whistler time.

Word of the week: snow, snow and more snow. That made for great conditions but also for some dicey visibility at times. The kind of dicey like



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when you're in a white-out, not even able to see the trail beneath your skis, and the only way you know you're moving is because you (barely) see the poles on the edge of the trail passing you (yikes!!!). Yes, we did get VERY brief periods of sun on some days so we actually got to see some spectacular, "Oh, WOW!" views of the mountains (Right, Jodi?).



Our happy hours were great fun! The first club-sponsored one was on Sunday at GLC (Garibaldi Lift Company), right at the base of Whistler, where pitchers of beer and margaritas flowed after a great first day. The second was Tuesday at Citta's, where our host, Mark, provided our own 2nd floor room with a view of the village and some appetizers to go with the beer and wine. The Brew House on Thursday cranked it up another notch for the finale - gorgeous 2nd floor room with views of the Olympic Plaza, and chicken wings and various kinds of pizza to go with the brews.

The Summit Lodge was comfortable and accommodating. They had a 24/7 coffee/hot chocolate machine in the lobby for guests, and in the afternoon would top your cup off with a splash of Bailey's Irish Cream. During the week we celebrated birthdays (Paul VD, Jodi A), and searched for a dropped contact in the gondola (Mike H & Jodi A). Some unnamed individuals (we know who you are) partied into oblivion and were MIA for a day or so.

On Wednesday, our "day off", some still chose to ski while others zip lined (there are

videos!) or did other Whistler activities. At one point some of our group posed by a particular trail sign...um, enough said about that. But safe to say, no one was bored.

One injury to report - unfortunately, but thankfully only one: Lynn M stepped on the back of her skis getting off a lift and wound up in a tangled heap, straining the muscles in her right leg. She was up and limping the next day and seemed to be getting better as time went on, so hopefully things are well by now.

Friday was our only "off" day - it gushed rain from morning to night. All but three tried to ski, but little by little left the mountain as conditions steadily deteriorated. Disappointing considering how hard it snowed the day before - we were primed for blow-out conditions for our last ski day.

Saturday finally arrived; time to go home. Again the travel gods seemed to be with us as the bus got us to the airport with minimal delay despite construction in Vancouver. A bunch of us enjoyed a very civilized lunch at the wine bar in the airport before our on-time departure.

After we landed in Newark, those travel gods dumped us. Most of us waited at the carousel over an hour for our luggage! (You know it's bad when the skis arrive at the oversized baggage before your luggage comes out.) Hopefully that was a minor detail that everyone forgot once they left the airport.

Anyway, it was a great trip with a fun group of people. Thanks to Andy for setting it up, and to all attendees for making it memorable.





Day Ski Trip to Elk Mountain

By Ray Isola

On Saturday, March 9, a brave band of skiers from Morris County Ski Club journeyed into the far reaches of Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains to Union Dale, PA where they spent the day marauding the slopes of Elk Mountain. Our courageous foray into the outermost of the Pocono peaks was preceded by a snow storm that blessed our day's adventure by dumping a few inches of the white stuff. We were twice lucky because the big storm was followed by an ideal day with sunny skies and comfortable temps!

Elk Mountain rewards visitors with 1,000 feet of vertical, runs with a fairly consistent pitch, and lift-lines that are virtually non-existent. It was pretty much ski-right-on the chairs all day long. Part of the day's fun was bump lessons for Lisa and Janet, delivered enthusiastically by Barry and Ray. Meanwhile Frank was busy nursing his busted boot (time for new boots Frank!). Our day of sun and fun was followed by a superb meal at nearby Stone Bridge Inn & Restaurant before returning to reality in the suburbs of New Jersey.



Dinner at Marakesh

By Lisa Margolis

What do you get when you have 25 people, Moroccan cuisine and belly dancing? A wonderful night, of course! On March 1, 2013, our rescheduled date, we went to the Marakesh restaurant in Parsippany. We met at 7:30 and were seated in a comfortable, informal area so we could schmooze, mingle and dance. The décor is very ethnic and very welcoming. The 5-course meal was served family style which we ate on couches and small tables. We had a Mediterranean platter (that consisted of hummus, pita, babaganoush), falafel, salad, main course of various ethnic choices and dessert. There was something for everyone on the menu. The food was delicious and plentiful for all.

The entertainment started around 8:45 and was mesmerizing! You should have seen some of our participants' faces! The dancer was very talented and knew how to work the crowd. It was especially amazing to see her balance a tray of candles on her head while she danced, wow! Some of our participants tried out their dancing skills and they have some hidden talents! Nice job Nancy and Diane! Let us know when you will be giving belly



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dancing lessons! It was so much fun to watch and enjoy this unique type of dance.

I am safe to say from all the participants that it was a very fun night with lots of laughs, good food and memories to be had. What a great group of people, with new and old friends, who had an eventful night. Thank you for making it so successful! I look forward to another exciting ethnic dinner in the future.



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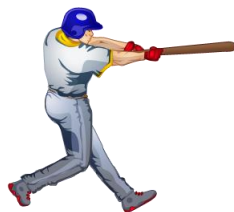
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Save these Dates:



[June 15 Inter-Ski Club Softball Game Challenge](#)

[June 21 Yankee Game in NYC](#)

[June 29 Habitat for Humanity workday](#)

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