



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Hi MCSC Members:

Wasn't that a great Year End Celebration/Ski Planning Party on June 1! Again, a big thanks to Andy M (and Amanda and Nala) for being such gracious hosts - and for hiring the band that got many members up and dancing... If you weren't there you missed out! Throughout the day there were over 90 people in attendance. I would also like to thank all the members who cooked, baked and purchased --- so that there were plenty of delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts... I know that many people were taking pictures.... Post them on Yahoo for all members to see. Thanks also to everyone who helped with setup, grilling, and cleanup. The party would not have run so smoothly without the assistance of everyone helping out. If you weren't at the party... you also missed hearing about the great ski trips that our awesome ski director, Ed, is planning for 2014.....Check out Ed's Ski Director Report for details.... And... if you weren't at the party you missed the announcement of Member of the Year. Congratulations **Janet Easterling**...

We thanked last year's Board and welcomed the new Board members...

Karen S - Vice President

Herb I - Treasurer

Barbara G - Membership Director

Ed T - Ski Director

Lisa M - returning for another year as Secretary

The new Board is already hard at work - after only a few days in office. To get the most current information on upcoming events -- come to the Membership Meetings.

Remember - for June, July and August there will only be one (1) Membership meeting each month on the 2nd Tuesday. We will return to two (2) monthly meetings in September.

Our next AAF is Thursday June 6 @ Bonefish in Pine Brook.

Our next Membership Meeting is Tuesday June 11 @ the Hanover Marriott.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



I hope everyone had as great a time on June 1 as I did. Great weather, great food, flowing beverages - life doesn't get much better. It was great having so many members show up to hear about the exciting trips we have in store for next year. *(By now you should be asking yourself if you remember seeing me on Saturday. Was Ed there?)* I did have a great time on Saturday.

Ski Trips - that is what we are here to talk about. From what I remember:

It looks like the winner for our long week out west is Mt Bachelor, Oregon - via United Airlines. We will be departing Newark on Saturday Feb 22 and returning on Sunday March 2. Trip will include:

- *7 nights in Bend staying at the Phoenix Inn Suites, downtown.*
- *2 Queen Beds/room; Hot Breakfast daily; Transportation to/from Mt Bachelor; pool/hot tub*
- *5 of 6 day Ski Pass to Mt Bachelor- with 3,365 ft vertical and over 380 inches snow/year*

- *Planned activities for non-skiers!*
- *Après Ski Happy Hours*
- *On Mountain Group lunch*
- *1 night in Portland, Oregon*
- *Price- under \$1500 with availability for 42 People*
- *Guaranteed to sell out fast*

For our European groupies how does a week in Switzerland sound? I understand we need to go over some basic geography before we settle on a location. Will it be Engelberg, Gindelwald or Davos? Do we depart on January 10 or 17? So many questions. I'll have more details in the coming weeks.

Jay Peak appears to be the venue for our 2014 Bus Trip! The dates for this trip are Friday March 14- Monday March 17. This is bound to be an unforgettable trip - especially with the indoor water park!

The consensus on the 'long weekend out west' trip ranged from "skip a year" to "make this a 2nd week long trip". So I'll need to do some more data gathering on this one.

Come to the meetings to get updates on trip info.

Ciao

Ed



MCSC CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING DATES

Please contact Karen Smith, 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	June 11	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	June 15	Softball Game vs. High Life Ski Club, Parsippany, NJ
MCSC Event	June 21	Yankee Game Yankee Stadium Bronx, NY
MCSC Event	June 29	Volunteers Day-Habitat for Humanity, Budd Lake, NJ
MCSC Meeting	July 9	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ
MCSC Event	July 11	Golf - Pinchbrook Golf Course, Florham Park, NJ
MCSC Event	July 14	Kayaking on the Delaware River, Barryville, NY
MCSC AAF	July 18	Bonfish Grill, Route 46, Pinebrook, NJ
MCSC Meeting	August 13	Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ

Stay Tuned for these Summertime MCSC favorites

Dates and Details to follow:



Beach Bike Ride Mt Pleasant, NJ (usually held late July / early Aug)
Somerset Patriots Somerset, NJ (August)



UPCOMING ALIVE AFTER FIVE



JULY'S "AAF" AT BAMBOO GRILL

Basking Ridge Country Club
185 Madisonville Road
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920
973-766-9499
www.bamboo-grille.com

Please come join us on **Thursday, July 18, 2013** at the Famous Bamboo Grill and enjoy the open-air Patio.

Let's catch up with old and new friends while we unwind either at the indoor or outdoor bar. We will have happy hour from 5:00-7:00 with 10% (about a dollar) off your drinks. You also can purchase appetizers from a select happy hour menu for 1/2 price. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there.

