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Invitation to Newcomers!!

Tuesday, December 8th

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge

7:30 p.m.

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. Sea Kaplan and Rosemarie Romano, New Member/Hospitality Co-chairs, will be conducting these informative and welcoming sessions. If newcomers have questions, call Sea at 610-722-9907 or Rosemarie at 610-688-6192.

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



Monthly Meeting & Social

Toys for Tots

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge
King of Prussia, PA

Tuesday, December 8th
7:30 pm

Come join your fellow members to help others, learn or improve your skiing skills and socialize with old and new friends. Our December 8th meeting in King of Prussia will continue our long time tradition of supporting Toys for Tots. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to help less fortunate children enjoy the holiday season.

Our headline event will be a presentation by members Jay and Ellen Minnicks, certified master ski instructors. No matter what your skill level, Jay, Ellen and members recruited to assist them, will help you hone your fundamental skills and improve your performance on the slopes this season. Skiers bring your boots and poles to join Jay in his interactive demonstration. Non-skiers come learn from the professionals the basic skills necessary to enjoy alpine skiing. This will be a terrific kickoff to another great season. The forecasted El Nino promises to bring lots of snow to make this a memorable year. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Doors open at 7 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Be there! Bring a friend!

If you have any questions, contact VP Fletcher Swanson at 610-431-1850 or President Howard Weisz at 610-918-3780.

DIRECTIONS: The Crowne Plaza Valley Forge Hotel is located on 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.

MLSC Center City Monthly Meetings

The Main Line Ski Club Center City monthly meetings will continue as a brainstorming session and training. Details to follow.

Wednesday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.

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Message from the Prez



WOW, this is my December message, so I hope your Thanksgiving was only fantastic and your Christmas will be even better. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and this means we are getting closer to skiing.

There is still room for more folks at our Christmas Gala, at the Crowne Plaza on December 19th, so if you are interested, call Kathleen at 610-918-3781. BTW, I had mentioned our 50th reunion party would be on April 3rd. Then I realized that is Easter weekend....so we are looking at other dates in April and May, stay tuned.

If you missed our annual wine and cheese party at Jack and Wendy's, you missed a great event. We had 127 people, and we keep growing every year. There are people that I only see at that party.

In a previous message I mentioned my favorite ski place was Breuil-Cervinia, the Italian side of the Matterhorn. I was working in Europe (Torino, Italy) for part of a week, finishing about noon on Friday and had to be in Hamburg, Germany on Monday morning. I called my travel agent and said "Get me someplace to ski where I do not have to take another plane ride." Cervinia was the place -- about a two-hour drive from Torino. The bowls were fantastic. In the morning you needed to wear every piece of clothing you owned, while at lunch we sat around in tee shirts. It was the best skiing I have ever done -- and this was with rented skis and boots! I wish I could remember which skis I rented. CAIO!

Factoid(s) of the month: The Interstate System requires that one-mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in time of war or other emergencies. Yes, there are interstate highways in Hawaii...remember these were the brain child of IKE; their purpose was to connect military bases. In Hawaii the largest revenue source is tourism, second is the military.

Again...HAPPY HOLIDAYS, or as my 2-year-old grand daughter would say, "happy birthday."

Howard

With Warmest Thanks!!!

Very warmest thanks to November's activity leaders! Jorie and Kerwin Nailor did the Car Rally on November 1st -- it all went perfectly, but they said they couldn't believe how much work it was so we REALLY appreciate their efforts. Thanks also to Karin Campanelli for the Nov. 8th Betzwood River Trail walk and to Rich Schonwald for the Nov. 13th Happy Hour. Special thanks to Glenn and Janet Elliott for all of the planning and efforts for the Cooking Class at Roy's on November 22nd. Couldn't do it without you, everyone!

VERY special appreciation to Jack Behrle and Wendy Wolf for AGAIN hosting the Annual Wine & Cheese on November 15th at their home in Bryn Mawr. We had another record-setting event with 127 folks there! Not many homes can accommodate that many people, but Jack and Wendy's did easily. The day was incredibly balmy -- as a result, many folks were able to enjoy the deck as well as the house!

THANKS also to Howard Weisz for getting the wine and beer for the Wine & Cheese and for the help of Cherie Sullivan, Charlotte Mannheims, Sandy Bradley, Betsy Kimmel, Kathleen Weisz, Rosemarie Romano and Josie Ganio in setting up AND also cleaning up when it was over. Many hands make for light work! Sincere gratitude, also, to the many people who brought appetizers. It was one fantastic event!! ☺

Liberty Bell Icon!!

