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MLSC Ski Trips for 2012

- * **Interlaken, Switzerland** January 20 - Feb. 1
Leaders: Jack and Wendy Behrle
 - Steamboat, Colorado** January 21 – 28
Sponsored by the Eastern PA Ski Council
 - Lake Tahoe, Nevada** February 4 – 11
Leaders: Howard & Kathleen Weisz
 - Killington or Waterville Valley** March 1-5
Combo Cross Country – Downhill
Leader: Sally Hilderbrand
 - Vail, Colorado** March 10 – 17
Leaders: Glenn & Sally Price
- Prices and details still being developed.**

* See write-up of the Interlaken Trip on page 11.

Warmest Thanks!!!

Our Warmest Thanks to Steve Hendrix (assisted by Barbara Brooks) for hosting the first social event of the warmer season, the "Spring Fling" on May 21st. An amazing 43 people attended -- even more than the Progressive Dinner!! WOW!! MLSC'ers do love to party!! This time the weather was spectacular (hooray!!) and everyone had a GREAT time at Steve's lovely home!!

A most grateful THANK YOU to May's other event leaders -- Jay & Ellen Minnicks for the Mill Grove Bike Ride on May 1st (Jay and Ellen did an EXCEPTIONAL job as leaders in one participant's opinion!!), Kathleen & Howard Weisz for the Kentucky Derby Party (**see write-up on page 2**), Rich Schonwald for the Happy Hour on lucky Friday, the 13th, and Jim Sayne for agreeing to do the Hike/Stroll around Chanticleer gardens on May 15th, which was cancelled due to the threat of rain, unfortunately. You all know how important you are to a full roster of neat activities!!

Summer Date-Savers!!

We've learned that MLSC'ers **LOVE** to party so we've planned a summer of truly wonderful party events!! Mark your calendars for the following events that you won't want to miss:

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| Sat. July 9th | Garden Party at Sally's in Collegeville |
| Sat. July 30th | Pool Party at Minnicks in Lansdale |
| Sat. Aug. 6th | Lobster Feast at Weisz's in West Chester |
| Sat. Aug. 27th | Cookout on the Deck at Eva's in Villanova |

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Message from the Prez



Summer is here and our summer activities are in full swing. On our activities calendar I count one camping trip, two Wine and Dines, two concerts, two hikes, three Happy Hours, three or more bike rides, two pool parties, and three member-hosted dinners. A pretty impressive lineup thanks to our Activities Chair, Sally Hilderbrand. If you have ideas for an activity, call her to discuss them or attend her activity meeting July 19th.

At our last Board meeting a number of important issues were discussed and approved. A committee was authorized to meet with the website developer to identify much needed enhancements. Look for better ease of navigation around the site in the future. Look for improvements to the membership roster and to the group mailing function. The Board also voted to go green and end the option of mailing the newsletter to the six remaining members who still receive it by mail. We will work with them to view the newsletter online. A committee was authorized to identify and research alternative meeting sites to the Crowne Plaza and recommend a plan for 2011-2012. The effort identified four potential locations. Subsequent negotiations with the Crowne Plaza resulted in a renewal of our agreement at terms that are favorable to the club. Over the years the Crowne Plaza has been very easy to deal with and has done a great job of hosting us.

In the news is another successful year of the club's racing team. (**See Pam DeCampi's report on page 11.**) The team won the Eastern PA Ski Council's championship for the 18th time and the North American Ski Racing Alliance championship for the 20th time. See their article in this newsletter. The EPSC's new Cressman Cup, named for MLSC's Frank Cressman, was won by Joe Mazurek of the Mack Ski Club. The award goes to the oldest participating racer. Frank would be proud! Twenty nine participants were signed up for the Hilton Head tennis trip. Let's hope the weather cooperated for them.

See Page 1 for Ski Trips scheduled for 2011-12.

Look for developing information on our website. Have a great summer! See you in the pool!

Fletcher Swanson

Kentucky Derby Party Report

Howard and Kathleen Weisz report that the recent Kentucky Derby Party at their home in West Chester was a huge success. This popular party, now in its fifth year, drew 27 elegantly attired enthusiasts who came to show off their outfits (and their hats) in "Millionaires Row"...sing "My Old Kentucky Home", sip a mint julep, and place bets for "Fastest Horse" while competing for all kinds of prizes.