I look forward to seeing you there ☺

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

Directions

FROM NORTH JERSEY

Route 80 West or Route 80 East to Route 287 South to Exit 30-A (N. Maple Avenue - Basking Ridge). Proceed 1/2 mile to first traffic light. Make left onto Madisonville Road. Entrance is 2nd driveway on right.

FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH JERSEY

Take Route 287 North and proceed as above.

www.morriscountyskiclub.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Let's Play Softball

Morris County Ski Club

vs.

High Life Ski Club

Saturday, June 15

Join MCSC for a day of fun and friendly competition as we take on High Life Ski Club. We need players, score keepers, and lots of fans to cheer us on!

Warm up: 12:00 PM

Game time: 1:00 PM (Plans are to play 2 games.)

Cost: No charge to MSCS Members; Non-Member \$5 (MCSC is paying for the cost of field, liquor permit, charcoal, table covers)

Bring gloves, bats, softballs... There is a gazebo with picnic tables and grill at the park - reserved for our use. Bring your own picnic and grill when you like, or just bring sandwiches. **This is a BYO event.** We have a liquor permit, so bring what you want to drink!

Sign Up Information: **RSVP required (so we know who is playing)**

Team Manager: Tom B at buhlinger@aol.com



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Habitat For Humanity Day
June 29, 2013 Hours: 8:30am to 4:00pm
***Budd Lake, NJ**

Join MCSC for a day of giving back to the community.

We will be participating in the building of a single family home. The project is expected to be finishing type work. This too may change.

The event is open to *20 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 bring your own tools, please label them with your name.

Lunch: Lunch is ½ hour. Morris County Ski Club will underwrite the expense of pizza or other similar delivered meal. Dinner and libations after a hard day are on your own at a watering hole to be named later.

Parking: Parking space may be limited at the work site, so carpooling is recommended for large groups. A designated carpooling site may be established closer to the date.

Restrooms: Porta-potty

NO SMOKING PERMITTED ON WORKSITE

Sensible or safe shoes are required. Steel toes optional; **no sandals or open toed shoes.**

Contact trip leader Don S at donsmith@optonline.net or 973-727-6413.

Or complete the form on our website.

***Several sites are in operation our assignment may change closer to the date.**



Join the MCSC as we go to Yankee Stadium
FRIDAY JUNE 21st

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

Seats: Field Level Section 132 - Rows 13-19

Opponent: Tampa Bay Rays

Game Time: 7:05

Price: \$78 includes bus transportation, parking, tolls, snack and beverages on the bus

Bus leaves from the Hanover Marriot 1401 Rt. 10 East Whippany, NJ (GPS 2 Ridgedale Avenue Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927)

Please contact Dorothy at

dorothypedini@gmail.com for availability or call (973) 219-8747





Kayaking on the Delaware Sunday, July 14th PROMPTLY AT 9:45 A.M.

No Previous Kayak Experience Necessary

We will be meeting at the Reber River Trips base in Barryville, New York where we will rent single kayaks. We will kayak around 11 miles and total time will depend on the weather and water conditions. We will kayak thru a few stretches of white water and we will stop about halfway thru the trip for lunch, swimming and photography. We will finish our day with food and drinks at the Carriage House restaurant a historic building built in the early 1900's.

www.thecarriagehouseny.com

Cost: \$45 includes kayaks, paddles, life jackets, local transportation and lots of fun.

www.niberrivertrips.com (845-557-3332)

You will need to bring

- Swimwear and change of clothes (you will get wet)
- Old sneakers, river sandals, or water sneakers/shoes. No flip flops or open back shoes
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- A small cooler with your lunch secured in zip lock bags

- Bungee cords for securing your cooler to the kayak
- NO GLASS on the river
- No previous kayak experience is necessary but you should be comfortable around water

To sign up make a check payable to MCSC for \$45 and give to Paul Van Duyne trip leader (201) 470-9317 or e-mail p-vanduyne@yahoo.com

Directions:

Route 287 N. to exit 52 Rt. 23 N. past High Point and into Port Jervis. At Port Jervis take Rt. 6 West to 7 N. for 18 miles. Reber River Trips is on the left hand side of Rt. 97 adjacent to the Carriage House Restaurant and Motel. This is the junction of Route 97 and Route 55

Or

Route 80 West to Rt. 15 N. Take Rt. 15 N to Route 206 N. across the Delaware River. In the town of Milford, PA. turn right on to Rt. 209 N and take this road to Rt. 97 in Port Jervis. Take Rt. 97 N. to Reber River Trips located adjacent to the Carriage House at the junction of Rt. 97 and Rt. 55.



PAST EVENTS:



Indoor Rock Climbing at Gravity Vault (in Chatham!)

