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Monthly Meeting & Social



***Crowne Plaza Valley Forge
King of Prussia, PA***

**Tuesday, February 14th
7:30 pm**

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! Our February meeting will be a social hour at the Crowne Plaza's cocktail lounge in King of Prussia. Share with friends your winter sports activities and upcoming trips. Find out what your friends have been up to and what they have planned for their next destination. Learn the club's plans for activities for the next two months and visit with your president and vice president and find out what is planned for the future. Offer your suggestions for future activities and trips. See you on the 14th for a great time.

Questions? Call our Vice President, Bob Campbell 215-327-8499 or bob@bc-bd.com

DIRECTIONS: The Crowne Plaza Valley Forge Hotel is located at 260 Mall Boulevard across from the King of Prussia Plaza. If you are coming on 202 North, turn LEFT onto Mall Boulevard, then a right into the hotel entrance road.



Welcome to Newcomers!! Tuesday, February 14th 7:30 pm

All newcomers and prospective members are invited to an informal gathering at the beginning of each monthly meeting. Starting at 7:30, we will be meeting each other as well as learning about all the ski club has to offer!! We all know that MLSC is a lot more than ski trips!!

Look for the round table by the sign-in table next to the entrance to the meeting room. Rosemarie Romano and Sea Kaplan, New Member/Hospitality Chairs, will be conducting these informative and welcoming sessions. If newcomers have questions, call Rosemarie at 610-688-6192.

MLSC members: tell your friends and co-workers all about MLSC and to come out for this event.



Message from the Prez

It's Meetup.com, Facebook and Twitter time!

Your club has gone digital and embraced the social media age. Last year we upgraded our website to include all of our activities, our monthly newsletter, a photo section and a secure *member's-only* area where you can see our entire membership roster. From there you can update your personal information and print a membership directory. If you change your email address, telephone number, mailing address, etc., please **log in and update your personal information**.

This month our New Member Hospitality chairperson, Rosemarie Romano, has started a **Meetup.com** page for the club. If you haven't used Meetup.com, try it out. It is a way to find people who share the same interests you do. The first week we had our page, three new members found our club.

At the same time we created our Meetup.com page, member Joan Krahn, created our **Facebook** page. Here you can "like" us and post your pictures and comments on trips and activities. We will also have our events listed for upcoming weeks and a link to our website.

So try it out! This is the new way of connecting. And what's next? Twitter of course!

Fletcher Swanson

Welcome New Members

Barbara Kaplan	Swarthmore	PA
Harry & Mary Ann Kraemer	Havertown	PA
Tricia Steeg	Wayne	PA
Ira Taylor	Eastampton	NJ *

* Eastampton is NOT misspelled! It exists!

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Warmest Thanks!!!

Warmest thanks go to January's event leaders -- Bob Campbell for the Hike 'n Bike, then Brunch on Sun., Jan. 8th, Sea Kaplan who pinch-hit at the last moment to lead the Happy Hour at George's, a last-minute location on Friday, Jan. 13th, Alleen Andre for the Movie & Munch at Edgmont S.C. on Sun., Jan. 15th, Judy Alters for the Wine & Dine on a snowy Saturday, Jan. 21st. The weather was with us for ALMOST all events and as always, we couldn't do it without all of you!!!

Extra special gratitude to Alleen Andre and Judy Alters for doing MORE than their share of events in January and February as they "stepped up to the plate" when Sally was out of commission. Hugs, hugs, hugs to you, ladies!! ☺



Brunch at Fork and Tour the National Museum of American Jewish History

Sunday, February 5th

11:00am - 4:00pm

Market Street and
Independence Mall East – Philadelphia



Come spend a winter afternoon with MLSC in the city. We will be seated for brunch at Fork at 11:00 am (separate checks). Check out their menu online.