Everyone contributed delicious appetizers, sides, main dishes and desserts. The party started at 4 and ended around 9 pm. Through astute studying of the Morning Telegraph, Diantha Stevens placed her bet and won the entire pool with Animal Kingdom. Joan Krahn won best female hat, and Bob Campbell won best male hat. Everyone won a great evening!

Camping at Ricketts Glen State Park

June 3, 4 and 5

Lucerne County



RSVP directly to Sea at
<seakaplan11@gmail.com> or 610-722-9907.

Friday: For those who can get away Friday, we'll start our camping that afternoon at Ricketts Glen State Park and await those who can come on Saturday. I need notice if you want to join us since I reserved three campsites on the lake. There is beach/lake swimming so bring your bathing suites. Boat rentals are available offering rowboats, paddleboats, kayaks and canoes.

Saturday: When everyone is set up, we'll take the waterfall trail and explore the Glens, which boast a series of wild, free-flowing waterfalls, each cascading through rock-strewn clefts on this ancient hillside. The 94-foot Canoga Falls (the "wedding cake" type of waterfall) is the highest of the 22 named waterfalls. We pack a lunch and stop to eat at one of the lower falls before hiking back up.

Sunday: After breakfast we can do trail hiking, some swimming or boating on the lake before packing up and heading home.

Birding: Ricketts Glen is famous for its exceptional diversity of bird life, from 23 varieties of warblers to bald eagles, which is to why the park has been included in the official Audubon Susquehanna River Birding and Wildlife Trail across Pennsylvania. So birders, bring your binoculars. See website below.

http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/ricketts_glen.aspx

Wine 'n Dine at Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant



Saturday, June 4th

6:30 pm

Phoenixville

Join MLSC at the Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, Phoenixville where you will find fresh handcrafted beers (monthly + seasonal releases), a creative yet

informal New American cuisine and friendly, attentive service in a casual, upscale atmosphere.

Iron Hill offers a variety of food ranging from appetizers and shared plates (\$6.95 - \$15.95), starter and Big salads, Hearth-Baked Pizzas, Angus Burgers and a variety of sandwiches (\$8.95 - \$11.95). They feature Brewhouse Favorites such as Kielbasa as well as Healthy Selections such as Seafood Pot Pie, Grilled Ahi Tuna, Char-broiled Angus Top Sirloin, Caribbean Spiced Chicken Breast (\$13.50 - \$16.95). Dinner Entrees (\$16.95 - \$23.50) feature dishes such as Pan Seared Sea Scallops, Beef Tenderloin Medallions, and Horseradish Crusted Atlantic Salmon. Gluten-free dishes are also served. Besides the beer selections, wine, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages are available.

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant has been voted Best Brew Pub by Philadelphia Magazine; Best Bar & Grill/Microbrewery by readers of Chester County Daily; Local + Best Brewery/Restaurant by the readers of Main Line Today.

Iron Hill Brewery is at 103 E. Bridge Street, Phoenixville. Parking is available on the street and in the parking lot across the street. Meet at the bar @ 6:30 pm, dinner @ 7:00 pm. We're going for a table of 10. **Please RSVP by June 2nd to Judy Alters, 610-933-7241 or email jaa840@aol.com.** Hope you'll join us!

State Street Blues Stroll



Saturday, June 11th

7:00pm to 1:00am

Media

This is the place to be if you enjoy live blues entertainment. It is one night, 24 acts, and 20 venues in Media, rain or shine. Advance tickets are offered online <http://statestreetblues.com> at a discount rate. . The Catherine Russell performance at Media Theater is a must, so consider adding the additional \$5.00 charge when you purchase your tickets. The entire evening is open to strolling to the venues of your choice to hear some amazing music.

Check out the website above for additional info.

Please call Alleen Andre at 610-209-3614 or contact via email at alleenandre@yahoo.com if you are interested in going.

Plan to meet June 11th, 6:45PM at the Media Theater, 104 E. State Street, Media, PA for the beginning of a terrific evening!

Hike Around Jenkins Arboretum

Sunday, June 12th

2:00 PM –Devon



Join us for an easy hike in the beautiful Jenkins Arboretum. As a botanical garden, the Arboretum maintains a collection of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns in a tranquil, naturalistic landscape. In addition, the Arboretum features a diverse collection of rhododendrons and azaleas from around the world and is very centrally located in Devon. **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!) Meet at **2:00 PM** in the parking lot.