By Ray I

Challenge? What challenge? Only the ladies can say that they rose to the challenge issued by Janet Easterling, the intrepid climber, adventurer and fearless VP of MCSC. In our initial announcement, Janet threw down the gauntlet, calling for both guys and gals to give indoor rock climbing a try. Sadly, only 1 guy (that's "one" as in singular!) rose to the challenge. However, 9 courageous gals sallied forth to explore this fun sport that tests both your mind and body. This lucky group of 10 enjoyed an afternoon at the Gravity Vault in Chatham, putting them to the test. I'm pleased to note that our group of beginners rose to the challenge and performed well. Everyone was able to complete a good number of their climbs. Made all the more impressive when one considers that they did not even begin with the easiest climbs.

But - - - there was one huge challenge that 2 of our intrepid climbers had difficulty overcoming. It was to get to the correct Gravity Vault. You see GV has a facility in Upper Saddle River and one in Chatham. While the announcement clearly stated "Gravity Vault in Chatham" and "...dinner at nearby Gregorio's in Chatham..." Dorothy somehow got it stuck in her head that we were going to the GV in Upper Saddle River and never questioned why we'd go rock climbing in Upper Saddle River, yet eat dinner at a restaurant in Chatham. Her driving companion, Barbara, was vexed by all of this until they called me after they got lost and needed assistance with directions. "You're where?!!" was my reaction. Much laughter and silliness ensued, and we quickly cleared things up and got them on the right track. Good sports that they are, they made it to GV in Chatham on time (we won't ask how many speed limits were exceeded!) and good naturedly accepted being the butt of a few jokes made at their expense.

Afterwards we enjoyed a sumptuous feast at nearby Gregorio's in Chatham, which offers superb northern Italian cuisine in a casual atmosphere. The restaurant has a BYOB policy, so there were plenty of robust reds and hearty brews to accompany our meal. It was truly delicious!

Look for your next opportunity to visit Gravity Vault with MCSC....





Cape May Bike Trip

By Paul V and Elle



The annual spring bike trip weekend was held May 17-19 in Cape May NJ. In contrast to many parts of the NJ coastline devastated by Super Storm Sandy, the Cape May/Wildwood area suffered no appreciable damage and the lodging was a perfect location. The Beach Shack is across the street from the ocean,



walking distance to Washington Street and Pedestrian Village with shopping and sight-

seeing tours available there. The rooms at the Beach Shack were good size efficiencies with balconies that overlooked the ocean. Another highlight, the Rusty Nail bar and restaurant, was adjacent to our hotel. This was our dining spot for breakfast, Saturday night dinner and happy hours. The inside section had a long bar along with rock bands both nights. There was a seating area which was opened to the outside and this is where we had breakfasts. The sand fire pit area had daytime music and entertainment.

Our best weather was Friday which was sunny with temperatures in the high 70s. Those who arrived early enjoyed the fantastic weather either exploring the town or biking. Most of us gathered at the Rusty Nail for drinks and then split up into smaller groups for dinner.

Saturday was quite a bit cooler (probably 10 to 15 degrees) and mostly cloudy for our organized bike rides. Six people went on the 25 mile ride in the southern part of Cape May. Four people went on the 35 mile ride which was extended to 40 miles by including a trip to sunset beach to see the concrete ship. The 40 mile ride also went north to Wildwood where we hoped to be able to ride on the boardwalk. We arrived at 11 AM when the boardwalk officially closes to bicycles and the start time of the juvenile diabetes walk. As a result we had to modify our route slightly. Four people on the trip decided to go sightseeing instead of



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biking and enjoyed a trolley tour of Cape May, and the Emlen Physick Estate.

The rain began around 6 PM on Saturday but that didn't hinder our Happy hour festivities which moved undercover. Our group dinner was at the Rusty Nail and since we had a small group we were able to order from the menu. A number of us had Lobster and all enjoyed a great dinner and a great time. "Dinner ended around 9:30 and most people decided to call it a night around 10." **said Paul. Editor's Version-** "We had a great dinner and a great time and were very appreciative of our leader, Paul, for all his efforts and planning. So..... Laura, Barbara, Dorothy, and Elle pulled Paul up on to the dance floor and celebrated by singing and dancing around him. Yes, Paul was embarrassed. After much coaxing he joined in and was laughing along with us. John, Jim and Bruce cheered us on and a great Saturday night was had by all." **said Elle.**

After raining most of Saturday night, Sunday was even cooler. Dorothy led group of us for a pre- breakfast walk on the beach. After breakfast others explored the area some more. The rains came shortly after noon on Sunday as everyone was heading home. We were a small group who seemed to really enjoy the trip. Thank you for coming!





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