



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi MCSC:

Happy Spring ... Well the calendar may say it's Spring - but there is still enough snow to be skied on many mountains! While I did have many great days on several different mountains this season - I am ready for some warmer, dryer weather.

We have had many new members join MCSC since last spring - and some might be wondering what a ski club does après ski season. So here are some of things our members can participate in now through the beginning of next ski season! Karen S - our awesome VP has been hard at work scheduling numerous events for you to participate in. Are you interested in a group dinner? There is one scheduled in April. Perhaps you would like to go hiking? MCSC will also be working with Habitat for Humanity on a local project. Need to get away again? Try our Spring Trip - this year to Ocean City, MD. Whether you would like to bike, golf, or

just goof off - this trip may be for you. We will be holding our season end party at Spring Brook County Club. Let's get dressed up (yes - country club casual attire required) and celebrate the great times we shared throughout the 2013/2014 year. Then it's time to play ball... twice in June. Join MCSC as we take on High Life Ski Club - for the 2nd annual softball game/BBQ. And - later in June we will be taking in a NY Yankee game - same great field level seats.... Do you like to Kayak? Check the summer calendar - we usually a kayak event scheduled. And yes, our Alive After Five Happy Hours continue on a monthly basis as well. So - yes, we are a ski club, and yes - we offer many events for everyone, year round!

While all of you are out enjoying these events, the Board will be working on scheduling and planning the ski trips for next season. Before you know it September will be here (no I am not rushing thru Spring and Summer - I love those months!) and Ed will be upfront at our meetings describing the great ski trips that will be on sale for 2015!

I look forward to seeing you at our Spring and Summer events.

Helen

P.S. Please remember - our informal monthly gatherings are not booked with the Marriott. We gather informally in the lobby area outside the Auld Shebeen.



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Ladies and Gents,

We welcome back our last ski group who were out west prospecting for white powder in the mountains above the silver mines in Park City, Utah. Three days of skiing at Park City and Deer Valley must have been fun for all. The report was that they had great spring conditions of snow and sun and some heavy winds on the last day.

Myra McKinley was our trip leader and will be filling us in on the details and stories from behind the scenes.

So that ends our 3 big ski trips; our European Trip to Engelberg in Switzerland and extension to Budapest, our Western Trip to Mt Bachelor in Oregon and a night in Portland and Long Weekend Trip to Park City in Utah. Although it's warming up there's still some skiing in our backyard on the east coast, so get out there one last time.

I'm starting to look at spots for next season in France or Italy and California or Montana for the week longs. Should we do a New Year's trip? Weekend bus trip? Long weekend again-where.

So talk to me and let me know your thoughts.

Ed



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April Birthday's

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6	7	8	9 Jean Kibalo	10	11	12
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26	27 Ron Meckbach	28	29	30		

May Birthdays

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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.

April

- MCSC AAF 4-Apr Red Oak Grille, 579 Allen Rd, Basking Ridge , NJ
- MCSC Meeting 8-Apr Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ (formal)
- MCSC Event 9-Apr Spain '92 Dinner, 1116 Rt. 202 South, Raritan, NJ
- MCSC Event 19-Apr Habitat for Humanity - Location TBD
- MCSC Meeting 22-Apr Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)
- MCSC Event 26-Apr Hike - Buttermilk Falls, Wallpack Center, NJ

May

- MCSC Event 3-May Tennis & Volleyball, Hillsborough Tennis Plus, 6 Dickerson Rd, Hillsborough, NJ
- MCSC AAF 8-May Cinders, 319 Rt. 46, Mine Hill, NJ
- MCSC Meeting 13-May Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ (formal)
- MCSC Event May 16-18 Spring Bike Trip, Ocean City, MD
- MCSC Meeting 27-May Hanover Marriott, Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)
- MCSC Event 31-May Year End Party, Spring Brook Country Club, Morristown, NJ

We need your ideas for upcoming events! !

Contact Karen Smith (vicepresident@morriscountyskiclub.com) if you are interested in running an event.



AAF - ALIVE AFTER FIVE

MORRIS COUNTY SKI CLUB



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APRIL'S "AAF"/Happy Hour –THE RED OAK GRILLE

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

Please come join us on **Friday, April 4, 2014** 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. There will, also, be 3 half price appetizers available for purchase. A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there. A DJ will spin the tunes starting at 9:30 so get your dancing boots on!

"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."

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

Directions

From the Northeast: If you are traveling south on I-287 and your location is North of Mt. Airy Road (Exit 26) take exit 26. At bottom of ramp turn left. Continue on Mt. Airy Road to the third light. Turn right on Allen Road; go through the stop sign on Somerville Road (You are now in The Hills Development). The club is 1.6 miles on the right.