Fork

306 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA
215-625-9425

www.forkrestaurant.com

The National Museum of American Jewish History is a short stroll away. The museum's core exhibit is the first major exhibit devoted solely to the experiences of the Jews in North America, from the 1654 arrival of Jewish refugees to today. This exhibit is organized chronologically, beginning on the fourth floor, where visitors are able to encounter people, episodes, ideas, and experiences that highlight the religious, social, political, and economic lives of American Jews. A must see experience!

Call or email Alleen Andre at 610-209-3614 or alleenandre@yahoo.com no later than February 3rd to reserve your spot. So join us for the day.

National Museum of American Jewish History

101 S. Independence Mall East
Philadelphia, PA 19106

www.nmajh.org

Admission \$12 (\$11 for seniors)

Parking available for a fee in the Bourse.

Garage adjacent to the NMAJH

Movie & Munch at The Movie Tavern

Sat., February 11th

Approx. 5 or 6 pm

Collegetown



If you're not skiing this weekend, chase the winter blues away with your MLSC friends by enjoying a movie and a meal (or snack) during the movie – at The Movie Tavern, Providence Town Center, Collegetown. This movie complex, **the first new concept in the area**, offers sandwiches, salads, snacks, desserts, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, served to you during the movie, large comfy seats, a tray table and a waiter at your "beck 'n call." [Oo-rah!]

Judy will pick the movies (usually 2 or 3 to give you choices) on Thursday, February 9th (when the weekend selections come out) and will notify everyone by email on Friday, February 10th. (So be sure to give your email address when you reserve.) Mark the date on your calendars and plan to come on out! **Call Judy at 610-933-7241 to reserve or email her at jaa840@aol.com.** (Be sure you get a reply to insure your email has been received.)

Directions: The Movie Tavern is just off the Phoenixville / Collegetown exit of Rt. 422. Enter the Providence Town Center (shopping center) and drive straight back to the theater.

Note: Please plan to arrive at the theater ½ hour early to sit and order your meal in the theater. The waiters serve you!! Use the button on your chair to summon him/her whenever you like throughout the movie.

Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel's Glenmorgan Bar & Grill

Fri., February 17th

5-7 pm

St. Davids



Refresh your spirit after work and enjoy half-price happy hour!!! Adjudged the "Best of the Main Line and Western Suburbs" by Main Line Today Magazine, the Glenmorgan offers half-price happy

hour every Monday - Friday. Mixed drinks, martinis, draft beers and wines by the glass are half-price.

Address: 593 East Lancaster Avenue, St. Davids, PA 19087 (610-341-3188)

Host: Ralph Gionta (610-613-6330 or bodaciousrg@cs.com).

February 18-19-20

Presidents' Weekend

No MLSC activities scheduled

Wine 'n Dine Alfredo Italian BYOB

Sat., February 25th

7:00 PM

Berwyn



Winter will be well upon us, but we can get out and enjoy a good dinner and conversation with friends no matter the weather (unless there is a whiteout).

Alfredo is a classic Italian restaurant with dishes inspired by the cuisine of Naples. Specials are also offered daily. Their freshly prepared sauces, homemade pasta, gnocchi, bread, and desserts are rated as some of the best in the area! The restaurant decor is rustic with a very warm feeling. Check out their website at www.alfredoby.com.

Free parking is available behind the restaurant or at the Malvern Federal Bank lot or on the street. **Alfredo Italian BYOB** is located 668 Lancaster Ave Berwyn, PA 19312 | 610-640-2962

Separate checks will be given, and there is no corkage fee. **Please RSVP to Alleen Andre at alleenandre@yahoo.com or call 610-209-3614.**

"Van Gogh Up Close" Art Exhibit



Phila. Museum of Art

Sunday, March 4th

10:30 am -- car-pool, Devon

11:30 am -- meet, Art Museum

12:00 noon -- exhibit time

Philadelphia

Vincent van Gogh was an artist of exceptional intensity, not only in his use of color and exuberant application of paint, but also in his personal life. Drawn powerfully to nature, his works--particularly those created in the years just before he took his own life--engage the viewer with the strength of his emotions.

