



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In case you didn't you - you - the MCSC membership - are awesome!

During the last few weeks you:

- Donated over 160 lbs. of food and \$100 cash for the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry
- Rang Bells and collected donations for the Salvation Army
- Donated 8 very large bags of gifts for teens for the annual Toys for Tots collection

Each organization has expressed their thanks and gratitude

And... what a tremendous turnout we had for our annual Holiday AAF at Vanderbilt's! It was nice seeing so many of our current and past members. We even had several prospective members in attendance. As always - this was a great way to kick off the holiday season!

We also had fun kicking off the holiday/ski season at our membership meeting on Dec 9. We raffled off lift tickets to mountains in PA NY and VT. Congrats to all the winners!

Those in attendance at the Dec 9 meeting also learned that **MCSC will no longer be meeting at the Hanover Marriott** due to a significant increase in the cost for meeting space. So... **beginning Tuesday January 13 - MCSC will be heading back to the Ramada Inn/ Fairbridge on Rt 10 East in East Hanover** (directly opposite Hanover Lanes Bowling alley). Our meeting room should be on the main level of the hotel. We will have a sign posted directing you to the room. Feel free to stop in at Miami Mike's and get a beverage to bring to the meeting. We will continue with the same meeting format - A formal meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month- beginning at 7:30pm and an informal meeting on the 4th Tuesday at Miami Mike's - beginning at 7pm.

Lastly, I would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all,

December is finally here and ski season is seriously finally underway.

We have 32 of us going to Italy and 37 to Montana so that's 69 of us (actually less with double dippers) who pre purchased their holiday gifts for 2015. Ski Season 2015 will definitely be a season to be jolly. Ho Ho Ho and all that jazz. Contact Cindy or Beth for wait list details.\

We'll have our first day trip to Bellaire in January on Saturday either the 10th or the 17th depending on conditions. Stay tuned for the exact date and details.

Bev and Gina stepped up to consider running a long weekend trip out to Breckenridge at the end of March. We'll put that trip on sale in January with a 2 week window to sign up and confirm numbers with our Travel Agent. Stay tuned.

How about a drive yourself weekend up to Mount Snow in February? Talk to me if interested.

Enjoy the holidays with friends and family.
Ed Tideman,
your Ski Director



MCSC Calendar
Upcoming Meetings and Events
as of 12/15/2014

Jan., 2015

MCSC AAF	9-Jan	Dolce, 300 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ
MCSC Meeting	13-Jan	Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (formal)
MCSC Event	1/24 - 2/2	Madonna di Campiglio, Italy Ski Trip
MCSC Meeting	27-Jan	Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)

Feb., 2015

MCSC Meeting	10-Feb	Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (formal)
MCSC AAF	12-Feb	Cinders, 319 Rt.46, Mine Hill, NJ
MCSC Meeting	24-Feb	Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)

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'S



JANUARY'S "AAF"/HAPPY HOUR AT DOLCE OF BASKING RIDGE

300 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920
1-800-953-3007

<http://baskingridge.dolce.com>

On Friday, January 9, 2015, 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. What a great way to start off the New Year! There will be complimentary appetizers (6:00-7:30) and happy hour drink specials (5:00-8:00) such as \$4 draft beer, \$6 house wine, \$7 premium wine and \$7.50 "well" drinks. Billiards is available for a competitive game of pool! There is a full menu for those who wish to dine there.

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

Directions from the North

- Take I-80 West to I-287 South
- Take Exit 30A (North Maple Avenue)
- Proceed off exit ramp onto North Maple Ave
- Follow Signs to Dolce Parking

Directions from the South

- Take Garden State Parkway North to Exit 142 (just after Union Toll) and travel east on I-78
- Take Hillside Exit to I-78 West (you are making a U-turn)
- Take I-78 West to Route 24 West
- Take Route 24 West to I-287 South
- Take I-287 South to Exit 30A (North Maple Avenue)
- Follow signs to Dolce

FEBRUARY'S "AAF"/HAPPY HOUR AT CINDERS WOOD FIRE GRILL

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

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

On Thursday, February 12, 2015, the Cinders will provide us with a warm ambiance and friendly atmosphere for us to relax and enjoy our AAF from 5-8:00. 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.