Center City events are marked with a Liberty Bell icon.



Welcome New Members

Walter Dolphin	Upper Darby
Ty Bacon	Bryn Mawr
Martha Moore	Philadelphia
Mary Cole	Philadelphia
Steven Stein and Brona Cohen	Wynnewood
Tim and Janet Creedon	Wayne
Loren Martin	West Chester
Irwin Lourie	Eagleville

"Deck the Alley" Elfreth's Alley Open House, Phila.

Saturday, Dec. 5th

4:00-7:00 p.m.



Elfreth's Alley residents open their private homes as part of this annual winter event, which raises funds for the Elfreth's Alley Museum's preservation and education programs. Historic house tours, holiday treats, and caroling in the street all draw hundreds of visitors to the annual Deck the Alley celebration. The Museum gift shop will be stocked with outstanding holiday gifts for your shopping pleasure!

Join us for this unique opportunity to get into the spirit of the Holiday Season. Stroll down Elfreth's Alley's historic cobblestones, and step back into America's past. Located in the heart of Old City Philadelphia, Elfreth's Alley is a block-long street that opened in 1702 connecting two blacksmiths' shops near Philadelphia's busy waterfront with Second Street, one of the growing colony's busiest thoroughfares. The thirty-two buildings along Elfreth's Alley were built between the 1720s and 1830s, and today they reveal the fascinating stories of everyday life, the spaces that America's founders knew.

Advanced Tickets: Adult \$25, Family \$75, Student (6-18) \$12 (<http://www.elfrethsalley.org/news-and-events/deck-alley-tickets-sale>). Purchase your tickets in advance, Janet and Glenn already have theirs, and join us. Stay after the tour and have dinner in Old City with them also. Contact Glenn Elliott, 215-925-1879 or email him at glenn-elliott@comcast.net to let us know you are coming.

Happy Hour at The Paddock - Strafford

Friday, December 11th
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Come on out and catch up with your MLSC friends and also make some new ones! Appetizers are provided for \$1.00 (shrimp cocktail, fish, beef bullets, etc.) and drinks are reasonable. Such a deal!! AND, the Paddock has easy parking and a spacious bar with plenty of room to socialize.

Directions: The Paddock is on the NW corner of Lancaster Ave. and Old Eagle School Road in Strafford (just west of Wayne), PA. It was formerly John Harvard's.

For information or if you have questions contact Rich Schonwald at 610-356-2936 OR email him at rschonwald@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!!

MLSC HOLIDAY GALA Crowne Plaza Valley Forge

Saturday, Dec. 19th



6 pm - Cocktails & Butlered Hors d'oeuvres
7 pm - Seated Dinner – Dancing until 11 pm
Cash Bar

Please join us for our 2nd Annual MLSC/PSC Holiday Gala! Come in your holiday finest – all bedazzled and bedangled and decked out – to welcome in the holiday season! We'll meet up in one of the Crowne Plaza's finest Ballrooms – all festooned just for us in Holiday attire! We'll be treated to soft music during the cocktail hour ...then enjoy a seated dinner and DJ dancing music of our choice!

Included: Hot & Cold Butlered Hors d'oeuvres, Seated Dinner (choice of salmon or roast beef) plus salad and dessert

Plus: DJ, Dancing, Free Parking, Cash Bar

Cost: \$70 pp after Nov. 10th;
Non-members \$80 pp; **Deadline:** December 10th

Attire: Holiday Gala...Black Tie Optional

RSVP: Write check payable to MLSC and send (with choice of entrée) to: Kathleen Weisz, 1210 Winthrop Circle, West Chester, PA 19380.

Questions?: Call Gala Committee: Sue McDaniel (610-525-2409) suemcdaniel2@verizon.net; Debbie Pentz (610-283-2359) dupentz118@msn.com or Kathleen Weisz (610-918-3781) kqweisz@aol.com.

“Hair of the Dog” Wine 'n Dine at Winberie's

Saturday, January 2, 2010!!

Wayne, PA at 7:00 pm



Come join us to celebrate the New Year – 2010 and have some “Hair of the Dog!!” to calm any aches and pains from over-indulging!!

