



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a great ski season we are having!

In January our members hit the slopes in NY, PA CO, CA and Italy! Come to the meeting on Tuesday and share your ski stories!

While our minds may be focused on skiing - let's not forget that it is also that time of year to begin our nomination process for Board positions. At our meeting this Tuesday Feb 10 -- we will begin accepting nominations for 2015/2016 Board positions. At this meeting the current Board members will give a brief overview of the responsibilities of each position. Nominations will be taken in person or by email from Tuesday Feb 10 - Tuesday March 10. Speeches by all candidates will be given on Tuesday Mar 24, with the election beginning immediately following the meeting. You may vote by paper ballot or email; details will be provided by the Election Committee (Paul V, Frank C, Judee T).

To accommodate trip dates - we will be changing our meeting schedule slightly in

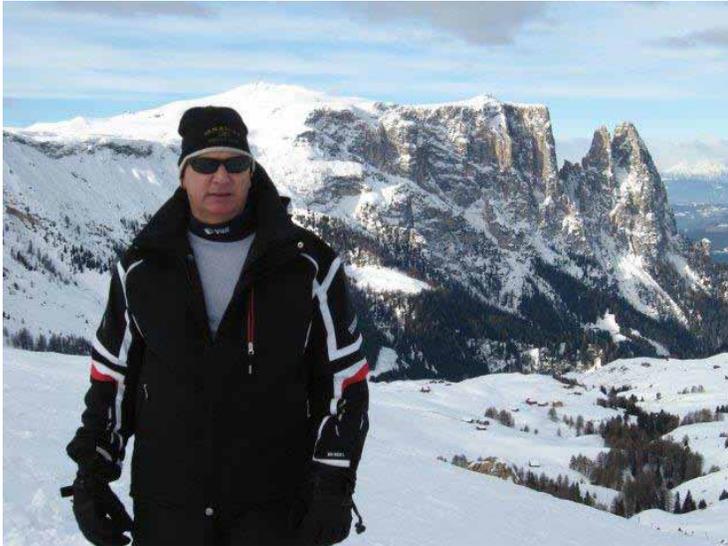
March. Tuesday March 10 will be an informal meeting in Miami Mike's, Tuesday March 24 will be a formal meeting in a conference room at the Ramada/FairBridge.

And remember... we have an AAF scheduled for Thursday Feb 12 at Cinders in Mine Hill!

Hope to see you soon,
Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Buongiorno or Buona Sera Signorinas, Signoras and Signores,
Parla Inglese?
Si?
Grazie.

As I write this, 32 of us returned from our Italy Ski Trip late last night. It was "Molto Bene" or as us Americans abroad say, "Unbelievably off the Charts Great".

A quick recap- 5 days of skiing the Dolomites on the west side of Madonna di Campiglio or the Alps on the east side. Four big blue sky days and one powder day that cleared by noon. A day trip to Trento, the capital city of the region, with a winery tour and tasting on the trip home. Great Food and Great Service at our Hotel Miramonti for 7 nights. A few even spent the day in Venice to walk and boat the canals.

Heading out of the mountains we had a stop in Bologna for lunch and a little sightseeing. On to Florence for 2 nights kicking it off with a Wine

Tasting Dinner arranged by Wayne Rudy for all 32 of us. Words cannot describe the mounds of delicious foods we ate or the many cases of wine we drank. You wouldn't believe me so ask someone on the trip. Sunday we had a 2 hour guided tour and everyone then scattered to explore for the rest of the day and till noon on Monday. Then homeward to ice and snow in good old Jersey. More details to follow in Ski Tales.

Sometimes all the planning pays off and everything runs like clockwork. And the snow and weather also cooperates with us. Our Trip Leader Cindy Humphrey did a great job of bridging the language gap and keeping the 32 of us on schedule for the planes, buses and hotels, our Trento day trip and happy hours around town. Thanks Cindy from us all. You did a great job. Grazie.