DIRECTIONS

From Rt. 287 North

Take 287 North to Exit 39 (Rt. 10 Dover). The Exit Ramp will divide Left on to Route 10 West. Follow Route 10 for about 10 miles and make a Right onto Canfield Ave. Follow Canfield to First Traffic Light and make a Left on to Rt. 46 West. Cinders is about a 1/4 mile down on the Right.

From Rt. 287 South

Take 287 South to Exit 39B (Rt. 10 Dover). Follow Route 10 for about 10 miles and make a Right on to Canfield Ave. Follow Canfield to First Traffic Light and make a Left on to Rt. 46 West. Cinders is about 1/4 mile down on the Right.

From Rt. 80 East

Take Rt. 80 East to Exit 30 (Mt. Arlington). At the bottom of the ramp make a Right onto Howard Blvd. Follow for 1.5 miles to the First Traffic Light and make a Left on to Rt. 46 East. Follow for 1.8 miles and turn Left into Cinders.

From Rt. 80 West

Take Rt. 80 W to Exit 30 (Mt. Arlington). At the bottom of the ramp make a Left onto Howard Blvd. Go to the 2nd Traffic Light and make a Left onto Rt. 46 East. Follow for 1.8 miles and turn Left into Cinders.



Upcoming Ski Trips

Italy Ski Trip 2015

January 23 to February 2



The European Ski Trip is to **Madonna di Campiglio in Italy**, with a 2 night extension in **Florence** and stop in **Bologna** on the way.

We fly on Swiss Air from Newark (a United Star Alliance partner) with flights from Newark to Milan via Zurich and Florence via Zurich back to Newark. With Swiss Air- "skis fly free".

Madonna di Campiglio is about a 3 hour Bus ride from Milan Airport.

In **Madonna di Campiglio**, we will be staying at the 4 Star **Hotel Miramonti** and included are a daily breakfast and daily dinner. The hotel is located in the center of town and very close to the ski lifts.

We will be skiing in the area known as the Dolomiti di Berenta which includes the Valleys of Val Rendena (our valley) and the Val di Sole. There are 90 miles of trails and a 5,400 vertical drop with 61 lifts (that includes 17 gondolas, 34 chairs and 10 drag lifts). There are 100 Trails with a breakdown of 45 blue, 37 red and 18 black.

Twenty-two mountain restaurants with beautiful views await you.

The town of Madonna di Campiglio is a beautiful mountain ski town. It has many shops, restaurants, bars and night spots. All walking distance from our hotel. A day trip to Trento may be in your plans.

After 7 nights in the Dolomites, we leave for Florence, which is about 5 hours away. To break up the travel day, we will stop in **Bologna** for a 3 hour break for lunch and exploration. In the Bologna historic center, medieval palaces are clustered around two central piazzas flanked by the churches of San Petronio and San Domenico. The University of Bologna is the oldest in Europe.

Arriving in **Florence**, we will check into our hotel, **The Grand Hotel Mediterraneo** for 2 nights. On Sunday, we will have a 2 hour walking tour of Florence with an English speaking guide. Or just explore on your own. Florence is considered the center of the Renaissance with the artistic and cultural reawakening in the 15th century. Climb up the dome on the massive Duomo, stroll across Ponte Vecchio spanning the Arno River, view fine art at the famous Uffizi Gallery or just wander around Piazza della Signoria.

We have an afternoon flight (2:40 PM) out of Florence on Monday and will arrive back in New Jersey on Monday night at 8:25 PM.

We have only 26 spots reserved for this journey, so act fast. Another Ski Club has asked to join with us but MCSC Members will have 1st priority during the 1st month on sale.

Cindy Humphrey will be our Trip Leader and can be contacted at clumphrey@yahoo.com.

Cost is estimated at \$2,250, double occupancy, and is **ON SALE** starting at the **June 10th Meeting** with initial payment of \$500.



Big Sky Montana



March 7-14, 2015
Price- \$1,950.00

We will be flying direct on United Airlines from Newark, NJ, to Bozeman, Montana, with a 9:00 AM flight on Saturday March 7th and returning to Newark on Saturday March 14th at 7:07 PM. All transfers to/from hotel included.