Directions: 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, cross Swedesford 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. Sign on the left.

From Lancaster Avenue/Rt. 30 heading west: Pass Devon BMW & Waterloo Gardens. Make a right at the next light onto Waterloo Road (becomes Devon State), and 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 near the bottom of the hill, make a left onto Berwyn Baptist.

From Exton: Take 202 North to Valley Forge Rd S exit. Turn right at PA-252 S/Valley Forge Rd. Continue onto Devon State Rd/Waterloo Spur Rd. Turn right at Berwyn Baptist Rd. Park in the parking lot at 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd.

In case of heavy rain the hike will be canceled.

Happy Hour at The Paddock - Strafford

Friday, June 17th

6 to 7 pm



We continue to have our Happy Hour at the Paddock. Most people arrive around 6:00 and Happy Hour ends at 7:00. There is a bar menu for \$5, which might be ample and some discounted

drinks. So come out, bring a friend, and join in the libations and camaraderie. (Note we have been able to have the background music lowered.) See you there. Host: Rich Schonwald, 610-356-2936]

Directions: The Paddock is on the NW corner of Lancaster Ave. and Old Eagle School Road in Strafford.

Bicycle Ride - Lower Perkiomen Valley Park



Saturday, June 18th

9:45 AM

Meet at the park headquarters of the Lower Perkiomen Valley Park on New Mill Road @ the intersection of 422 & Egypt Road at 9:45 am - we leave @ 10:00. Ride up & down the Perkiomen trail for an hour each way on the mostly paved trail. Lunch will be, if you're interested, \$2.00 and includes hotdogs cooked over an open fire, potato chips, cold drinks, & dessert! Hybrids suggested, helmets required, rain cancels.

Leaders: Jay & Ellen Minnicks. Let us know if you're interested in lunch. 215-855-6405, Jayellenminnicks@Verizon.Net

Midweek Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel



Wed., June 22nd

5:00-7:00 pm

MLSC invites you to participate in Happy Hour on the fourth Wednesdays for the months of June, July and August. For those who go to the shore on weekends during the summer, these Wednesday functions give you more opportunities to meet new friends and greet old friends.

The hotel (**591 East Lancaster Avenue, St. Davids, PA**) offers a wonderful Happy Hour between 5 – 7 pm. with mixed drinks, martinis, draft beer and wine glass 1/2 priced. Likewise, the bar menu appetizers are 1/2 priced, and their food is delicious. This combination of libation and food will serve as a nice change of scenery for us and a chance to catch up with everyone.

Our **Happy Hour at the Paddock on the Friday after the second Tuesday of the month will continue throughout the summer.** Sometimes you cannot get enough drinking and socializing during the summer days. **Host:** Rich Schonwald, 610-356-2936

Pool Party & Grill at Ralph's

Sunday, June 26th

4:00 pm

Berwyn



Celebrate summer with a totally terrific outdoor party at the home of Ralph and Elizabeth von dem Hagen in Berwyn. Forty-two lucky MLSC'ers enjoyed Ralph's home for dessert at the Progressive Dinner, but it was DARK and most people didn't get a chance to see the lovely pool and outdoor area behind their home. For dinner, we will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs plus feasting on a potluck of additional dishes brought by participants. Everyone is requested to bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert. A keg of beer, wine, and sodas will be provided. Cost for the event is \$10 for members, \$20 for guests (exact change is appreciated). Please be sure to bring serving utensils for your dish and LABEL everything!

To reserve, call Sally Hilderbrand at 610-489-4718 OR email her at shilderbrand@comcast.net. (Please be sure you get a reply so you know your email has been received.) **Deadline for reservations is Thursday evening, June 23rd.** Please be as specific as possible when telling us what you will be bringing so we can avoid duplications! Cancelled in the event of inclement weather/rain.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your suit and towel!!

Directions to Ralph's, 138 Orchard Way, Berwyn 19312:

From Rt. 30/Lancaster Pike, take the bridge in Berwyn onto Old Lancaster Pike/Bridge Rd at the traffic light. Go around the curve and make the first right at the stop sign onto Howellville Road. In just 0.2 miles, there is a traffic light at Conestoga Rd., with T.E. Middle School on your left. Orchard Way is dead ahead, just slightly to the right. It is ONE WAY. Ralph's house is the THIRD house on the left, a gray saltbox.