Winberie's long-standing “local bistro” personality and casual atmosphere has made it one of the best places to eat! The restaurant combines Country French and Italian cooking with traditional American fare at moderate prices. Guests can choose from a diverse menu that includes terrific salads, sandwiches and choice beef, fresh fish & seafood, chicken, pasta and vegetable entrees. There is also a wide selection of lighter fare ranging from Alsatian chicken salad to London Broil. There is an excellent selection of affordable liquors, cognac, beers and an extensive variety of wines.

Join us at Winberie's – across from Gateway Shopping Center – 1164 Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087, 610-293-9333. We can accommodate 12 to 15 people, so make your reservations early! To reserve, call Judy Alters 610-933-7241 or email her at jaa840@aol.com. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 31, 2009.

Please bring cash. We will pay with one credit card, and you are responsible for the cost of your drinks and food, plus 25% tax and tip.

Winter Walk & Picnic

Sunday, January 10th

11:15 a.m.

Collegeville, PA



Post-holiday blahs got you down???? Looking to get rid of some Christmas calories?? Well, come out for some fresh air and exercise with MLSC!!! Weather permitting (no rain, ice, or deep snow), we will walk on the Perkiomen Trail from Arcola to Collegeville, total round-trip distance of about 4 miles, then have a winter picnic at Sally Hilderbrand's in Collegeville.

This is a TOTALLY homemade lunch – pork barbecues, “sloppy joes”, homemade vegetable soup, warm applesauce, and fresh-baked cookies, plus a few more goodies (Christmas Bark, for sure – now a Winter Walk favorite!!!) Each year just about every morsel is devoured – but as someone commented, “What's not to like about the food!!”

We will meet at Sally's home in Collegeville, and then carpool a brief half-mile to the trail to begin walking.

This segment of the trail is very scenic, even in winter – it's entirely in the woods and overlooks the Perkiomen Creek below.

Cost of \$10 for the lunch for members (such a deal!!) – please bring CASH, \$20 for non-members.

Call Sally at 610-489-4718 OR email her at shilderbrand@comcast.net by Friday night, January 8th to reserve. **No late calls after this, please!**

EPSC's Learn-to-Ski Program Spring Mtn.--Jan. 4, 2010

Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council (EPSC) in conjunction with a number of member ski clubs offers a Learn-To-Ski program at Spring Mountain in Schwenksville, PA. The program held on Monday nights, will start on January 4, 2010 and will run a minimum of five weeks (weather permitting). This program is a great way to learn skiing basics and is also ideal for any intermediate skier who is interested in improving his/her technique.

The cost of a lift ticket and equipment rentals is very reasonable, and the lessons, provided by ASIA-certified instructors, are FREE.

Pre-registration is required. Forms will be available at the Main Line Ski Club December meeting (Dec 8th), or by contacting Frank Cressman at 610-793-6959 or fcress374@verizon.net, Pete Ryan, EPSC program coordinator at 215-657-8792 or peteski@juno.com, or JoAnn Landis, program administrator at joscott49@verizon.net.

DISCOUNT LIFT TICKETS

Main Line Ski Club, through the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council, is again able to offer its' members discount lift tickets for several Pennsylvania, New York and New England ski resorts.

This program is for MLSC members ONLY! Some ski areas ask to see your membership card, so be sure to have it with you.

The ticket order form and cover memo can be printed from the EPSC web site (www.easternpaskicouncil.org). Read the memo carefully! Unused tickets can be returned for credit/refund less a service charge.

Send the Order Form, a SASE and a check payable to EPSC directly to Ken Foster (address is on the form), who is running the program for EPSC.

EPSC is Going Green

The EPSC publication SnowDrifts is going green and no longer will be publishing a hard copy of the Skier Guide and Directory.

The information, programs, trips and directory are now available on the EPSC web site www.easternpaskicouncil.org.

EPSC RACE CLINIC

Declining attendance at the Monday Night Race Clinic has resulted in EPSC discontinuing this annual event, which was normally held at Spring Mt. on Monday evenings, starting early January, along with the EPSC/ASIA Learn-to-Ski Program.

If there is enough interest, the Race Clinic could be revived in future seasons.

As an alternative, EPSC is looking into the NASTAR program at Bear Creek, which runs on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7-9:00PM. That would offer ample gate running for those interested.

As more information becomes available, it will be posted in the Snow Drifts section of the EPSC web site.

Happy Hour at The Paddock - Strafford

Friday, January 15th
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



The holidays and the work week are over. Drop in and catch up with your MLSC friends and also make some new ones! Appetizers are provided for \$1.00 (shrimp cocktail, fish, beef bullets, etc.) and drinks are reasonable. Such a deal!! AND, the Paddock has easy parking and a spacious bar with plenty of room to socialize.