Staying 7 nights at the Huntley Lodge, right at the base of the mountain. SKI IN, SKI OUT LOCATION! Great hotel with a big outdoor heated pool and hot tubs. AND, the famous Huntley buffet breakfast with chefs preparing you omelets and other goodies. Price includes a 5 of 6 day lift ticket to Big Sky and Moonlight Basin. Ski on 5,750 acres of mixed terrain receiving 400 inches of snow annually. Ski from the 11,166 foot summit down the 4,366 foot vertical.

This is a Destination Resort and has Yellowstone National Park a short distance away.

Only 36 Spots available!

The first payment required to sign up is \$500 and then payments of \$500 due by August 12 and October 28, and the final payment of \$450 by December 9.

You must be a member of the Morris County Ski Club to attend this trip. Please email our Trip Leader Beth Hyslip at bdh835@hotmail.com to

get information on the trip, see if spots are available or get on the wait list



on-time. Print a copy of the chart and bring it with your check in order to expedite your order more efficiently.

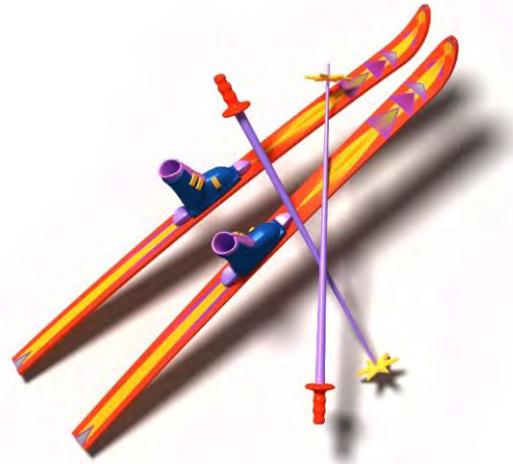
As always, check out the *New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council* website for more deals and information.

NJ Ski & Snowboard Council News

Nancy McLaughlin

Resorts have been open in Vermont for a couple of weeks, and even local resorts in NJ and PA have been open a few days. Everyone is excited about the upcoming ski season. We had record sales of the Pocono Card this year as it increases in popularity. Our order has been sent and we can expect the cards to come in towards the end of December. If you would like your cards before the January 13th meeting, send me a SASE for a speedy return. Otherwise you can pick them up at that meeting Jan. 13th.

Ski Council discount lift ticket sales have also had a vigorous start this year. If you wish to purchase discount lift tickets, please go to the [Yahoo Group Site](#) and check the meeting/pick up schedule on the bottom of the "2014-2015 Voucher/Lift Ticket Form" in files under the "NJ Ski & Snowboard Council Discounts and Info." file. Plan ahead so you get your tickets





Past Events

OKTOBERFEST

By Steve (the snowboarder)

A total of 22 members went on the Morris County Ski Club Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 11th. We all met at the Zeppelin Beer Hall which is an authentic European style Biergarten, located in Jersey City. We sat at the thirty foot long community tables and had great conversations while enjoying authentic German food and beer. Later that evening a German Oompah band performed, so of course we felt obligated to dance. A great time was had by all!!



BOWLING

By Julian Villager



On Friday, November 7th twenty-eight of MCSC's finest met at Hanover Lanes on Rt 10 for a fun night of bowling. After all 7 teams checked in, received lane assignments, donned their fancy shoes, and selected the perfect ball (or for some several perfect balls) everyone was able to take a few practice rounds to warm up. At 8pm, the teams officially showed off their skills for the next 2+ hours to the beat of 80's music which later transitioned to today's popular music videos (think Britney Spears).





Ski Tales

Some notable moments of the night were when Ed came dressed to impress wearing his Hawaiian shirt and sporting a Central European persona as "Stosh" while Frank was sporting his winning form with one serious leg kick! (see photo). Mako celebrated her enthusiasm with her "happy dance" during this high energy evening. After a little more than two hours of bowling, I tallied the scores and announced the winners who each received a bottle of wine for their efforts.



The award categories and winners were:

Skills awards

Best form - Frank Riley

Highest team score - Beth Hylsip, Mike Kibalo, Jean Kibalo*, Rich Rusznak

*Notably Jean had the highest total score of the evening with 479 pins!

Most strikes - Joe Cifune



Spirit awards

Best bowling shirt - Ed Tideman

Best form - Mako Murpy

Most spirit - Diane Engel

Lucky strikes - Natalia Gaida



That night, we were all feeling especially grateful to be together for this annual event. Thanks to everyone who participated.



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