



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Hi MCSC Members:

February is already upon us with a great month on skiing on our heels, and many more great MCSC trips in the coming months. Everyone had a great time on the trip to Kitzbuhel, the trips to Whistler and Taos are sold out, but there are still some open spots on the weekend bus trip to Stowe VT, March 14-17 - don't miss out on this trip! See trip leader Karen S for details.

In case you missed our January meetings...:

- The Board selected Doug L to represent MCSC at MTS in April. Andy will be working with Doug to identify great deals on ski trips for 2014!
- Nominations for Board positions for the 2013-2014 year began at our meeting on January 22 and will continue through Tuesday February 26 (please see the By-Laws on Yahoo or our website for requirements on running for a Board position)

- Candidate Speeches will be on Tuesday March 12, with voting beginning March 12 ending March 29.
- This year's Election Committee includes: Frank C, Judee T, Karen S and Paul D. Thanks to all of them for volunteering.
- Janet is already planning the Spring Weekend Trip to Cape May NJ; details should be available soon and the Year End Party. She is also working on other fun events for members to enjoy this Spring.
- We have several other fun events planned. Check out the Upcoming Events Calendar for the specifics.

Our next AAF is at a new location for MCSC, the Rockaway River Barn in Rockaway, NJ - on Thursday February 14. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with your favorite MCSC members!

Our next Membership Meetings are Tuesday February 12 and Tuesday February 26.

I hope to see you soon,
Helen





SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Hello MCSC,

We have one ski trip behind us and just three more to go. Aside from some weather issues Tony T ran a great trip to Kitzbuhel. See Tony's trip report later in this issue of Ski Tales!

Our other two trips "to the west" Whistler and Taos are currently full, but alas there is still hope for you to ski or ride with MCSC this year. Karen S is running a great trip to Stowe for St. Patty's day weekend. At last count we had over twenty people on this trip which is more than enough to get it off the ground, and I expect that we could add another bunch to that list. This trip is open to non-members, so please spread the word.

If mother nature cooperates we will run a cross country day trip to High Point on Sunday Feb 10th, if you have any cross country experience or would like to lead this trip please let me know and look for updates on Y-Groups.

Thanks to Doug L for stepping forward to attend MTS this year. MTS brings together over seventy resort and travel reps from across the globe to meet with reps from ski clubs and

discuss potential trip destinations. This is a critical show for MCSC, as we have found many great trips through this event. Thanks again Doug!!!

Andy
Morris County Snowboard Director

UPCOMING SKI TRIPS

Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

Judee and Dave Treanor Trip Leaders
February 23 to March 2
Waitlist

Stowe, VT Bus Trip

Karen Smith Trip Leader
March 14 to 17
Spots still available!!

Taos, New Mexico

Jeff and Lori Baldwin Trip Leaders
March 23 to 28
Waitlist





MCSC CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Please contact Janet Eaterling, 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	Feb. 1	Ice Skating, Mennen Arena, Morristown NJ
MCSC Event	Feb. 10	Cross Country Skiing, High Point, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Feb.12	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC AAF	Feb. 14	Rockway River Barn, Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ
MCSC Event	Feb. 23- Mar. 2	Ski Trip, Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
MCSC Meeting	Feb. 26	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	Mar. 1 (Tentative)	Dinner at Marakesh, Parsippany, NJ
MCSC Meeting	Mar. 12	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
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UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVES



FEBRUARY'S "AAF" -ROCKAWAY RIVER BARN

11 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866
Phone: 973-453-6900

Please come join us on **Thursday, February 14, 2013** at the Rockaway River Barn for a fun-filled night!

Let's celebrate Valentine's Day (or "stupid cupid" day for others!) with old and new friends at this new, local restaurant/bar. We will have happy hour from 4:00-7:00, featuring \$3.50 "well" mixed house drinks, \$4.00 glass of wines and \$2.50 Bud and Bud Lite drafts. We will, also, be provided with complimentary appetizers. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there.