Directions: The Paddock is on the NW corner of Lancaster Ave. and Old Eagle School Road in Strafford (just west of Wayne), PA. It was formerly John Harvard's.

For information or if you have questions contact Rich Schonwald at 610-356-2936 OR email him at rschonwald@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!!

Celebrate Winter Hike at Norristown Farm Park!!

Sun., Jan. 17th
2:00 p.m.



Join us at 2 p.m. for a hike with sweeping vistas, ice covered meandering streams, farm buildings, and hopefully snow covered fields. Come out while the earth is sleeping and feel alive! 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.

Activities Planning Meeting

Tues., Jan. 19th
7:30 p.m.
Collegeville



Since Bill and Jeanne Dyer have moved permanently to their home in the Poconos, we will meet at Sally Hilderbrand's home in Collegeville to plan Spring and early Summer events. Can you believe it? As the December newsletter goes to press, we are just starting Winter, yet we will be planning April through early Summer events. Come out and give us your ideas to help us prepare an AWESOME line-up of events. All new members are particularly invited -- it's a great way to participate and to get to know everyone!

Call Sally at 610-489-4718 or Shilderbrand@comcast.net for directions and to let us know that you are coming. Many hands make for light work so we look forward to YOUR participation!

Matinee Movie & Munch

Sunday, Jan. 24th
Approximately 4:00 p.m.
Marketplace 24 at Oaks



If you're not skiing this weekend, chase the winter blues away by enjoying a movie with your MLSC friends at the Marketplace at Oaks movie complex with a whopping 24 different theatres! Afterwards, we'll have an informal Sunday supper at Max & Erma's Restaurant located just across the parking lot -- good home cooking at modest prices!

The leader will pick the movies (we usually do 2 or 3 to give you choices) on Friday, January 22nd when the weekend selections come out and notify everyone by email on Saturday (so be sure to give your email address when you reserve!).

Mark the date on your calendars and plan NOW to come on out! The leader is undetermined at December newsletter press-time so check your January newsletter for info on how to reserve.

Homemade "Comfort Food" Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 30th

6:30 p.m.

Collegeville



Join Sally Hilderbrand at her home in Collegeville for a winter "comfort food" meal!! Menu includes hot sausage dip and Brie appetizers, a totally delicious meat loaf, REAL mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, homemade applesauce, and lemon meringue pie and/or Brownie pudding 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, \$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, January 28th.

SUPER BOWL PARTY!!

Sunday, February 7th

4:30 p.m.

Devon

Come out to the biggest TV party of the year -- the Super Bowl, this year at Marc Davidson's home in Devon. Marc is a member of MLSC and has a



small law firm in Radnor where he practices in wills/trusts/estates and representing small businesses.

MLSC will provide beer, wine, soda, and coffee for the drive home. The cost is \$10 per person for members, \$20 for non-members (please bring cash), plus everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish to share -- appetizer, main dish, salad or vegetable, or dessert (folks bringing a main dish get a discount!). Please note that you need to MARK your dish with your last name and also mark/BRING utensils!! Your dish also needs to be fully prepared -- no room to cook stuff. Thank you!

Come on out to meet new friends and renew old friendships. We'll have a magic 100-square wagger board so bring some spare dollar bills. A reservation is a MUST! **To reserve & identify your dish, please contact Sally Hilderbrand at 610-489-4718 or shilderbrand@comcast.net no later than Friday, February 5th. Please note that we are limited to 60 participants so call early.** Last year we had to turn people away!!

Directions to Marc's, 162 Devonshire Road, Devon, PA 19333:

From Lancaster Avenue/Rt. 30 (Wayne)

heading west: Pass Devon BMW & Waterloo Gardens. Make a right at the next light onto Waterloo Road (becomes Devon State) and then go under RR bridge. At the T intersection make a left then quick right, still on Devon State. Go straight across Conestoga Road at the light. Proceed down the Big Hill - go slowly, it gets curvy! After the curves, at the bottom of the hill make a left on Berwyn Baptist (look for Jenkins Arboretum sign). Make the first right on Devonshire. #162 is second house on the left.

From King of Prussia: South on 202 and take Devon Exit. Make a left at the light onto Valley Forge Road (go under 202). Go straight thru light at 252/Swedestford Rd. and proceed about 1/2 mile, over the bridge & bear right (still Valley Forge Rd.). Make the first right after the bridge onto Berwyn Baptist and make first right onto Devonshire.