From the North: If you are traveling south on Route 206 or 202 your location is North of I-287 go under I-287 staying in the left lane, just past the underpass turn left with signage to I-287 North and Schley Mountain Road. Take Schley Mountain Road (right at split with I-287) and the club entrance are 1.8 miles on the left.

From the South: If you are traveling North on Route 206 or 202 and your location is South of I-78 continue past the Village Shopping Center at The Hills. Follow the sign to the right for I-287 north and Schley Mountain Road (right at the split with I-287) and the Club is 1.8 miles on the left.

From the South: If you are traveling North on I-287 and your location is South of I-78, take I-78 east and follow the directions below.

From the East or West: Take I-78 to Exit 33 (Highway 525 - Martinsville Road). Turn north at the end of the ramp. Approximately 0.7 miles from the freeway (past the Somerset Hills Hotel on right) turn left at the light onto Allen Road. Go through the stop sign on Somerville Road (entering The Hills Development) The club is 1.6 miles on right.

On **Thursday, May 8, 2014**, Cinders will provide us with a warm ambiance and friendly atmosphere for us to relax and enjoy our AAF from 3-7:00.

There will be a complimentary appetizers 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



MCSC "Ole-Ole Flamenco" Night Dinner

April 9, 2014 at 7:00

SPAIN 92

1116 Rt.202 South

Raritan, NJ 08869

908-704-9292

www.spain92.com

On Wednesday, April 9th 2014, please join MCSC for an exciting evening of dinner and a "Flamenco" show! This fun event is only available for **12 people** so hurry up and reserve your spot! Spain 92 is offering a 4-course meal with unlimited red/white wines and sangria plus Carajillo coffee with dessert. The courses consist of (1) Ensalada Sevillana - salad with various toppings, (2) Pinchos de Jerez - tortilla, croquetas, cheese, stuffed olives, as well as a few other treats (3) Chuletillas Gitanas - marinated New Zealand baby

lamb chops with sides and (4) Natillas Cordobesas- Crème Brule. Please see website for more details about the courses. Entertainment is by "Ricardo Santiago Flamenco Show". Couldn't ask for a better evening with great ethnic food and fabulous entertainment to go with it!

Dinner starts at 7:00 so please try to arrive by 6:45. The price is **\$55 per person plus tax and gratuity (about \$70)**. Payment will be made by each individual directly to the restaurant that evening.

Please **RSVP by April 5, 2014** so we can confirm with the restaurant how many spots we will actually need.

Remember - this is for **12 people only!** I will even take a waiting list ☐

Contact Lisa Margolis at LisaSLP@aol.com or 973-539-5159 (h) with any questions and to RSVP. Hope you can join us for a great evening!



Saturday April 19th –

Join MCSC as we give back to the community

Dover, Morristown or Madison area in NJ ***To be determined 2 weeks prior to build date.**

We will be participating in the building of a single family home. The project is enclosed and projected to be finishing type work. This too may change. The date 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 prefer. If you bring your own tools, please label them with your name.

Kt nbg9 Kt nbg hr ð gnt q- L nqpr Bnt nxx Rj hBkt a v Hk underwrite the expense of pizza or other similar delivered meal. The group often convenes for snacks and libations on our own after a fun day 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 will be available for your comfort needs at the job site.

NO SMOKING PERMITTED ON WORKSITE

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

Contact trip leader Marion or Don

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING BIKE TRIP

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

May 16, 17, 18





Past Events

Wine Tasting

On Weds, Feb 19th a group of 20 MCSC members descended into Morristown to enjoy a mid-week wine tasting event at Cambridge Wines. Cambridge Wines is a local purveyor of fine and moderately priced wines as well as craft beers and spirits. Their marketing focus is on serving the BYOB crowd at the plethora of Morristown restaurants offering this format. (See their website for details) They are located in the residential/retail complex at the Morristown train station next to God Father Pizza. Our hosts were James, Anthony and David co-owners of this new establishment.

The tasting format was an initial quick description of the five wines we would be tasting followed by an informal tasting and discussion as you pleased. No strict protocol. Just a casual and easy interaction which was well suited to our Club. The wines we tasted with their Cambridge commentary were as follows:

BEST OF THE US

Gruet - Sparkling from New Mexico. Almost everyone knows Schramsberg. This stuff is twice as good. A working class French family made Champagne for the top wine houses across the region until they were able to save enough money to travel the world. Of all places, they decided this plot of land in

New Mexico was exactly what they had been searching to find. Method Champenoise technique is employed to produce this delightful sparkling wine.

Teira Sauvignon Blanc - Classic California. Grassy, with gooseberry and exotic fruits. Crisp, steely dry and delicious.