MARCH'S "AAF" AT GEORGE & MARTHA'S AMERICAN GRILL 67 Morris St, Morristown, NJ 07960 Phone: 973.267.4700

We are going back, by popular demand, to one of Morristown's trendy bars on **Thursday, March 21**

George and Martha's is delighted to host us again for our March AAF and excited to for another crazy night to "eat, drink, and be merry"! Happy hour prices from 5-10, include \$5 Bangoah vodka drinks (any flavor), \$3 for 23 oz. domestic drafts, \$5 glasses of house wines and \$5 fireball shots. There will be complimentary appetizers for us to enjoy and \$5 baby back ribs (finger-lickin' good!!!).

George and Martha's offers Americana cuisine. A dinner menu is available for those who would like to dine there. For more info: www.georgeandmarthas.com



UPCOMING EVENTS:



PAST EVENTS



MARAKESH a Taste of Morocco

Rescheduled to March 1st starting at 7:30

Join the Morris County Ski club and your host Lisa Margolis for a Moroccan style dinner - complete with a belly dancing show - at

Marakesh (<http://www.marakesh.com>) 331 Route 46 East, Parsippany, NJ (973) 808-0062

Marakesh Restaurant is a magnificently reproduced palace with the authentic architecture, carvings, tiles, paintings and crafts which resulted from twelve centuries of development of Arabic art and cuisine. The cuisine, considered by many culinary experts and famous chefs to be among the top in the world, is presented in a fashion that enhances its surroundings. Dining is on comfortable couches and dinner will include a 5 course Moroccan meal that includes salad, Mediterranean dip platter, falafel appetizer, choice of entrée and dessert. The dinner will be served in a modernized version of family dining. The restaurant does not have a liquor license but you are encouraged to "bring your own beverage" of choice and we will be provided with soda.

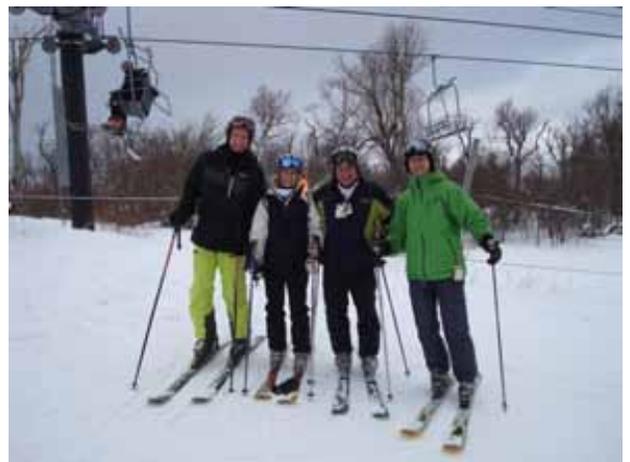
Cost: \$40:00 per person includes full dinner (tax and tip), **payment due by January 29, 2013**

Contact Lisa Margolis at LisaSLP@aol.com or 973-539-5159 (home). Price \$40 per person. Please make checks payable to the Morris County Ski Club.

Belleayre Mountain Day Trip, 1/5/2013

By Tricia Barnes

We had an awesome turnout for the first day-trip of 2013. About forty people carpoled up to New York to ski Belleayre Mountain on Saturday morning, January 5. Carpoolers met at the Hanover Marriott at 5:45am (yes, people were that excited to ski even after attending the AAF Happy Hour the night before)! We all introduced ourselves to those who were new to the group, and we piled into our cars and trucks and headed north. The drive took less than two and a half hours and we were at the resort by about 8:15am where we met up with rest of the group in the lower lodge.





Upon arriving we learned that the main lift up the mountain was closed, but we decided to stay and we were glad we did. All of the other lifts were running and the lines were never too long. The skiing was great and we had enough people in our group to purchase our lift tickets at the discounted rate of only \$38. Most of the runs were open and there was plenty of snow covering each run. Most of us skied until about 3 or 4pm then we met at the bar in the lower lodge for some apres ski enjoyment. (Anyone sensing a recurring theme? :) Be sure and join us on the next day trip! Watch for the next posting.