#162 is 2nd house on left. If you get lost, Marc's phone number is **610-889-3959**.



“Field Trip” Opportunity!!!

Terra Cotta Warriors; Guardians of China’s First Emperor

At the National Geographic Museum

Washington, DC

Sunday, March 28, 2010

We will be taking a bus trip from Willow Grove (8 AM) and King of Prussia (8:30 AM) down to Washington to see this once-in-a-lifetime event that we are really excited about offering!! This is the last stop of a two-year US tour for the exhibit. We have a limited number of spaces on the bus, however, so contact Floss DiPaolo **NOW** to make your reservation.

Come join us for this special exhibit comprised of soldiers, charioteers, archers, musicians, generals and acrobats. Nearly 2,000 years ago, thousands of life-size clay figures were buried in massive underground pits to accompany China’s first emperor, Qin Shihuangdi, into the afterlife. Their discovery outside the city of Xi’an in 1974 is one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th century.

Now you can stand face-to-face with these terra cotta warriors. The National Geographic Museum hosts this exhibition featuring treasures from the tomb complex including 15 life-size figures, weapons, armor, coins, and more. Don’t miss this chance to see the largest collection of significant artifacts from China ever to travel to the United States.

- Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010
- Trip Leader: Florence L. DiPaolo
233 Township Line Road—5B,
Elkins Park, PA 19027
215-379-1378
fld485@aol.com
- Departure: 8:00 AM—depart from Willow Grove Marriott
8:30 AM—depart from King of Prussia, Crowne Plaza
- Reservations:**
Deadline: February 26, 2010
- Lunch: 11:30 AM—Arrival at Union Station for lunch (Lunch & dinner are **NOT** included in the cost of the trip.)
2:00 PM—Arrival at National Geographic Museum for exhibit
- Dinner: Fast food stop en route home
- Return: Approximately 9 PM
- Cost: \$62.00 pp
Cost for non-members: \$67.00 (Non-member applications will not be accepted until after January 1, 2010.)
- Payment:** Please make check payable to MLSC and mail to:
**Florence L. DiPaolo
233 Township Line Road—5B,
Elkins Park, PA 19027**
- Trip Includes: Bus transportation, museum ticket and headset.
- Cancellation: MLSC policy applies



Back to the Hotel Adler! (Val Gardena, Italy and Venice!)

Depart: January 23, 2010
Return: February 2, 2010

This year's adventure takes us back to the famous Spa Hotel Adler in Ortisei, Italy and then on to Venice for two nights! As many of you know, the Adler is a Club favorite and has been closed to all Clubs since 2004. Through a happy circumstance, we have procured 10 rooms (ONLY) at the Adler and combined this visit with an extension to Venice.

Located in the Val Gardena area, Ortisei is centrally located so you can ski the famous Sella Ronda, the Marmolada* or simply the beautiful pistes located just outside of town. Included is admittance to the famous Aguana water world facilities as well as Adler Fit facilities, assuming you have any energy left over after a day on the slopes!

Due to anticipated demand and the limited spaces we have secured, we are accepting reservations beginning on April 14, at our last meeting of this ski year at the Crowne Plaza, MLSC members ONLY. Interested? **Call or email Jack Behrle for more details!**

Dates: **Saturday, January 23, returning February 2, 2010**

Trip Leader: Jack Behrle
105 Laurier Place,
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
610/520-1952 or
610/731-3093 (cell)
john.behrle@comcast.net

Transportation: **British Air BA 66 from Phila Int'l to Heathrow, connecting with BA 578 arriving in Venice at 12:55 PM. We return home again on BA 579 from Venice departing at 1:45PM thru Heathrow, connecting with BA 69 arriving in Phila at 8:30PM.** We take a Motor Coach to Ortisei and back to Venice. Since we will be taking a water taxi to Venice, we will drop off our ski gear at the airport prior to boarding our taxi to Venice.

Departure: **Saturday evening, 1/23, at 6:55 PM** from Phila. International

Lodging: **Five ***** Hotel Adler**, in Ortisei. Full buffet breakfast and full 5 course dinners included daily. Full amenities including AGUANA Water World Spa, full bar/lounge and incredible ambiance! (Warning: The dessert buffet at the Adler is habit-forming!) In Venice, we are staying at the 4**** Hotel Bonvecchiati conveniently located next to Saint Mark's Square. We are staying in Venice for two nights, Sunday and Monday, returning on Tuesday afternoon to Phila.