For February we have Pocono ski days on the 14th at Shawnee and the 28th at Camelback. In between a weekend drive yourself up to Mount Snow in Vermont on the 20 to 22nd. Then off to Big Sky in Montana on March 7th for a week. Contact Beth Hyslip for wait list info as the long wait list was pared down to fill a recent cancellation. And off to Colorado on March 25th for 3 ski days and 4 nights in Breckenrige. Contact Gina Maroney for info.

All good things to keep us busy so join us on the slopes.

Ciao,
Edoardo
your Ski Director



MCSC Calendar Upcoming Meetings and Events

February, 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 Event** Feb 19-22 Mt. Snow, Wilmington, VT - NJ Council Appreciation Weekend - Drive Yourself
- MCSC Meeting** 24-Feb Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)
- MCSC Event** 28-Feb The Stress Factory Comedy Club, 90 Church St, New Brunswick, NJ

March, 2015

- MCSC Event** March 7-14 Western Ski Trip, Big Sky, Montana
- MCSC Meeting** 10-Mar Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (formal)
- MCSC AAF** 19-Mar Iron Bar, 5 South St., Morristown, NJ
- MCSC Meeting** 24-Mar Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)
- MCSC Event** 29-Mar Martino's Cuban Restaurant, 212 W Main St, Somerville, 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'S



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 AFF 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.



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.

MARCH'S "AAF" AT IRON BAR

5 South Street • Morristown, New Jersey 07960
973.455.7111

www.ironbarmorristown.com

Please come join us on **Thursday, March 19, 2015.**

Happy hour will be from from 4:00 until 8:00. Drink specials include a \$1 off domestic, imports and draft beers, \$4 house wines and liquors as well as \$5 for a select group of martinis. There will be a DJ after 10:00 for those who would like to get their groove on! A full dinner menu is available for those who wish to dine there.

"Iron Bar... where Morristown comes out to play"

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

From Rt.287 South: Take Madison Avenue Exit 35 and bear right at the end of the exit. Make a right at the light onto South Street. Go thru 3 lights and Iron Bar is on the left.

From Rt.287 North: Take Madison Avenue Exit 35 and bear left at the end of the exit onto South Street. Go thru 3 lights and Iron Bar is on the left.

Parking: There is on-street parking (if you are lucky) with meters until 8:00 as well as the Dehart Street Parking Complex which is on Dehart Street (one way street) behind Iron Bar (not sure of parking fee, maybe \$3 or \$4 dollars?). Also there is a parking lot across from the parking complex on Dehart Street which is available after banking hours (gets full quickly). Iron Bar has back door accessibility from the parking garage ☺



Upcoming Ski Trips



MT. SNOW SKI WEEKEND

Thursday Feb 19-Sunday Feb 22

Book 2 or 3 nights lodging- Your Choice

☐ **Ski 1,2 or 3 days - Your Choice** -- this is NJ Council Appreciation Weekend. Purchase your lift ticket each morning at these special rates - at the ticket window. You must show your MCSC/NJSSC membership card and may be asked for a photo id as well. You may only purchase 1 lift ticket at the special rates each day.

The lift ticket rates are:

Friday February 20 \$46

Saturday February 21 \$54

Sunday February 22 \$49 These lift ticket prices are less than voucher prices!

☐ **Drive Yourself or Carpool**

☐ **Pick your own roommate, Book your own room.**

Limited Rooms have been reserved at the Old Red Mill, Wilmington, VT. <http://www.oldredmill.com/> (802-464-3700) When you call, mention you are part of Morris County Ski Club - to get reduced room rates. OR Pick your own accommodations. If staying at the Old Red Mill Inn - you don't need to drive once you arrive. You can take the Moover - free transportation from Wilmington to Mount Snow - with several stops along the way.

o Continental Breakfast included Saturday and Sunday (or get breakfast in town or on the mountain)

o If you stay Thursday night there are places you can walk to in Wilmington to get breakfast Friday or you can breakfast at the mountain.