Big Vine Chardonnay - Less oak than the majority of what's on the Californian market meaning one thing, a wonderful mineral driven true expression of the Chardonnay Grape.

CMS Red - Cabernet/Merlot Blend. Washington State doing what they do best. Splendid.

Trim - St. Helena, Californian interpretation of the Bordeaux blend. Leads with 81% cabernet, a real crowd pleaser, genuinely difficult not to enjoy.

Assortments of munchies were provided to complement the wines. This included some hand crafted items by our own Karen Smith which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Overall the wines were very enjoyable, easy drinking and with moderate price points. There was a lot of discussion about the wines as well as other timely topics like recent and upcoming ski trips ! Everyone enjoyed the evening which turned out to be a nice mid-week break from the normal work week grind !!!

Wayne



Mt Bachelor Ski Trip

What a great trip! There were 40 of us that departed on Saturday, 2/22, heading to Bend OR - for a week of skiing, beer (Bend being the Ale capital of the US) and fun!!!. While we did not lose any passengers with the connecting flights in San Francisco... our luggage decided not to go to Portland OR, but to spend an extra day in San Fran... So, after members filed claims with United on missing baggage, we boarded the bus to begin a 4 hour tour to our final destination - Bend, Oregon. With luggage at a minimum, this was the easiest airport bus load I ever remember! Now - what would a MCSC bus ride be without food, beer and wine! ... A pre-arranged stop at a local establishment allowed us to pick up required provisions to keep everyone in good spirits for the duration.

For most of us, our first day was spent trying to retrieve our lost bags and getting ski rentals. The crew at the Mt. Bachelor Demo Center did a great job in getting us fit with skis and boots to our liking (or at least good enough to ski with until our own equipment arrived). The best thing about being on the mountain Sunday was the clear blue skies and

the informative mountain ambassadors who provided tours of the Mt Bachelor terrain. By the time our Welcome Reception started on Sunday night, everyone had received their entire luggage, and it was time to party (ok, everyone was partying right from the beginning).



Monday was a difficult day on the slopes as it was misting and overcast at Mt Bachelor. Luckily, we were able to meet up with Ann Cook, the Mt Bachelor Group Sales Manager. She was able to take some of us to parts of the mountain that had good visibility. We had about 15 people follow her all morning. She led us to the Pine Marten Lodge for our on mountain lunch. Several others trekked high and low to make it to the mountain lunch - where everyone arrived drenched! While we were pretty high on the mountain, the visibility was very poor. We did enjoy a nice lunch though and had some time to dry off before skiing through the fog and clouds again. Monday evening just about everyone headed to "The Drake" with free drink ticket in hand (from our Welcome Bag). Afterwards, people went in all directions in Bend. Some members were even treated to a rare full moon as they dined at 900 Wall.



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Over half the group went snow shoeing at Crater Lake Tuesday. They were treated to a blue bird day as they witnessed one of the most beautiful sites in the entire world. Some who went to Mt Bachelor were treated to the same beautiful weather, while those who wandered although Bend were in an inversion and never saw the sun all day (the wine consumed at The Naked Winery may have had something to do with never seeing the sun....). Tuesday night everyone was treated to a fantastic happy hour at the Brickhouse. The food and the private room with the fireplace were phenomenal.

Returning to Mt Bachelor on Wednesday morning, we were greeted with icy trails in the morning, especially on the upper runs. It snowed about 5" Wednesday night, and everyone was able to ski the Cascade Concrete on Thursday. Later in the day we had an Après Ski Party in the base lodge for a few drinks and pizza. The group sales crew at Mt Bachelor was great!

Friday was our last day on the mountain (or so we thought). We had our last Happy Hour at 900 Wall on Friday night. The setting was very nice as we were on the mezzanine overlooking the restaurant. Many of us stayed after the HH and met with the locals. After closing the bar (as many members did at various establishments throughout the week) several gathered at the hotel bar - a familiar and frequent meeting spot. Great stories of the week were shared and everyone seemed sad that our time in Bend was coming to a close. However, on Saturday morning there were 4

people that didn't take the bus back to Portland. They decided to ski another day and meet us in Portland that night. The rest of us were treated to a snowstorm as we drove through Mt Hood. It was very scenic - especially the road side stop with a ski lift and small mountain... After checking into our hotel by the airport in Portland, most of us ventured into downtown Portland to enjoy bars, a Japanese garden, spa treatments..... What happened in Bend and Portland... Well stays there, unless someone post the pictures...

I want to thank Ski Director Ed and the Board for setting up this wonderful trip. What made the trip so much fun was the 40 great people that were there.

Tom





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