There is room for only a few cars in the driveway and there is limited parking on Orchard Way. It is recommended to park at the Middle School (turn left at the light onto Conestoga, then a left into the parking lot. Go down the concrete steps at the

intersection and cross the streets for the short walk to Orchard Way and Ralph's house.)

If a driver drops people off at Ralph's driveway on Orchard Way, follow Orchard Way to dead end on Bair, turn right, then turn right again on Conestoga to get back to the intersection -- continue through intersection a short distance and turn left into school parking lot.

From Rt. 202: Take the Rt. 252 South exit and turn left at the FIRST light onto Cassatt Road. Follow Cassatt to the Conestoga Road intersection above and make a sharp left to Orchard Way OR turn right onto Conestoga, then go left to park in the Middle School parking lot.

If you get lost, call the von dem Hagens at 610-644-6808.

Concert at the Mann

**Date: TBA
Philadelphia**

We are hoping to get discount tickets to a concert at the Mann this summer but as of the newsletter deadline in May, no specific date has been obtained. The dates under consideration are:

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| Tues., June 28th | Philadelphia Orchestra | Carmina Burana |
| Thurs., July 28th | Russian National Orchestra | Cirque de la Symphonie |
| Friday, July 29th | Russian National Orchestra | From Russia with Love with Fireworks |

Final details and the concert date will be sent out on the listserve. If you are NOT on the listserve and do not get the MLSC emails, but are interested in attending a concert this summer, email Sea Kaplan at seakaplan11@gmail.com OR call him at 610-722-9907.



**Fourth of July Weekend
No MLSC Activities**

Potluck Garden Party at Sally's

Saturday, July 9th

6:30 pm

Collegetown

Come on out and enjoy the peak of Sally's gardens in Collegetown AND delight in the company of MLSCers for a totally fabulous potluck dinner!! Sally has THREE fish ponds -- two around her patio and one in her pride 'n joy woodland garden that also has a bench swing, "frog Buddha" that surveys the pond, and a gazebo with seating for six. There is also a fern grotto reading garden, a children's garden, and a whimsical garden featuring the "Rotten Rabbit" seat and a true "flower bed" (let your imagination go on what this is!). And there are even more recent additions -- a fairy garden as part of the children's area, a labyrinth where you can walk the path to inner peace, and this year's creation, a desert-like rock garden.

In addition to the woods, the long cottage garden along the white fence should be in full bloom, and the hydrangeas are definitely spectacular. Needless to say, Sally spends many hours working in her gardens so please come out and enjoy the fruit of her labors!!!

For the Potluck, you need to tell us exactly what you will bring -- appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert. Be sure to LABEL your dishes and serving utensils and have your contribution ready-to-eat. Wine, beer, iced tea and sodas will be provided. Cost for members is \$10, non-members \$20. Please bring the EXACT CASH if possible.

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, July 7th to Sally Hilderbrand at 610-489-4718 OR email her at shilderbrand@comcast.net. (Please be sure you get a reply to ensure your email has been received!!) Reserve as early as you can for planning purposes. This is an outdoor event and is weather dependent. **RAIN DATE is Sunday, July 10th.**

Bicycle Ride on Bastille Day

Thurs., July 14th

9:45 AM

Meet at the Spring Mill Café, 164 Barren Hill Road, Conshohocken at 9:45 AM. We leave at 10:00. Ride up the Schuylkill & Perkiomen trails for 1 ¼ hours & down for 1 ¼ hours partly on a woody trail for



approximately 25 miles. Lunch will be at the BYOB, French-inspired, Spring Mill Café! Hybrids suggested, helmets required, rain cancels. **Leaders:** Jay & Ellen Minnicks, 215-855-6405 Jayellenminnicks@Verizon.Net

Happy Hour at The Paddock - Strafford

Friday, July 15th

6 to 7 pm

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Directions: The Paddock is on the NW corner of Lancaster Ave. and Old Eagle School Road in Strafford.



Wine & Dine at Yangming Restaurant

Saturday, July 16

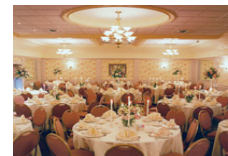
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Bryn Mawr

Rated by CBS Sunday Morning as the "#1 Chinese Restaurant in America for 2011." What more can I say! This is a must do. **Call Alleen Andre at 610-209-3614 or send an email to alleenandre@yahoo.com** to save a spot.