European Trip to:

Kitzbuehel, Austria January 11 - 21

By Tony Tarullo

On the evening of Friday January 11th twenty five happy souls gathered at Newark airport headed on the first big ski trip of the season to Kitzbuehel, Austria. Our flight there was pleasantly uneventful with most of the group sleeping or catching up on movies and music during the trip. When we arrived at Munich airport the next morning at 7:30, (local time) our bus to Kitzbuehel was nowhere to be found. After a few minutes of figuring out how to make international calls on a cell phone we were able to track down our tour company which had set up our bus for a 12:30PM arrival. A driver was quickly dispatched from Austria and arrived to pick us up shortly before noon. After a two and half hour bus ride, we arrived at the beautiful resort town of Kitzbuehel and checked into our very lovely hotel, the Jagerwirt, where the rooms were spacious and staff was extremely helpful.



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Prior to our first night's dinner most in the group checked into our rooms, and then quickly headed towards the mountain to secure our rental equipment and lockers. Exhausted from our long journey only a few in the group wandered into town to explore the local bars while most instead retired to their rooms in preparation for a big week of skiing ahead. In our local hotel bar some members even ran into Alan, our tour guide for the week (who apparently didn't know we were coming).

We awoke Sunday morning to sunny skies for our first day on the mountain. Our small group headed to the far reaches of the resort area (Pass Thurn) to do the ski safari while a large number in the group connected with mountain guides for a tour of the vast ski area. After a full day of great skiing in wonderful conditions we gathered afterwards at Londoner Pub to enjoy drinks and music by the house band, "Short and Curlies". After the band concluded their après-ski set, we headed back to the hotel for dinner. Then a number of us headed to hotel sports bar, Sigis Sports Bar, to catch some NFL playoff action before heading to local Irish Pub, O'Flannigans, for some more live music this time courtesy of the duo, Frog and the Tyne.

A snow storm rolled in overnight, so on Monday morning we awoke to more overcast conditions, as a snowy day kept many skiing close to the hotel area in Kitzbuehel or Kirchberg. There was plenty of fresh powder though for all to enjoy afterwards. After dinner at the hotel a number of our group headed to Das Licht Pub (the lights pub) for their karaoke night. Although we were the first/only ones in the bar when we arrived the place soon packed as a visiting ski club from the United Kingdom ventured in. Linda K even convinced a bunch of well inebriated MCSC members to perform a memorable (?) rendition of New York, New York. Who knew the song was THAT long? After karaoke wrapped up we followed our new British friends to a nearby club called Highways where we also had a number of memorable performances (this time on top of chairs, tables and the dance floor rather than the stage).



Our group eventually retired for the evening back to the hotel and awoke on Tuesday morning to plenty of fresh powder and much sunnier skies to go with it. Most enjoyed yet another excellent day of skiing after which many in the group gathered at the Streifalm bar located at the base of the Streif trail. This would become the site of the Hahnenkamm World Cup race course the following week. After a few drinks there we headed back toward the hotel only to be detoured into the happy hour going on at Hahnenkamm Pavilion. Many drinks later our group headed back toward dinner



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Several in the group took Wednesday as an off ski day, and about two thirds of the group headed to Salzburg for the day where some spent the day sightseeing while others attended the Sound of Music tour. Those of us that stayed behind enjoyed a leisurely day in exploring Kitzbuehel and/or Kirchberg or relaxing at the hotel. A handful of participants even spent time on the slopes.

Thursday saw another snow storm dump fresh powder on the area throughout the day as most people returned to the slopes after a day of rest. After another full day of skiing we gathered again at the Hahnenkamm Pavilion for a raucous happy hour that saw almost the entire group in attendance. From our group location (right in front of the DJ booth) we were able to befriend the disk jockey and get plenty of requests played (though we still all wonder about the British obsession with John Denver). Despite a packed house we were even able to get a conga line rolling throughout the bar with plenty of patrons joining our dance train. A great time was had by all and I literally had to drag people out of the bar shortly before 9PM in order to make it back in

time for evening's dinner. After dinner some in the group chose to join the piano player in our hotel lobby bar for some interactive sing-a-longs while the rest of us headed back to O'Flannigans to listen to live music.