Cost/Member: **\$3,066.00, pp double occupancy ONLY**

Includes: Breakfast and dinner daily (Adler), 7 nights lodging at the Adler, round trip airfare on British Air, taxes, tips and fees, 2 nights in 4**** Hotel Bonvecchiati (Venice), Breakfasts (Venice), Arrival Reception, Pre and Post Trip Gatherings, One Hour walking tour of Venice and Murano.

NOT included: Lift Tickets and meals on the mountain & Optional guided ski tours. Currently, a six-day pass starts at around US \$42 daily for the Dolomite Super Ski Pass (520+ lifts!) Of course, the 60+ elder prices will be **lower!**

*Marmolada Ski or take a helicopter to the top!
Deposit: **\$300.00 due upon reservation with completed trip form**

Special Note: This trip is available only to the first 20 members who sign up with a \$300 deposit. After that point, a waiting list will be maintained.

Balance Due: Second Payment due September 1, 2009 of \$ 500; Balance due on November 15, 2009.

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

Additional Links:

<http://www.adler-dolomites.com/en>

<http://www.hotelbonvecchiati.it/en/index.htm>

<http://www.ski-mag.com/en/ski/clanak.php?id=19897>



Aspen/Snowmass Colorado Downhill/X-C February 6-13th



We're going back to Aspen/Snowmass, staying slope-side at the lovely Stonebridge Inn with a free daily gourmet breakfast (www.stonebridgeinn.com). Also on site, a bar and restaurant! We walk outside and ski right down to the lift; and ski right in on our return. All day and night long there is a free shuttle to the Village Mall, just 2 blocks away. Aspen is just 10 miles and a free shuttle ride away. Included: Pre- and Post- Parties at Leaders' House; On-Site Welcome Party, plus free Mid-week and Farewell Parties. We're here for the Super Bowl too (Sun., 2/7) Bring betting money!

- Dates:** February 6-13, 2010
- Trip Leaders:** Kathleen & Howard Weisz, 1210 Winthrop Circle, West Chester, PA 19380; 610-918-3781, kqweisz@aol.com
- Minimum Pkg:** **Land Only** - \$730 /pp – includes 7 nights at hotel and round-trip transport to and from Aspen Airport to hotel. Parties included.
- Add on:** **Lift Tickets:** \$295 /pp for 5 of 7 days at Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk. This is best rate unless you are 70+. (See leader for this info.)
- Add on:** **Air:** Delta \$475/pp RT PHL/ASE (Aspen Airport). You must fly into Aspen for free ride to hotel. For Flt times write kqweisz@aol.com.
- Lodging:** The Stonebridge Inn (slope side) at Snowmass Village. Pool, hot tubs, sauna, bar & gourmet restaurant, ski storage, fitness room, in-room refrigerators. Free breakfast daily.
- Included:** Parties, breakfasts, etc., all above
- Not Included:** Lunches and Dinners
- Total Cost:** \$1500/pp for whole package
- Payments Due:** \$500 on Signup with completed Trip Form. Must be Member of MLSC or EPSC affiliate.
\$500 on October 9, 2009
- Balance Due:** November 10, 2009
- Cancellation:** MLSC Policy will apply. Trip insurance available and recommended.

Waterville Valley, New Hampshire X-C/DH Combo Feb. 25–Mar. 1st



For something new and different, we will be heading to Waterville Valley, NH this year for not three but FOUR nights -- which means up to four whole days of skiing!! We will be staying at the Silver Fox Inn right in Waterville Valley and it's a BYOB! Each room has two double beds and wine and cheese is served in the lobby each night. A continental breakfast is served each morning including a hot egg casserole! A three-choice buffet dinner will be served each evening, all prepared fresh at the inn.

For X-C skiers and snowshoers, we'll be going to the Waterville Valley Nordic Center with 40 miles of trails (70 km.)!! If we want, we can travel to another x-c place one day. For downhillers, Waterville Valley has 52 trails and 12 lifts. A day at Loon Mt., half hour away, is an option. The Silver Fox is within walking distance of the town that includes shops and an indoor ice arena for ice skating.

Sally's bus trips are well-known with shrimp cocktail and other delicious goodies on the way up and PLENTY of delicious home-baked cookies to enjoy throughout the weekend – peanut butter balls and sand tarts are VERY popular! Sign up at the September meeting – don't wait too long! Sally's trips always fill up quickly – you "snooze," you lose! And the price this year is a real bargain -- just \$5 more than last year's cost, and it is for FOUR days instead of three!! No airport hassle, no luggage angst, no traveling on a weekend!! What could be a better deal!!