Reservation will be for eleven diners, seated at a round table. Please reserve your spot with us no later than July 14, 2011. Also you may want to check their website www.yangmingrestaurant.com. There will be separate checks. See you there!

Yangming is located at Conestoga and Haverford Road, 1051 Conestoga Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.



Activities Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 19th

7:30 pm

Collegeville



It's summer, but the Activities Committee is planning for fall and the beginning of winter.

We will be planning September through December events, and especially working on the Annual Wine & Cheese. New activities and ideas are ALWAYS appreciated so come and give your input!! ALL are welcome! We try to not only plan but have a good time as well.

We will be meeting at Sally Hilderbrand's home in Collegeville. For directions, email her at shilderbrand@comcast.net OR give her a call at 610-489-4718. Hope to see you there!

Bicycle Ride - Schuylkill & Perkiomen Trails

Sunday, July 24th

9:45 AM



Meet at the Spring Mill Train Station, 98 Station Ave., near Hector Street, Conshohocken at 9:45 AM. We leave @ 10:00. Ride up the Schuylkill & Perkiomen trails for 1 ¼ hours & down for 1 ¼ hours partly on a woody trail for approximately 25 miles. Lunch will be at the BYOB, French-inspired, Spring Mill Café! Hybrids suggested, helmets required, rain cancels.

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Midweek Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel

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5:00-7:00 pm



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Pool Party At The Minnicks'

Saturday, July 30th

1:00 Till 7:00

Lansdale



We had so much fun at last year's party, we're doing it again. Come swim in a fifty foot long L shaped pool with the 35-foot leg of 3' to 4' of water made for lounging on steps & seats and the playing of water volleyball & other games. The bottom of the L has an 8' depth for diving. There'll be various floats in the pool on which to enjoy a rest. The yard will be set up for Croquet and we'll have Bocce and other games. Both the Gazebo on the deck and an Ash tree will provide shade if it's too sunny & hot. And, if the 85 degree pool water gives you a chill you can always warm up with a soak in the hot tub.

The first 40 folks to sign up should bring: A bathing suit; \$10.00 (non-members \$20); a nibble or a dessert - one per couple, a folding chair, and a zest for fun.

We'll provide: Beer & Wine, Iced Tea, Lemonade, & Cold Water; Turkeys (there'll be a hot one & a cold one) with a green salad & rolls to be served around 5:00; and places to change.

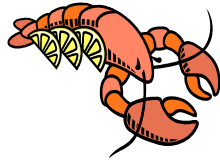
We'd love to know well ahead of time who the 40 will be, but we'll accept folks up to Wednesday the 27th when we hear the weather forecast. The rain date is Sunday, July 31st. Please RSVP directly to jayellenminnicks@verizon.net (215-855-6405)

6th Annual Lobster Feast

Sat., August 6th

6:30 pm

West Chester



Come enjoy our 6th annual Summer Lobster Feast Picnic at the home of Howard & Kathleen Weisz in West Chester. This popular event, now in its 6th year, was originated by Bill & Jeanne Dyer. All four of us will host and prepare the main course of **Steamed Fresh Lobster**...plus **Steamers (Clams)** and more!

We will also provide hot garlic bread and steamed corn-on-the cob as sides...plus beer, wine, and soda. The cost of this event will be \$35 per person for members and \$45 per person for guests. In addition, each attendee will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

Anyone interested in attending this event should **contact Kathleen Weisz at 610-918-3780 or at kqweisz@aol.com, by Wednesday, Aug. 3th**. Sign up early as we can only accommodate a maximum of 28 people, and this is a popular event.

We have a deadline of Thursday, Aug. 4th to finalize our order for the lobsters, and it is difficult to get any extras from our supplier after that date; so don't delay...sign up now!

Directions: From King of Prussia

1. Take 202 south, once you pass Malvern, stay LEFT...follow signs for West Chester.
2. Take the very next exit (Boot Road exit)
3. At the light at the Boot Road exit, Turn Right on Boot Road.
4. Go straight on Boot Road for about 1/2 mile
5. Go left on Phoenixville Pike (at light.)(7-11 on one corner, Rite Aid on other)
6. Go past new Townhouses on your right, to Second Right, Killington Circle
7. Turn Right on Killington and immediate left on Winthrop. We're on the corner, 1210 Winthrop.