This exhibit focuses on these tumultuous years, a period of feverish artistic experimentation that began when van Gogh left Antwerp for Paris in 1886 and continued until his death in Auvers in 1890 and it includes some of van Gogh's most daring and innovative works. More than 40 close-ups of landscapes, flowers, and still lifes painted during the final years of the artist's turbulent life are exhibited in this show -- truly a "don't miss" event!!!

FIRST, you need to call **215-235-7469** whether you are a museum member or not **to reserve your ticket for March 4th and 12:00 noon**. You can also order online at <http://www.philamuseum.org/>. At press time, there were many tickets available for March 4th, but we recommend that you **call or order online IMMEDIATELY!!** Cost for the exhibit is free for museum members plus \$2.50 service charge and \$25 for adults or \$23 for seniors plus a \$3.50 service charge for non-members. All tickets include an audio tour. **FYI:** Tickets cannot be refunded, and lost tickets cannot be replaced.

Sea Kaplan will be our leader for the exhibit and you **MUST** let him know you are coming at seakaplan11@gmail.com OR call him at 610-722-9907 **AFTER** you have reserved your tickets. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. inside the revolving door at the west entrance to the museum from the parking garage side. After completing the exhibit, we will meet in the cafeteria for lunch.

To **car-pool** at the Barnes & Noble in Devon, meet close to the entrance road at 10:30 a.m. Please let Sea know if you plan to car-pool from here. You can also drive in yourself. Parking is much easier now with the opening of the new museum parking garage.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Hike at Norristown Farm Park!



Sun., March 11
2:00 pm

Join us at 2 p.m. for a hike with sweeping vistas, meandering streams, farm buildings, and fields that are hopefully turning green. Come out and feel alive while the earth is waking up! This hike is 4.3 miles long, with a longer option available. The path is all PAVED -- which is nice for this time of year. For reservations, call Jim Sayne 610-222-0413, cell 610-564-3590 OR email him at jimsayne@yahoo.com. (Please be sure you get a response to ensure your email has been received!).

Bring water AND a snack to share at a "snack smorgasbord" during the hike! Rain, sleet or heavy snow cancels.

Directions: Use entrance off of Germantown pike opposite North Wales Rd. Follow road for about 1 mile to pavilion on left and park at pavilion. **Address:** 11 West Germantown Pike and Barley Sheaf Drive 2500 Upper Farm Road Norristown, PA 19403

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5-7 pm
St. Davids



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Address: 593 East Lancaster Avenue, St. Davids, PA 19087 (610-341-3188)
Host: Ralph Gionta (610-613-6330 or bodaciousrg@cs.com).

St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner

Saturday, March 17th



5:30 pm

West Chester

Celebrate the best of the Irish at O'Swanson's Pub. Fletcher and Sally Swanson will offer great Irish Pub fare, wine, beer (a pint of Guinness if you like), a roaring fire to ward off the Irish chill, Irish music and lots of good atmosphere. We will share hearty laughs with Irish toasts and jokes. Don't forget to wear your green!

For the pot luck, you need to tell the Swanson's exactly what you want to bring: appetizer, salad or dessert. Be sure to label your dishes and utensils and have your food contribution ready to eat. The Swanson's will provide the main course, wine, beer and soda. Cost for members is \$15, non members \$30 in exact cash please.

Contact Sally S. syswanson1017@yahoo.com to reserve. Deadline for reservations is 10 p.m. Wednesday the 14th. Maximum 20 people so reserve early. Bad travel conditions of snow or ice will postpone to next day, Sunday, March 18th.

Directions to Swanson's: 1017 Squires Drive, West Chester, PA: 19382 (610-431-1850)

From Route 202 south take the Paoli Pike exit. Turn right onto Paoli Pike toward downtown West Chester. Follow Paoli Pike to the 7th traffic light - High Street. Turn left onto High Street. Follow High St. south to 2nd light - West Miner Street/ Route 842. Turn right onto West Miner St. Follow West Miner Street to Birmingham Road. Just past the West End Swim Club turn left onto Birmingham Rd. (2 miles). Follow Birmingham to 2nd right turn, Squires Drive (0.4 miles). Third driveway on the right is our house # 1017.