- Dates:** Feb. 25 to March 1, 2010
- Trip Leader:** Sally Hilderbrand
712 Barrington Road
Collegeville, PA 19426
610-489-4718
shilderbrand@comcast.net
- Transportation:** Bus
- Departure:** 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25th
Marriott Courtyard, Valley Forge
- Lodging:** Silver Fox Inn
Waterville Valley, NH
- Return:** Monday, March 1st
Leave Waterville Valley, 2:30 p.m.
- Cost/Member:** \$515 pp, dbl occupancy
- Includes:** Bus, inn, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, Treats on bus trips, LOTS of cookies!
- NOT included:** X-C trail passes, DH lift tickets
- Deposit:** \$150 due at sign-up
- Balance due:** \$365, 1/15/10
- Cancellation:** MLSC policy applies

VAIL, COLORADO

Downhill

March 6-13th



We're going back to VAIL. WOW VAIL, the largest ski area in the United States. We will be staying at the Vail Spa just 200 yards from the Lionshead Gondola and the recently completed Lionshead base area with new restaurants and shops. And a few steps out the front door to the free bus that runs to downtown Vail.

Package includes round trip direct airfare to Denver; Free Welcome Party at resort, a wine and cheese party in our condo one night and cocktails at Pepi's restaurant another night. 3 BR, 3 BA condos, full kitchen, and free high speed internet. On-site: outdoor and indoor heated pool, 2 outdoor hot tubs, indoor hot tub and sauna, laundry, luggage handling and ski valet storage. Also included: 5 of 7-day lift tickets.

- Dates:** March 6-13, 2010
- Trip Leaders:** Glenn & Sally Price
1951 Colt Rd
Media, Pa. 19063
610-228-0992
Glenn@glennjprice.com
- Air Departure:** Saturday, 3/6/10
PHL-DEN
- Bus Transfer:** Denver/Vail.
- Lodging:** The Vail Spa Condos. 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 outdoor hot tub, pool, sauna, laundry facilities.
- Air Return:** Saturday, 3/13/10 Arrive PHL approx 11:00 pm.
- Cost/Member:** \$1550 per skiers.
Subject to change
- Includes:** RT air, ground transport, pre, 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:** \$550 on December 1st
- Cancellation:** MLSC Policy will apply. Trip insurance available and is recommended.

JAY PEAK, VERMONT

Downhill, X-C

March 14-20th



In January 2010, Jay Peak Resort opens their new, state-of-the-art, Tram Haus Lodge with ski valet service and ski-in/ski-out access to the mountain.

This ALL inclusive trip begins at Phila. 30th St. Station for relaxed train trip to northern Vt. Included in the package are a Canadian country breakfast and gourmet dinner off the menu at the Hotel Jay One restaurant each day, Welcome Party and Evening entertainment.

The trip includes five (5) mid-week days of skiing along with ski lessons each day for the downhill skier. XC skiers will enjoy the new Jay Peak Nordic Center. Optional: XC side trips and a trip to Stowe, the Bogner outlet, and Montreal are available to all.

- Dates:** March 14-20, 2010
- Trip Leaders:** Janet & Glenn Elliott
622 Kenilworth St
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-925-1879
janet-elliott@comcast.net
- Departure:** Sunday, 3/14/10, at 9:20 am direct from Amtrak 30th Street Station. Arrive St Albans, VT at 9:30 pm.
- Transfer:** Jay Peak shuttle is included.
- Lodging:** HOTEL JAY ONE (state-of-the-art, breakfast/dinner, ski-in/ski-out, ski valet, entertainment)
- Return:** Saturday, 3/20/10, at 8:20 am from St Albans, VT to 30th Street Station. Arrive PHL 8:28 pm.
- Cost/Member:** \$895 pp (dbl occ), XC . DH add \$130 for lift , Srs \$21/day for lift
- Payments Due:** \$200 at Signup
\$300 due November 10th
- Balance Due:** \$395 on January 1 (DH skiers add \$130 for lift – see above)
- Options(\$):** Day at Stowe for DH
Two days at additional XC sites
Day trip to Montreal
Visit to Bogner Outlet
- Cancellation:** MLSC Policy will apply. Trip insurance available; Recommended.

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 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.

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

There is a **surcharge for guests of members of \$35 per person** for major/airline trips and \$25 per person for weekend/bus trips.