Happy Hour at the Paddock - Strafford

Friday, August 12th

6 to 7 pm



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Bicycle Ride Spring Mountain Area

Sunday, August 21st

9:45 AM



Meet at the Spring Mountain parking area near the Spring Mountain ski area at 9:45 am - we leave @ 10:00. Ride up & down the mostly paved Perkiomen trail for a total of 12 miles. We will be riding past the Philadelphia folk festival and we'll most likely see some attendees sprucing up in the creek!!

At the trailhead there is a bar & a pizza shop if anyone wants to stay for lunch afterwards. Hybrids suggested, helmets required, rain cancels.

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End of Summer Party on Eva's Deck

Saturday, Aug. 27th

6:00 p.m.

Villanova



We've scheduled a LOT of parties this summer -- this is the LAST one so be sure not to miss it at the home of Eva Ray in Villanova. She has a large beautiful deck with woods behind it that makes partying a true delight!!

Everyone is requested to either bring an appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert. Wine, beer, and sodas will be provided. Cost for the event is \$10 for members, \$20 for guests plus your dish (exact change is appreciated). Please be sure to bring all serving utensils for your dish and LABEL everything -- we want you to go home with what you brought!!

To reserve, call Sally Hilderbrand at 610-489-4718 OR email her at

shilderbrand@comcast.net. (Please be sure you get a reply so you know your email has been received.) **Deadline for reservations is Thursday evening, August 25th.** Please be as specific as possible when telling us what you will be bringing so we can avoid duplications. Rain date is Sunday, August 28th.

Eva's address is 1222 Prospect Hill Road, Villanova 19085 (for *Mapquest, Bing, Google* or GPS'ers).

From This...



To This...



And Here's Us



**Join PSC and Friends for a bus ride to
New York State's Finger Lakes Wineries
August 26 – 28, 2011**



We leave Friday by bus for the Finger Lake Wine Region returning Sunday.

All Inclusive Tour:

Two nights at the Ramada on the Lake

Breakfasts

Two Lunches BOTH at Wineries

One Buffet Dinner at the Ramada

AND A

FOUR COURSE DINNER at historic Belhurst Castle

Tastings at 14 Wineries and one Brewery

All this for \$550

Only 30 spots - \$50 per person deposit holds your place (not refundable).

**Make check payable to PSC and send deposit to
Linda LaChapelle, One Braxton Road, Rosemont, PA 19010
610-662-1843 lindala2sail@verizon.net**

MLSC Ski Season Presents Interlaken, Switzerland! (and Paris)
Departing January 20, 2012; returning February 1, 2012
(For those extending to Paris; otherwise, returning January 28, 2012)



This ski season's adventure takes us to the incredibly beautiful town of Interlaken, nestled between two lakes and sitting at the base of some of the most dramatic peaks in Switzerland. After a week of skiing, we will take the TGV hi speed train to Paris for a four-day visit (Optional) As you may know, the Jungfrauregion region of Switzerland is incredibly varied, including the charming towns of Grindelwald, Murren and Wengen, home of the famous Lauberhorn race.

This is also our first visit to the beautiful City Hotel Oberland in the middle of Interlaken! We arrive early on Saturday afternoon direct from Zurich and will ski Sunday thru Friday, departing on Saturday for Paris via the TGV. (Should you not wish to extend, transport back to the Zurich airport is included) While we are in Paris we are staying at the 4**** Mercure Paris Tour Suffren Eiffel.

We are accepting reservations beginning now. Including all airfare, the total cost is \$1799, without Paris. Optional Paris extension is \$674. MLSC members ONLY. Interested? Call or email Jack Behrle for more details!

Dates: Friday, January 20, returning February 1, 2012

Trip Leaders: Jack Behrle & Wendy Wolf
 224 Valley Ridge Rd., Haverford, PA 19041
 610/731-3093 (cell) or 508/645-3689 (now through 9/ 22)
john.behrle@comcast.net

Transportation: USAirways 710 direct from Phila. Int'l to Zurich, arriving at 8.05 AM. We return home from either Zurich or Paris depending upon your itinerary. Included is private motor coach between Zurich and Interlaken, TGV between Zurich and Paris and then return air on USAir from Paris to Philly Int'l.

