



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year MCSC!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and got some skiing in.

As we begin the new year - please remember -- **MCSC will now be meeting at the Ramada/Fairbridge Inn on Rt 10 W in East Hanover** (opposite Hanover Lanes). We will follow the same meeting format—2nd Tuesday of the month will be a formal meeting in a conference room. The 4th Tuesday of the month we will meet in Miami Mikes (the bar/restaurant adjacent to the hotel).

With the ski season upon us - keep posted for messages from Yahoo groups regarding day ski trips. These may be for trips to the mountains on the Pocono card or other mountains in the area. Also - remember you are free to send out messages from Yahoo to the membership if you are looking for ski buddies any day. We are able to park/carpool at the Ramada in East Hanover. And - keep posted for other, non-

ski events that our awesome VP will be planning in the coming months.

January is also the time for the Board to appoint a Nominating/Election committee for the upcoming Board elections in March. Yes - it is that time again. If you might be interested in serving on the Board for the 2015/2016 (June 1/15 - May 31/16) please see any Board member for information on the positions. The position of President will be open; I will not be running again. For the 2015/2016 year, I will be available as Board Advisor, as needed, for the new President and Board.

Here's to a great 2015!

Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



January is finally here. The official opening of ski season for most of us when the real and artificial snow covers most of the trails on our northeast ski resorts.

With that in mind, we have a Ski Day at Belleayre Mountain in the Catskill's in New York on Saturday January 10th. A group rate of only \$30 for the day. Meet us at the Ramada in East Hanover at 5:45 AM or at the mountain at group sales at 8:30 AM. Tom Buhlinger is our organizer for this event.

A few weeks away is our European Adventure to Madonna di Campiglio in Italy with a Florence extension. We have 32 on this voyage to a winter wonderland in the Dolomites.

Getting together details on a drive yourself weekend in Mount Snow, Vermont, for February 20-22. It's Skier Appreciation Weekend there with reduced lift ticket prices. We'll get a block of rooms at a hotel and arrange some

meeting spots for ski and apres activities. Stay tuned for details.

Big Sky fast approaching in March... so won't say much other than contact Beth Hyslip to get on the wait list on this sold out trip to Montana's best.

Who wants to run another Day Trip?
Let me know where you want to ski and the date and we'll set it up.

Ski fast. Enjoy the scenery. And replenish the fluids apres.

Your Ski Director,

Ed



**MCSC Calendar
 Upcoming Meetings and Events
 as of 1/8/2015**

Jan., 2015

MCSC AAF	9-Jan	Dolce, 300 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ
MCSC Event	10-Jan	Bellaeyre Mountain, Catskills, NY
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)
*MCSC Event	31-Jan	Jack Frost, PA

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 Event	14-Feb	Shawnee, PA
MCSC Event	20-22 Feb	Mt. Snow, Vermont
MCSC Meeting	24-Feb	Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (informal)
*MCSC Event	28-Feb	Camelback, PA

*Proposed ski days for Pocono Card holders and anyone else to join in.

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.



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

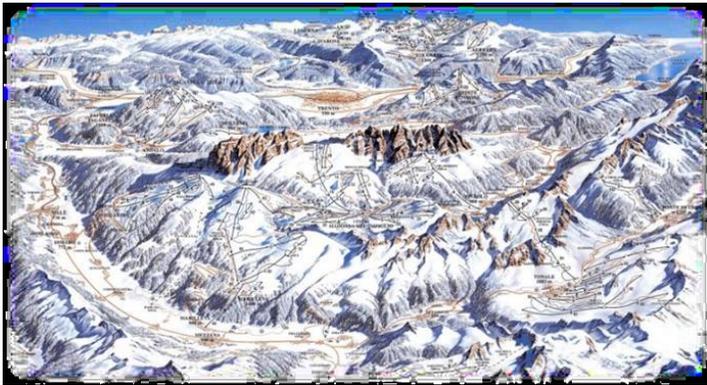
Take Rt. 80 W to Exit 30 (Mt. Arlington). At the bottom of the ramp make a Left onto Howard Blvd. Go to the 2nd Traffic Light and make a Left onto Rt. 46 East. Follow for 1.8 miles and turn Left into Cinders.



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.



Ski Tales

Morris County Ski Club
Newsletter
January 2015



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)

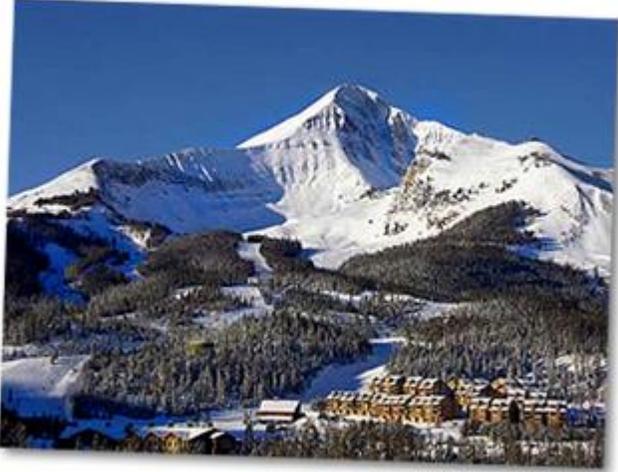
o Saturday Feb 21 in the bar at the Old Red Mill Inn

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.



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





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