



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's been a very cold and snowy winter so far. What will March have in store for us? More snow?, an early Spring? At least for our members heading out to Big Sky -- I am hoping that snow fills the mountains on Montana!

Aside from all the skiing our members have been enjoying....this is also Nomination/Election season. Our Election Committee has been accepting nominations for Board positions for 2015/2016. Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday March 10. Please contact Committee head Paul V with any questions you might have. I also recommend that you review the MCSC By-Laws and Constitution on the MorrisCountySkiClub.com site - which outline the responsibilities for each position. You may also contact any of the current board members. Speeches by all candidates will be given on Tuesday Mar 24, with the election beginning immediately following the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: We will have our informal meeting on Tuesday March 10 and our formal meeting on Tuesday March - to accommodate

those on the Big Sky ski trip. You may vote by paper ballot or email; details will be provided by the Election Committee (Paul V, Frank C, Judee T).

Regarding our meeting location... The "Ramada" sign has been removed and there is currently no sign in place for Fairbridge. There is still a sign for Miami Mikes. The address of the Fairbridge and Miami Mike's is 130 Rt 10 W East Hanover. If you are not familiar with the area, the hotel shares an entrance with Target, and it directly opposite Hanover Lanes.

Hope to see you soon.

Helen



SKI DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Skiers and Boarders,

As the very cold weather is hanging around us it has provided us with snow that is the lightest powder I have ever seen in Jersey or throughout the northeast. I hope you all have been out cutting lines through it.

About 30 of us had a nice weekend up at Mt Snow last weekend. Very cold, and windy at many times, but fun skiing and great conditions if you hugged the trees on skiers left. Plus we all met up for drinks at the Silo or the Old Red Mill to gossip about all not with us. Yeah, your ears were probably ringing.

We still have two big trips left on the Ski Calendar. We have Big Sky Montana from March 7 to the 14th and Breckenridge Colorado from March 25 to 29th. Both should be Excellent. After some recent injuries and cancellations, I believe both wait lists are now empty. So stay tuned for a yahoo blast just in case there's a late opening.

Stay tuned for those Pocono Card People letting you know where they are skiing every Saturday or Sunday. Exciting news.

So ski like hell this month because April is wind down month and for me planning for next year.

Your Ski Director,

Ed Tideman



MCSC Calendar
Upcoming Meetings and Events
as of 3/3/2015

March, 2015

- MCSC Event** 2/7 - 2/14 **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** 2/25 - 2/29 **Long Weekend Trip, Breckenridge, Colorado**

April, 2015

- MCSC AAF** 4/9 or 4/10 **Red Oak Grille, 579 Allen Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ**
- MCSC Meeting** 14-Apr **Ramada Inn/Fairbridge, Route 10 W, E. Hanover, NJ (formal)**
- MCSC Event** 18-Apr **Habitat for Humanity - Location TBD**
- MCSC Event** 25-Apr **Hike - Mt. Tammany, Delaware Water Gap, NJ**
- MCSC Meeting** 28-Apr **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



April AAF Red Oak Grill Date To Be Confirmed

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 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



Adult Lift Ticket.

Breckenridge, CO



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

Where: The Village At Breckenridge, 535 S. Park Ave. Breckenridge, CO

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.

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

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:

\$1,300 Make checks payable to:
Morris County Ski Club by Friday
January 16, 2015

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.



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





Past Ski Trips

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy - MCSC European Trip 2015

By Cindy Humphrey



The MCSC European trip to Madonna di Campiglio started off well with many of the group of 32 meeting for a bon voyage drink at the Newark airport. After a slight flight delay we were off on our trip! After all people and luggage arrived safely in Milan we departed for a long bus ride to Madonna di Campiglio. The Hotel Miramonti was ready and waiting for our arrival. We had a nice welcome reception - and the first of our daily 5-course dinners. I can safely say that MOST of us came home with a few extra pounds after 7 days of 5-course dinners - and delicious mountain lunches too.



We had beautiful sunny days with the exception of the last day. Luckily the mountain had received a lot of snow prior to our arrival so we had very good conditions - just not quite enough for those tree skiers (but they did try!). We had some beautiful views of the dramatic breathtaking jagged peaks which are the Dolomites.

On Wednesday we took a day bus trip to the city of Trento - where the Council of Trent met between 1545 and 1563 for 25 sessions (one of the Roman Catholic Church's most important ecumenical councils). We had a very nice 2-hour tour including the Bishop's Castle (Castello Buonconsiglio) - then time for lunch and shopping. We almost lost one member to shoe shopping ;-)

On the way back to the resort we stopped for a terrific tour of one of the largest wineries in the area - Mezzacorona. They occupy just under 6,500 acres and produce more than 8 million gallons of wine annually (Trentino and Alto Adige regions of Italy). We walked through the processing, aging and turning, and packaging areas of the winery which were very modern and very impressive. And they provided us with a nice tasting after the tour - along



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with delicious meats and cheese. Quite a few people picked up bottles - hopefully the bottles not consumed before leaving made it home safely in ski boots!