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.

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 (if

applicable). 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, and any losses that might be incurred by MLSC. Please speak to a trip leader to be sure you understand this process before you sign up for any MLSC trip.

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

**When signing up for a trip or activity, please fill out and include this reservation form along with your deposit made out to Main Line Ski Club.
(You must be a member of MLSC or an EPSC member club that offers reciprocity.)**

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.

Signed: _____ **Date** _____

Signed: _____ **Date** _____

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 SUNDAY NIGHT TENNIS, 2009-10

When Sundays, Beginning September 13th , 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. thru May 2, 2010
Where Springton Tennis & Racquet Club, Rte. 252, Media (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 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: Sept. 10th at 1:30 & 7:00PM, Sept. 12th at 3:30 and Oct. 3rd at 3:30, and then the first Saturday of each month - October through April. You must call 610-356-2003 in advance to register.

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
 610-889-9086 staceyroehrs@roehrs.com

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 2009-2010 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	Carolyn Bringhurst	610-889-2434	

MLSC
TENNIS 2009-2010 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 610-889-9086 staceyroehrs@roehrs.com	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

2009				2010				
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		29		31				

Note: No tennis scheduled: December 27, 2009 and April 4, 2010

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Main Line Ski Club Membership Renewal Form 2009-2010

This is a renewal form for existing members only.

To obtain a new member application contact Linda LaChapelle 610-527-2287 e-mail LindaLa2ski@verizon.net
or access the following URL: <http://www.mainlineskiclub.com/>

Please print legibly:

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Additional Family Members: _____, _____, _____

E-mail (Print very clearly, please) _____

Preferred Method of Receiving Ski Tracks E-Mail US Mail *

* A \$10.00 surcharge will be added to the membership fee for those electing to receive the newsletter by US Mail.

Interests: Skiing: Eastern Western European Cross Country
Sports: Tennis Biking Hiking Snowshoeing
Socials: Parties Wine & Dine Culture Events/Museums

I would like to help with the following Committee(s)

- Activities Committee
- New Members Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Technical Support Committee
- I am interested in being trained as a possible ski trip leader.

What improvements would you like to see in the Club? _____

Suggestions for any particular trips or activities: _____

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The Main Line Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members who must be 21 years of age or older. Most of the activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By making this application for membership, I/We voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks, I/We agree not to hold the Main Line Ski Club, its officers or board members liable for any accident or injury resulting from my/our participation in a club activity. After reading and understanding this Release of Liability, I/We hereby apply for membership in the Main Line Ski Club.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Adult Family Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Individual Membership - \$35 * Couple/Family Membership - \$45 *

*** For those electing to receive the Newsletter by US mail add a \$10.00 surcharge to the cost of dues.**

Please return the completed form along with your check, payable to Main Line Ski Club, to:

Linda LaChapelle, 1 Braxton Road, Rosemont, PA 19010

Renewal forms must be received by October 31 for you to be included in the 2009-2010 MLSC Directory.

ˆLinda LaChapelle
1 Braxton Road
Rosemont, PA 19010

Main Line Ski Club

Fall-Winter 2009/2010 Calendar of Activities

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

*** Indicates CC Phila.-oriented event**

Sat., Dec. 5th	* "Deck the Alley" Elfreth's Alley Open House, Phila.
Tues., Dec. 8th	MLSC Monthly Meeting – KOP
Fri., Dec. 11th	Happy Hour at The Paddock - Strafford
Sat., Dec. 19th	MLSC Holiday Gala, Crowne Plaza, KOP
Sat., January 2, 2010	"Hair of the Dog" Wine 'n Dine at Winberie's, Wayne
Mon., Jan. 4th	EPSC, Learn-to-Ski Program, Spring Mountain
Sun., Jan. 10th	Winter Walk & Picnic, Collegeville
Tues., Jan. 12th	MLSC Monthly Meeting – KOP
Fri., Jan. 15th	Happy Hour at The Paddock - Strafford
Sun., Jan. 17th	Celebrate Winter Hike at Norristown Farm Park
Tues., Jan. 19th	Activities Planning Meeting at Sally Hilderbrand's, Collegeville
Sun., Jan. 24th	Matinee Movie & Munch - Oaks
Sat., Jan. 30th	Homemade "Comfort Food" Dinner - Collegeville
Sun., Feb. 7th	Super Bowl Party, Devon
Sun., March 28th	Bus Trip to Washington, DC to see the Terra Cotta Warriors