Homemade “Comfort Food” Dinner



Saturday, March 24th

6:30 p.m.

Collegetown

Join Sally Hilderbrand at her home in Collegetown for a “comfort food” meal!! Menu includes appetizers (not sure which at the moment...) and wine, a totally delicious meat loaf (new recipe called "Best Ever Meatloaf"...and it IS!!), REAL mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, homemade applesauce, and lemon meringue pie and/or bread pudding with vanilla sauce for dessert. Sally’s dining room table doesn’t hold too many so if the menu makes you salivate, don’t wait to make a reservation – you “snooze”, you lose!

Cost is \$15 for members for food and wine, \$30 for guests. Call Sally at 610-489-4718 for reservations OR email her at shilderbrand@comcast.net and be sure you get a reply to know your email has been received. **DEADLINE** for reservations is Thursday evening, March 22nd if it doesn't fill before then.

Think



Snow



MAIN LINE SKI CLUB

SUNDAY NIGHT TENNIS, 2011-12

When Sundays, Beginning September 11th, 2011 - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. thru April 29th, 2012

Where Springton Tennis & Racquet Club, Rte. 252, Newtown Square (610) 356-2003

Cost: \$15/member; \$18/guest of member.
 Cost includes the courts, balls, and refreshments.

SUNDAY NIGHT FORMAT

On Sunday nights we play 4 courts/2 hours per week from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The format will be round robin, 4 half-hour sessions.

If the initial response to the Fall program warrants more courts or more hours, we will adjust the program accordingly.

"A-B" Players - Must have a Springton rating of 3.5 or better. The round robin schedule will be organized for maximum competitiveness, according to level of play.

"C" Level// Non-Rated Players - In weeks where there are enough players to fill at least one court (4 players) or more, one court will be designated for this group.

Free Rating

You are encouraged to have your level of play rated. Springton Racquet Club is providing free ratings clinics as follows: Thurs., Sept. 8th at 7:00PM, Sat., Sept. 10th at 12:00N, and Oct. 1st at 12:00N, and then the first Saturday of each month - October through April. You must call 610-356-2003 in advance to register for rating.

To participate, mail the Mixed Doubles Round Robin reservation form, along with your check **payable to Main Line Ski Club**, to:

Stacey Roehrs
 315 Spencer Road
 Devon, PA 19333

Cancellation Policy:

If you find you cannot make a session you've signed up and paid for in advance, try to arrange for your own sub and have them reimburse you. If you cannot find a sub, PLEASE contact the coordinator as early as possible so they can try to fill your spot. If the coordinator finds a sub for you, you will be eligible for a make- good session. If no sub is found, no refund or make-good session will be given.

Main Line Ski Club Tennis Coordinators 2011-2012 Season

		Home Phone	Work Phone
Overall Tennis Coordinator	Stacey Roehrs	610-804-5891	610-363-7999
A/B Group Coordinator	Stacey Roehrs	610-889-9086	610-363-7999
C Group Coordinator	Sue Kapusta	610-284-1069	610-626-1400 x312
Hilton Head Coordinator	Chris Cobb	610-308-2468	
Ski Club Meeting Spokesperson	Cindy Doan	610-642-0746	215-255-1760

MLSC
TENNIS 2011 – 2012 CONTRACT SIGN-UP
SUNDAY EVENING MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN
 (Circle below all dates that you wish to play)

Mail this form—along with your check payable to Main Line Ski Club—to:

Stacey Roehrs 315 Spencer Road Devon, PA 19333	Per Session: \$15/member; \$18/non-member Cost includes the courts, balls, and refreshments.
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ **EVENING:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Level of Play (Check One): A B C

2012			
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	4	1
8	12	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	19	18	15
22	26	25	22
29			29

No tennis scheduled on Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), or April 8 (Easter)

Cancellation policy If you find you cannot make a session you've signed up and paid for in advance, try to arrange for your own sub and have them reimburse you. If you cannot find a sub, PLEASE contact the coordinator as early as possible so they can try to fill your spot. If the coordinator finds a sub for you, you will be eligible for a make good session. If no sub is found, no refund or make-good session will be given.

Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

The Main Line Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. Most of the activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By signing up for this trip/activity, I voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks involved, I agree not to hold Main Line Ski Club, its officers or board members, or trip leaders, liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in this club activity. After reading, understanding, and accepting the Release of Liability, I hereby make a reservation for this trip/activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MAIN LINE SKI CLUB HILTON HEAD TENNIS TRIP

May 5 – 12, 2012

The Tennis: It is time to plan for tennis camp and spring vacation! We will be taking lessons at the South Beach Racquet Club, in the Sea Pines Plantation (a TENNIS Magazine Top-50 Resort).

- Morning clinics have stroke instruction and drills, doubles strategy, and match-play evaluation.
- A pro for each four to six players.
- These clinics are open (and enjoyable) to all levels including beginners.
- Free tennis is available in the afternoon and private lessons can be arranged at extra cost

The Island and where we will be staying:

Hilton Head Island is a vacation paradise with long beaches, golf courses, bike paths throughout the island, good restaurants, and lots of shopping. We are staying at Shorewood Condos, sharing two and three bedroom units with ocean views. Master bedrooms have a king bed and en suite bathroom, non-master bedrooms have a variety of bed arrangements and a bathroom off the hall. Some participants arrange their own housing and some don't play tennis but enjoy the group fun.

Cost: See the chart on the sign-up sheet (below). The cost includes six nights in the condos (double occupancy), 15 hours of instruction, a round robin Friday afternoon, and group activities. Guaranteeing a master bedroom is \$25/person (two in a king, known roommate required); guaranteeing a room without a roommate is \$245 (single occupancy). The organizer matches solos with a same-sex roommate – no single supplement is charged if she cannot. Non-members must become members at a half-year cost of \$25. Transportation is NOT included; flights are available into Hilton Head or Savannah. Driving time is 12 hours.

Other stuff:

- **Deposits** of \$350.00 (or the full amount) by **February 15** and balance by **April 1**:
 - Checks made out to Main Line Ski Club
 - Signup form and check mailed to: Christine Cobb, 311 N. Essex Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072
- The normal Main Line Ski Club policies for cancellations will be followed.
- Questions? Check out: <http://www.cjcoobb.com/HiltonHead/HHTennisCamp.html> or email Chris Cobb at Chris@cjcoobb.com or call at 610-308-2468.

Circle Choice	Non-master BR	Master King BR	No housing	Other chgs*	Total
With tennis	575	600	305		
Without tennis	315	340	30		
Other charges (*):		*Single supplement add \$245 *Non-members add \$25			

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (C) Email: _____

Tennis level: Rating: ____ or self-evaluation: _____

Roommate (request) & bed preference: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____

Tell us a little about yourself for a group introduction sheet (where you live, what you do (or don't do) for a living, children, other interests, etc, etc. If you don't fill this in, and I know you, beware that I will write it!

Lake Tahoe, CA

Heavenly/Northstar

February 4-11, 2012



It's been six years since our last trip to Lake Tahoe, so this should be big. We will be staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located by the base of the Gondola at Heavenly. Lift tickets for 5 days are included at Heavenly/Northstar. Each room has one king or two queen beds and a separate living room area with bar and a microwave. Also includes a full cooked to order breakfast daily and a 2-hour unlimited drinks reception from 4-6PM. Cross Country is also great here; if interested, let us know. We will provide info.

As in the past we will be offering a Chinese menu; select what you want.