☐ **Suggested for Apres Ski:** (Plans will be finalized closer to the trip dates)

o Friday Feb 20 in the bar at the West Dover Inn (they have a new larger bar area)

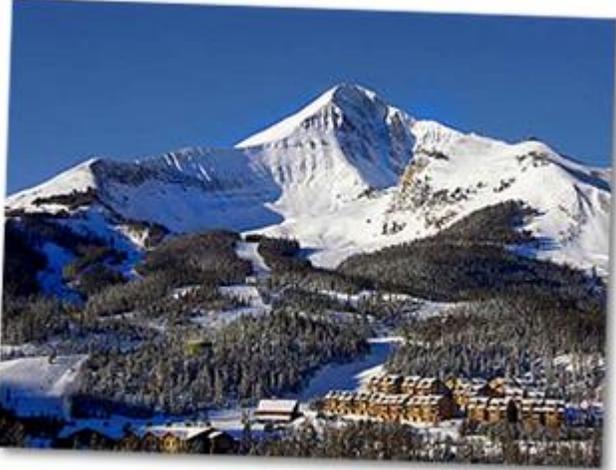
o Saturday Feb 21 in the bar at the Old Red Mill Inn

Estimated Cost: If you stay 3 nights and ski 3 days the cost is approx. \$275pp double occupancy, plus your meals and beverages. If you prefer single occupancy - Queen rooms are available. All rooms are the same rate.

For more information contact Trip Leader Helen McLaughlin - hjm07@optonline.net



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



Breckenridge, CO



**March 25 - 29, 2015,
Wednesday - Sunday**

Airfare: Southwest Airlines.
Depart: Newark 3/25/2015 4:50 pm.
Arrive: Denver 3/25/2015 7:20 pm
Depart: Denver 3/29/2015 Denver 5:25 pm.
Arrive: Newark 3/29/2015 10:55 pm

Ground Transfers Gray Line of Denver, Mini Bus from Denver to Breckenridge.

Cost:

Where: The Village At Breckenridge, 535 S. Park Ave. Breckenridge, CO **\$1,300** Make checks payable to: **Morris County Ski Club by Friday January 16, 2015**

The Village Hotel offers incredible value. Just steps to both the Quicksilver Superchair and charming main street. Each King Bed or double bed room features a flat screen TV and wireless internet access. After a day at the slopes relax in the sauna and hot tubs or enjoy après drink specials and billiards. Enjoy inspired Pub cuisine at the Park Avenue Pub, located within the hotel.

All payments must be made in full, must be an active club member in good standing, we need a minimum of 10 reservations by January. Mail to: Gina Maroney, 7 Hidden Lane, Branchburg NJ 08876.

What 's Included:

Hotel: Village Hotel for 4 nights; double occupancy with 2 Double Beds. Reservations pairs.

We will attempt to pair up single signups.

Ski: Vail Resorts Inc. - Breckenridge/Keystone 3 of Adult Lift Ticket.



their vouchers. (They look like actual walk-to-the-lift tickets, but they are not.) If you, or someone you know, received a Stratton voucher with black-out dates printed on the bottom, take it to the ticket window and exchange it for a lift ticket anyway. If you are denied a ticket, we have been instructed to go speak to Group Sales Manager, Shannon. He assures us that the issue will be corrected.

NJ Ski & Snowboard Council News

Nancy McLaughlin

Winter is in full swing with lots of great snow coverage at local mountains, Vermont and out West! Ski club members have been enjoying their Pocono Cards at Blue Mountain and Big Boulder with future visits to Shawnee (2/14) and Camelback (2/28). (Thank you Tony T. for organizing that schedule!)

Don't forget about all of the Ski Council Appreciation Days posted throughout the NJSSC Guidebook where you can ski at mountains in PA, NY, VT and ME for really great prices. I posted an easy reference list of dates on the Yahoo Website for a quick look-up of dates and mountains.

Stratton Ticket Misprint- Stratton Mountain in VT apologizes for printing black-out dates on





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