Departure: Friday evening, 1/20, at 6:10 PM from Phila. International

Lodging: Three *** City Hotel Oberland in the center of Interlaken. The Ski Bus leaves from the front of our hotel. Full buffet breakfast and full 4-course dinners included for five nights. "Dine Around" for the two remaining nights in Interlaken at your expense. Amenities include choice of four restaurants, full bar/lounge and incredible ambiance! In Paris, we are staying at the 4**** Mercure Paris Tour Suffren Eiffel for four nights, returning the afternoon of February 1.

Cost/Member: **\$1,799.00, pp, double occupancy***, including all air without Paris extension. (No air—deduct \$750.00 pp.) Two single rooms are also available! (For single room, ADD \$275, for Dbl Superior room, ADD \$ 135.) **\$ 674 is the cost of the Paris extension.**

Special Note: **This trip is available only to MLSC members, and Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC)-affiliated clubs. We only have room for 35 so please do not hesitate!! After that point, a waiting list will be maintained.**

Includes: Breakfast and five dinners (Interlaken) , 7 nights lodging at the Oberland, round trip airfare, taxes, tips and fees, **including current fuel surcharges**, 4 nights in Paris, Buffet Breakfasts (Paris), Arrival Orientation Reception, Pre- and Post-Trip Gatherings, All airport taxes. All prices are guaranteed firm regardless of Euro valuation.

Paris Extension: 2nd Class rail on the TGV, Transfer between Paris station and our hotel with English speaking assistant, Daily buffet breakfast, 1/2 day city tour of Paris, Transportation between hotel and airport...**ADD \$674 p.p. Double occupancy**

NOT included: Lift tickets**, meals on the mountain, two dinners in Interlaken, all dinners in Paris, optional guided ski tours, day trips to Bern or Lucerne, etc.

Deposit: \$500.00 due upon reservation with completed trip form

Second Payment: \$300/person, due September 30, 2012

Final Balance: Due November 15, 2012

Cancellation: MLSC Policy will apply. Trip insurance available and recommended. See below for details.

Some Caveats: Current pricing is based upon fuel surcharges as established by USAir and can vary, either up or down, depending upon numerous factors. At this writing, the fuel surcharge, **included in the rate shown above, is \$420 plus \$105 in airport taxes.** Should either or both of these taxes decline, your total cost will be less. (These taxes are imposed when the tickets are actually purchased, which generally will be early in January)

Additional Links: <http://www.city-oberland.ch/en/home/>
<http://www.mercure.com/gb/home/index.shtml>

***If participation is below 20, total cost may change. Recruit your friends!**



Main Line Ski Club Annual Membership Form 2011-2012

Please print legibly:

Member Name: _____

(For Renewals, please include CHANGES ONLY)

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 *

* Please include a \$20.00 surcharge 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: _____

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 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 Membership¹ - \$45 *

*** For those electing to receive the Newsletter by US mail add a \$20.00 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

**New member dues paid after April 1, 2011 are good until
September 30th, 2012**

¹ 'Family Membership' includes couples living together and all children under the age of 26 living with them.

**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 and mail to the Trip or Activity Leader.
(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

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Birth date required for all airline travel..... MM/DD/YYYY

Signed: _____ Date _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

Signed: _____ Date _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

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 may go on the 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 become members of MLSC.**

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.

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.

MAIN LINE SKI TEAM TAKES THE SPOILS

Submitted by Pam DeCampi

The Main Line Ski Team scored two critical wins in the 2010-2011 racing season defending and capturing their 20th National American Ski Racing Alliance (ASRA) championship title and their 18th Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council (EPSC) championship.

The **2011 EPSC Council Cup Race**, held March 6th at Bear Creek, was attended by 61 racers representing 5 Ski Clubs and 12 teams. Main Line fielded 4 "A-cup" contender teams. The Master's team rules were modified February 2011 by the Ski Council to only include participants age 60 and older; therefore, Main Line did not enter a Masters' Team.

The foggy, drizzly weather was a major challenge during the two-run modified dual slalom but when the rain stopped and the times were added up, the Main Line Ski Team finished in first place taking the "A" cup. This earned the team the right to hold the coveted and ancient, but one-of-a-kind trophy for the year. The "A" cup competition standings resulted in the following times: Main Line (229.81), Main Line B (237.13) and Flying Dutchmen (243.37). The Main Line team of Alice Harper, Pam DeCampi, David Moore, Jim Neel, Jason Smith, and Jeff Frey took home bragging rights for the year.