Hotel only	769	Includes all parties including Super Bowl
Air (Southwest)	525	No Baggage Fees (new since last newsletter)
5-day Lift tickets	250	This price is better than the over-70 price
Bus RT	45	Reno to Tahoe
Total	\$1,589	Whole package

Dates: February 4-11, 2012
Trip Leaders: Kathleen and Howard Weisz
 1210 Winthrop Circle
 West Chester, PA 19380
 610-918-3780 (H); 610-247-2824 (C)
kqweisz@aol.com

Transportation: Southwest Airlines
Departure: 2/4/12 – PHL 11:20am to LAS; arr 2pm
LAS 3:05pm to RNO, arr 4:30pm

Lodging: Embassy Suites Hotel, Lake Tahoe
Return: 2/11/12 –RNO 12:35pm to LAS, arr 1:50pm;
LAS 2:45pm to PHL, arr 10:20pm

Cost/Member: \$1,589 pp dbl occ.
Includes: RT Air, Transfers, hotel, daily hot breakfasts, cocktail hour, pre and post trip parties at leaders' house, on-site parties, including Super Bowl.

NOT Included: Lunches and dinners
Deposits: \$500 at September 13th meeting
 \$500 at Oct. 11th meeting
 \$500 at Nov 8th meeting
 \$ 89 at Dec 11th meeting

Cancellation: MLSC Policy will apply.
 Insurance recommended, available

Vail, CO

Downhill

March 3-10, 2012



Consistently ranked as one of the country's most popular ski resorts, Vail is the big one, the largest single-mountain ski resort in the U.S., covering 5,500 acres of wide-open and forested terrain. Vail has been a celebrated super-resort since the 1970s, when it was propelled to stardom by President Gerald Ford, whose family vacationed here. Off the slopes, Vail is a compact replica of a Tyrolean village, full of restaurants, hotels, and shops. But it's the size of the mountain and the difficulty of its trails that draw the faithful.

Dates: March 3-10, 2012

Trip Leaders: Glenn & Sally Price
 1951 Colt Rd
 Media, Pa. 19063
 610-228-0992
Glenn@glenniprice.com

Air Departure: Saturday, 3/3/12 PHL-DEN (Frontier Air)

Bus Transfer: Denver/Vail.

Lodging: The Vail Spa Condos with Free welcome party, 3BR, 3BA condos w/ full kitchen, free high speed internet in every condo. Concierge, luggage handling, ski valet storage, on-site indoor and outdoor hot tubs, pool, sauna, laundry facilities.

Air Return: Saturday, 3/10/12 Arrive PHL

Cost/Member: \$1750 per skier approx
 Subject to change

Includes: RT air, prepaid luggage, ground transport, pre- and post- & on-site parties plus lodge Welcome Party, 5 of 7-day lift tickets.

Payments Due: \$500 at Signup
 \$500 on October 10th

Balance Due: \$750 on December 1st

Cancellation: MLSC Policy will apply. Trip is insurance available and is recommended.

Ski Racing for Everyone! Join the Main Line Ski Team for Racing Thrills and Skiing Fun!

The 2011/2012 ASRA series of races is open to all recreational skiers, regardless of ability. Whether you compete as an individual or on a ski club team, the Main Line Ski Team participates in the ASRA race series and the EPSC Council Race. The venues offer the best in ski racing - Good courses, great people, and lots of fun! Events are held in various regions, giving skiers the opportunity to race, and to meet new people. Experts climb to new levels, and beginning racers mingle with the "top dawgs." Everyone learns new techniques and picks up equipment and tuning tips. Ability levels of participants range from intermediate to super elite and age groups from 3 to 80+.

ASRA Regional Races feature medals for age-groups, and the events have random prize drawings so you may win sponsor prizes even if you're not in the medals. Competitors can also accrue points for season awards and the opportunity to participate in the ASRA Nationals.