Friday, our final ski day, brought us sunny skies once again so a few of us ventured off to the nearby beautiful resort town of Zell Am See in order to ski there, as well as at the glacier at Kaprun. The lake views as well as the mountain views from atop the glacier were truly magnificent. Most of the group though stayed in the Kitzbuhel ski areas and then headed afterwards to the Londoner Pub for après ski. We reconvened at dinner with stories of yet another great ski experience including a few of the club members (Linda K and Claire C) even went over the hills and through the woods to grandma's house (literally) as our tour guide Alan brought them his grandmother house on the mountain. Friday night was spent packing before yet another night of live music at O'Flannigans with our British friends.





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Early Saturday morning we boarded our bus bound for Vienna, the city of music. Upon arriving early that afternoon, we quickly checking into our hotel, the lovely Hotel Mecure Westbahnhof, and scattered about the city headed for various tourist attractions or shopping destinations. While in Vienna many of us toured the palaces of the Hofburg dynasty, the Imperial Palace downtown and/or Schonbrunn, the summer palace, located on the outskirts of town and the Royal Opera House. We gathered that evening for dinner and drinks at Seven Stern Brau, a great local brewery restaurant, to recount our adventures of the day. On Sunday, a few of us were able to catch the Vienna Boys' choir performance at mass in the chapel of the Imperial Palace while a contingent of eight attended the opera that evening.

Some retired early that evening in preparation for our very early morning (2:30AM) departure to the airport while a small contingent looked for places to catch the NFL championship in lieu of sleep. All was going well until about 11PM when we found out (via a phone call home by one of the trip participant) that our connecting flight from Vienna to

Frankfurt had been cancelled. We immediately began making phone calls to the airlines involved as well as the tour operator in an effort to negotiate our way home on Monday.

We boarded our bus and headed to the airport knowing our flight had been cancelled but hoped to get a contingency plan in place. But after an 11 hour ordeal at the airport (as various other flights and airports were closing due to bad ice storms in Western Europe) we were eventually booked out on flights the next morning with Lufthansa taking great care of us in the interim in regards to hotel, transportation and meals. We headed back to yet another hotel on Monday afternoon, and a few people headed downtown for additional sightseeing or shopping while others opted for sleep instead.

On Tuesday morning (this time at the much more reasonable hour of 7:30AM) we headed back to the airport again but this time all went smoothly and we arrived back in Newark that afternoon safe and sound (but one day later than originally planned)





MCSC Bowling Tour

By: Herb Imbornoni

On Friday evening (1/25) a group of twenty-four Morris County Ski Club bowlers settled into the Hanover Lanes in East Hanover for an evening of fun and refreshments. Yes, there was bowling too!

It was actually a fitting night for a ski club event as there was snow falling, and it was about 15 degrees outside. It was definitely cozier inside.

Bowling experience wasn't necessary as the MCSC contingent continuously hurled the ball down the lanes in search of a spare, strike and even a Turkey (3 consecutive strikes). This was met with various degrees of success, but all enjoyed the attempt. In fact, there was such effort that many worked up a sweat and certainly a thirst. As a result, we kept the alley bar busy with many visits to replenish our fluids.

As the end of the evening approached it was difficult to pull some of our bowlers away from the lanes as they were enjoying themselves so much, or perhaps they were still trying to get that elusive Turkey.



In addition to all of the enjoyment, we also handed out awards for best male and female bowlers. Prizes for highest 1-game score were won by Herb Imbornoni and Breeze Briggs. Awards for High Series (most overall pins over 3 games) went to Bill Tompkins and Jean Kibalo. There was also a (consolation) prize for lowest score of the night; however, we have conveniently forgotten their name.

Hope to see you at the next bowling event.





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