An adventurous group arranged a day trip to Venice - where they toured around the city and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

At the end of the week I had a very nice visit (and ski/board day) with my nephew Josh and his girlfriend Ilona who are currently living in Austria (Ilona's home country)! I know they enjoyed meeting everyone too.

Of course we did manage to get to the International AAF every day! We had cocktails (and some very nice free appetizers too) at Piano 54 (fabulous spread!), Dolomiti Pub (great pizza), The American Bar at the Savoia Palace Hotel, and the La Stube di Franz Josef "wine bar" (charming Austrian pub). Madonna is a very quaint picturesque town - easy walking from our hotel - with enough bars and shops to keep us busy.



The Hotel Miramonti staff was so wonderful and gracious and accommodating - from the wait staff who had a great sense of humor to put up with us - to the maid staff who folded and organized and moved all our stuff around every day. And they even gave us each a good-bye gift! The accommodations were great - and Michelle and Brent even had the biggest whirlpool tub in the hotel - in the bathroom with the shortest ceiling ;-). And the food was delicious and plentiful.

Leaving Madonna di Campiglio we boarded another bus (!!!) and stopped at Bologna for a quick on-your-own tour and lunch. I think our group does the best job of reading maps and seeing as much as we can - and still managing to get back to the bus on time - bravo! Thanks to Armando (our Grappa expert) for helping out with the Italian translations.

After arriving a bit tired in Florence we rallied for what must be the best wine-tasting dinner ever. It even surpassed Wayne's expectations - thanks Wayne for organizing! We had the most delicious never-ending food and wine ever experienced at a wine tasting. More bottles please!



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Thanks Ed for making great choices and working with the travel agent to make this happen. Not an easy job to figure out where to go in Europe to ensure we also have a fun sight-seeing extension.

It was a very long day home on Monday - back to reality and snow and ice! I'm sure we all wished we could have stayed longer. And Jim B did! Hope he had a great extra week in Italy.

I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed touring Florence - lots to see of art, architecture and monuments - the beautiful white, green, and pink marble Duomo (Cathedral) (Rob and Karen did climb to the top of the dome! Anyone else? Next time I'm in Florence I will do it!), the well-renowned art gallery (Uffizi), the Palazzo Pitti (palace of the Medici ruling family), the Ponte Vecchio bridge, and of course Michelangelo's David from 1504 (Julie has a very interesting picture of the statue!). Lots more too (including leather shopping!). Florence is ranked by Forbes as one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

It was great to see Grace Austin who came from Chicago to join us - I'm sure Sal will never forget Grace beating him at chugging martinis! Grace we hope to see you again.



Mount Snow Ski Trip

By Helen McLaughlin



Thirty two MCSC members headed north on February 19-20 to Mount Snow in West Dover VT for a weekend to be filled with skiing and après ski fun! And fun it was!

Some of us arrived on Thursday and were able to experience some good skiing. Some arrived Thursday night, with the majority of the group arriving Friday. This was the first trip of its kind - in my memory - where members could arrive at their convenience, which permitted more to join the trip. We had a great mix of older and newer members.

On Friday we woke to a balmy 8 degrees which, with wind chill felt like -32! Did that chilly weather stop the die-hard MCSC skiers? No! After a quick breakfast at Dot's in Wilmington, many of us headed up rt 100 to the mountain to find the lifts on wind hold.... But we persevered until the lifts opened at almost

noon. After several hours of skiing on wind blown runs - we headed to après ski at the West Dover Inn Tavern, followed by après ski at the bar in the Old Red Mill Inn (our host for the weekend). The Inn has a large bar which made it a great location for members to meet as they arrived on Friday.

Saturday fared a little better. Temps warmed up just a bit and skiing wasn't too bad. Then, Saturday afternoon the clouds rolled in and the snow began to fall.....so... at 4pm everyone started heading to après ski at the Silo. We took over the lower bar and enjoyed drinks and wings while sharing stories and listening to a pretty good guitar player... As we drank....it continued to snow, and snow and snow..... Some ventured out to dinner that night in the beautiful fluffy white snow while others relaxed at the bar at the inn.

Sunday morning was awesome. One foot of soft fluffy powder had accumulated! Many headed out early to catch fresh tracks. These were the best skiing conditions I have seen all season. And to make it even better the sun broke through, the temperature warmed up and the lift lines weren't long! Skiing on Sunday was the perfect end to a great weekend.



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