ASRA Nationals Weekend will be held in March at Pico ski resort in Vermont. Random-drawing prizes will be awarded throughout the weekend. Nationals are set up so that skiers race against others in their age groups on Friday and Sunday and by ability class on Saturday. The ability groups are based on how the racers fared throughout the season. There are ability classes for men and women, and the youngsters can race too! Nationals Weekend also features great partying and door prizes!

Annual ASRA Membership is not required to participate in regional events; however, members do receive additional discounts at select ski shops and lodging facilities as well as

saving on lift/entry costs. Members also accrue points necessary to compete in ASRA Championship events.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council Race is slated for March 4th, 10 am start, modified Slalom format to be held at Bear Creek Resort, Macungie PA. More information will be sent out in January regarding registration and race information.

Main Line Ski Racing Events - January/February 2012

The next regularly scheduled ASRA Ski Racing Event is set for January 22, 2012 at Hidden Valley, NJ. This is an expert ski racing hill and offers the chance to race both a Giant Slalom and a Slalom event. all in one day!! The Giant Slalom kicks off the day with a 9:30 am start. The race is a 2 run GS. The afternoon features a challenging Slalom race. A wildly popular "racers party" concludes the day in the lodge bar. Lots of WAX talk, combined with door prizes and awards, makes for a great closure to the day.

The February schedule is shaping up to include a Giant Slalom at Pico Mountain in Pico, VT on February 5. Roundtop Mountain in Gettysburg will host a morning GS and an afternoon SL on February 11, and the ever popular Belleayre Mountain in the Catskills will once again welcome ASRA racers to its premier racing trail, Dot Nebel, for weekend events on February 18 and 19.

Looking forward to a great month of racing - hope to see you on the hill!

Pamela DeCampli

Main Line Ski Club

Trip/Activity Reservation Form

Trip/Activity: _____

Date(s): _____

Name(s) (if couple): _____ Member: Yes No

Member: Yes No

Note: Please use complete legal name(s) as cited on ID/Passport and print clearly.

Address: _____

Home Phone(s) _____

Work Phone(s) _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Airline/Frequent Flyer #(s) _____

Emergency Contact/Phone: _____

Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

The Main Line Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. Most of its activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By assuming all risks involved, I agree not to hold Main Line Ski Club, its Officers, its Board Members or trip leaders liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in this Club activity. After reading, understanding and accepting the Release of Liability, I hereby make a reservation for this trip/activity.

Birth date required for all airline travel

MM/DD/YYYY

Signed: _____ Date _____ Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____

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Club Policy Regarding Cancellation

All cancellations must be received in writing by the trip leader. Cancellation penalties apply to all MLSC trips. Because of the complexity of financing most major trips, trip leaders establish their own cancellation and refund amounts and schedules according to the payment requirements of the airlines and trip providers. A minimum administrative fee of \$25 for weekend/bus trips and \$35 for major/airline trips is charged for any cancellation. In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves and a replacement is found, deposits and payments will be refunded less the MLSC admin fee and any fees charged by the airline or tour provider. In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves, and a replacement is not found, deposits and all payments may be forfeited. Any refund will be dependent on the payment and cancellation schedule with the airline, bus or accommodation or tour provider and any losses that may be incurred by MLSC. Please speak to your trip leader to make sure you understand this process before you sign up for any MLSC trip.

All individuals that participate in this adventure program (including skiing, hiking, biking and other such activities) do so at their own risk. Participant assumes the inherent risks associated with these adventure activities, which can be dangerous. Risks include such occurrences as altitude sickness, illness, disease, overexertion, broken limbs and alcohol consumption. By signing this document, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions, safety and welfare.

Insurance: Travel Insurance is highly recommended. See your Trip Leader for details.

Main Line Ski Club Ski Trip Policy

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis, as follows:

- Only MLSC members and members in good standing of other EPSC-affiliated clubs may go on MLSC trips.
- Only MLSC members may sign up prior to or during the September general meeting.
- Members of other EPSC clubs may sign up only after the September general meeting has been held and must be members in good standing of another EPSC-affiliated club.