The fastest men's single run for the day went to Main Lines' David Moore with a blazing run of 26.65 followed by Flying Dutchman's Roman Matusinski (27.58). Main Line's Jason Smith and Ted Lacki tied for third place (27.84). The fastest woman's single run for the day went to Main Line's Alice Harper with a speedy run of 31.33 followed by Flying Dutchman's Nancy Brandi (32.72) and Main Line's Kristin Lamb (32.83). The Cressman Cup, created to honour the memory of long time MLSC member and racer, Frank C. Cressman, was awarded to the fastest racer over the age of 60, Joe Mazurek, for a blazing fast time of 30.41.

The **2011 ASRA finals** were held at Belleayre Mountain Resort in upstate New York March 11th and 12th. Twenty-three ski clubs, competing from December 2010 thru March 2011, went head to head to claim the ASRA Championship title. When it was all said and done, the Main Line Ski Team landed solidly in first place with total season team points of 10,073. The second place team, Grumman, followed in second place with season total points of 6,973. This represents the 20th time Main Line has won the much coveted ASRA Championship.

Two Main Line men racers, David Moore - second place and Jim Neel - seventh place, secured top ten ASRA season point standings. Three Main Line women racers including Melanie Foy - second place, Kristin Buchholz - third place, and Alice Harper - seventh place, claimed top ten ASRA season point standings.

The season culminated in an over one minute, two run, gruelling Giant Slalom race held on March 12th. At the conclusion, numerous Main Line racers were individually recognized for placing in the top five of their eligibility handicapped group. These individual racers included David Moore - third place Super Elite A, Wolfgang Bauer - second place Super Seniors, Jason Smith - third place Super Elite B, Jim Neel - first place Elite, Patrick Peron - first place Class A, Jacques Boudin - fourth place Class A, and Didier Peron - fourth place Class B. In the women's standings: Alice Harper - first place Elite, Tracy Dreher - fourth place Class A, Liliana Peron - first place Class B, and Pam DeCampi - second place Class B.

Congratulations to all the Main Line racers who contributed to the team for making this year such a success!

Linda LaChapelle
1 Braxton Road
Rosemont, PA 19010

Main Line Ski Club **Summer 2011 Calendar of Activities**

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

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| Fri-Sun, June 3-5 | Camping at Ricketts Glen State Park—Red Rock PA |
| Sat., June 4th | Wine n' Dine at Iron Hill Brewery—Phoenixville |
| Sat., June 11th | State Street Blues Stroll—Media |
| Sun., June 12th | Hike Around Jenkins Arboretum—Devon |
| Fri., June 17th | Happy Hour at the Paddock—Strafford |
| Sat., June 18th | Bicycle Ride in Lower Perkiomen Valley Park |
| Wed., June 22nd | Midweek Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel |
| Sun., June 26th | Pool Party & Grill at Ralph's—Berwyn |
| T, Th, F (See p. 5) | Concert at the Mann –Date to be announced |
| Fourth of July Weekend | No MLSC Activities |
| Sat., July 9th | Potluck Garden Party at Sally's—Collegeville |
| Thurs., July 14th | Bicycle Ride on Bastille Day |
| Fri., July 15th | Happy Hour at the Paddock - Strafford |
| Sat., July 16th | Wine & Dine at Yangming—Bryn Mawr |
| Tues., July 19th | Activities Planning Meeting—Collegeville |
| Sun., July 24th | Bicycle Ride – Schuylkill & Perkiomen Trails |
| Wed., July 27th | Midweek Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel |
| Sat., July 30th | Pool Party at the Minnicks—Lansdale |
| Sat., Aug. 6th | 6 th Annual Lobster Feast—West Chester |
| Fri., Aug. 12th | Happy Hour at the Paddock—Strafford |
| Sun., Aug. 21st | Bicycle Ride Spring Mountain Area |
| Wed., Aug. 24th | Midweek Happy Hour at Radnor Hotel |
| Fri.-Sun., Aug. 26 – 28th | PSC New York Wineries Bus Trip—New York |
| Sat., Aug. 27th | End of Summer Party on Eva's Deck—Villanova |