Reservations are confirmed only when a deposit and a signed reservation form and release of liability are received. The deposit amount is indicated in each trip's individual description. Separate payments are required for each trip and checks should be made payable to Main Line Ski Club. No cash payments can be accepted. To take advantage of the discount policy, when offered, payment in full must be received by the early payment date.

SURCHARGES

When a trip has reached its quota, a formal waiting list will be established requiring a \$25 per person deposit for weekend/bus trips and \$35 per person for major/airline trips. This deposit will be applied to the cost of the trip if a cancellation occurs and the wait-listed person is moved onto the trip. The deposit will be refunded in full if the wait-listed person is not called or if he or she cancels from the wait list prior to being called. However, if a person remains on the wait list, is called but decides they cannot go (for whatever reason) the deposit is forfeited.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be received in writing by the trip leader. Cancellation penalties apply to all MLSC trips. Because of the complexity of financing most major trips, trip leaders establish their own cancellation and refund amounts and schedules according to the payment requirements of the airlines and lodgings. A minimum administrative fee of \$25 for weekend/bus trips and \$35 for major/airline trips is charged for any cancellation.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

All costs are for double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

Trip leaders have limited information available ahead of time as to room configuration and specific amenities. While we attempt to book equal facilities for all trip participants there can be discrepancies, with condos especially, from room to room. Please try to be flexible, but if there are major issues with your assigned place, talk to your trip leader immediately upon check-in.

DEPARTURES

Departure times listed in trip write-ups are subject to change, due to airline rescheduling. Be sure to communicate with your trip leader 2-3 weeks before your trip departs.

OTHER

Anyone under the age of 21 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Main Line Ski Club maintains a No Smoking policy for all trips. This includes bus, condos and parties.

Laptop computers should be used only during off hours so as not to tie up the telephone. People use the phone to make ski plans early in the morning and dinner plans late afternoon/early evening. Be considerate of your roommates/condo mates when using phone lines for computer purposes.

TRIP PARTICIPANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT.

Calendar

Main Line Ski Club

Winter – Spring 2012 Calendar of Activities

Take a look, then MARK your CALENDARS **NOW** so you don't forget!!

- Feb. 4-11 Ski Trip to Lake Tahoe, California**
- Sun., Feb. 5th Brunch at Fork; Tour National Museum American Jewish History—Phila**
- Sun., Feb. 5th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- Sat., Feb. 11th Movie & Munch @ The Movie Tavern—Collegeville**
- Sun., Feb. 12th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- Tues., Feb. 14th Monthly Meeting—KOP**
- Fri., Feb. 17th Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel's Glenmorgan B&G—St. Davids**
- Sun., Feb. 19th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- Feb. 18-19-20 Presidents' Weekend—No other MLSC activities scheduled**
- Sat., Feb. 25th Wine & Dine Alfredo Italian BYOB—Berwyn**
- Sun., Feb. 26th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- March 3-10 Ski Trip to Vail, Colorado**
- Sun., Mar. 4th "van Gogh Up Close," Art Museum--Philadelphia**
- Sun., Mar. 4th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- Sun., Mar. 11th DST Winter Hike at Norristown Farm Park—Norristown**
- Sun., Mar. 11th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- Tues., Mar. 13th Monthly Meeting—KOP**
- Fri., Mar. 16th Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel's Glenmorgan B&G—St. Davids**
- Sat., Mar. 17th St. Patrick's Potluck Dinner—West Chester**
- Sun., Mar. 18th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- Sat., Mar. 24th Homemade "Comfort Food" Dinner—Collegeville**
- Sun., Mar. 25th Doubles Round Robin Tennis—Springton Racquet**
- May 7-12th Hilton Head Tennis Trip – Deposits by February 15th**

Mixed Doubles Round Robin Tennis is 4:30-6:30 every Sunday at Springton Racquet with the following exceptions: No tennis scheduled on Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), or April 8 (Easter)