



The Lodge  
of the  
Lexington  
Ski Club

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## Executive Board

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## LexSki Membership Meetings

December 19, 2023 6:00 PM Holiday Party Belmont Hill School – Wadsworth Rm

January 16, 2023 7:00 PM Membership Meeting Location TBD

\*\* No February Membership Meeting \*\*

## LexSki Events

December 27, 2023 Holiday Break Meal Service Begins LexSki Lodge

January 6, 2023 Big Game Night Board Game Night LexSki Lodge

## President's Report ([president@lexski.org](mailto:president@lexski.org))

Bonjour! (greetings from Montreal)

The elves have been working night and day to get the lodge ready for Winter Break and they are almost there. If you have not been up for several months, you will be astonished at what has been accomplished. The renovations that have taken place make the club more appealing to new families and we are already seeing the result as we have had more families interested in joining than we have had for years. The club is 60 years old. I look forward to seeing it continue for years to come.

*Eric Pearlman* [President@LexSki.org](mailto:President@LexSki.org)

President

## Lodge Report ([lodgechair@lexski.org](mailto:lodgechair@lexski.org))

We hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with anticipation for the upcoming ski season! We're thrilled to inform you that our lodge is in excellent condition and ready to welcome you for a fantastic winter season.

What's New This Season:

- Fully Operational Rooms: All our rooms are running smoothly, ensuring a comfortable and cozy stay for you and your fellow members.
- Enhanced Facilities: We've made several upgrades to our facilities, including a new living room, 2 new bathrooms, new plumbing supply and returns in all bathrooms above the living room, soundproofing above the living room, additional structural framing and beams to support the second floor, upgraded electrical systems, paint, and upgrades in many areas.

While at the Club, we invite you to discover the All-New Living Room:

- **Modern Comfort:** The Living Room is designed with your comfort in mind, featuring stylish furnishings, cozy seating areas, and a warm ambiance that invites you to unwind and connect with fellow members.
- **Activity Hub:** Need a quiet space to catch up on work or dive into a good book? The Living Room provides plenty of tables, perfect lighting, and with high-speed Wi-Fi for your convenience. It's also the perfect spot to relax, recharge, and savor a moment of tranquility. Or gather the troops for an unforgettable evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition of Monopoly, Connect Four, or Red Eye. The Living Room supplies all the space for a night of epic showdowns. During bar, enjoy complimentary light snacks. It's the perfect spot to relax, recharge, and savor a moment of tranquility.
- **Social Opportunities:** Connect with fellow members in a relaxed setting. Whether you want to make new friends or spend time with your family, the Living Room is ideal for fostering meaningful connections. We can't wait to see you at the Club and witness the Living Room become a hub of activity, laughter, and shared moments. Thank you for being a vital part of our Lexington Ski Club community!

Unfortunately, while the Living Room is ready for the Club, the carpet replacement will occur after the New Year. So, feel free to enjoy your New Year celebration in the living room. Partake and spill all you want. The carpet will be installed in one day, midweek with advance notice. All furniture will be moved by the company and placed back. Sorry for the inconvenience.

#### Key Features of the New Bathrooms:

- **Modern Design:** Our new bathrooms boast a modern and stylish design, providing members with a comfortable and welcoming space. Please enjoy upgraded amenities and facilities to make your post-skiing routines more enjoyable. We've focused on creating a space that meets the needs of our diverse and active membership.
- **Convenient Locations:** These new facilities are conveniently located in Rooms 2 and 3, making it easy to access them during your time at the Club.

#### Your Comfort is Our Priority:

- At The Lexington Ski Club, we are committed to providing you with the best possible experience once off the slopes. The addition of these new bathrooms reflects our dedication to enhancing the comfort and convenience of our members.
- We're excited to share electrifying news aligning with our commitment to sustainability and convenience. To make your trips to the slopes even more eco-friendly, we will install a level 2, 50 Amp electric car charger exclusively for our members before the season! The single new charger will offer fast and efficient charging, so you can spend less time waiting and more time enjoying the crisp mountain air. We will announce a management and payment plan for using the charger soon.
- The local electric company has installed a new telephone pole for a new transformer, allowing the Club to upgrade our electrical service to current standards. The new 200-amp service will also enable the Club to install multiple EV chargers in the parking lot in the future as demand increases.

Charge Up and Hit the Slopes:

- Convenient Location: The new electric car charger is strategically placed near the kitchen door, making it easy to charge up while you gear up for your skiing adventures.
- Go Green: As part of our environmental initiatives, these(future) chargers allow you to hit the slopes with a smaller carbon footprint. It's a small step that makes a big difference in our collective efforts to preserve the beauty of the mountains we love.

We need to take a moment to thank all members for their hard work moving the Club forward. We especially want to thank those who did more than their share (beers on us). Many members did multiple work weekends to help ensure the Club is available for future generations. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Think snow.

Dan and Kristen [LodgeChair@LexSki.org](mailto:LodgeChair@LexSki.org)

Lodge Co-Chairs

## Social Report ([Social@lexski.org](mailto:Social@lexski.org))

The holidays are upon us, and we're excited about our annual holiday taking place in just a few weeks! If you have young ones, please bring a gift for Santa Claus aka "Ganta Claus" so they don't get left out during the gift ceremony. Here are the details:

**Date/Time:** Tuesday December 19th @ 6pm

**Location:** Belmont Hill School- The Wadsworth Room  
Jordan Athletic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
350 Prospect St  
Belmont, MA

(The Athletic Center is located on the far right of the round-about when facing the school)

**Reminder:** Please bring a wrapped gift if you have young ones so they can receive a gift from Santa!

**What About Food?** The holiday party will be potluck, so please contribute by first letter of last name:

**A-H:** Appetizers

**I-S:** Main Dishes

**T-Z:** Desserts

Beer/Wine and Soft Drinks will be provided by the club.

Many thanks!

Mike Sciarretta ([social@lexski.org](mailto:social@lexski.org))

## Communications Report

Chris White has officially taken over the role of being the club's Treasurer, and I am now up and running as the club's Communications Chair. Going forward, I'll be using the [info@lexski.org](mailto:info@lexski.org) email account, and I will be creating the Yodeler and updating our website. I'm slowly getting up to speed on maintaining the website, and I have heard there are some members still having login problems. If you are unable to access the members only area, please email me and we can work through the issue.

Kevin Baker ([info@lexski.org](mailto:info@lexski.org))

Communications Chair

## Membership Report ([membership@lexski.org](mailto:membership@lexski.org))

We've enjoyed meeting many prospective members at the monthly meetings and are excited to share that five families will be visiting the lodge during Holiday vacation week (thank you Res Committee).

FAQ documents for Sponsors and First Visit to the Lodge have been distributed and will be accessible from the website soon.

The following is a list of prospective members with updates to sponsor assignments.

- The Albuquerque/Raduan family: Fernanda and Fernando live in Lexington and have two children: Maria Clara (11) and Matheus (9). Sponsors: Hardman, Martin
- The Canham family: Steve and Laura live in Lexington and have 2 children: Julian (7) and Emily (4). Sponsors: Redmon, Scholl
- The Demuro/Cantoni family: Adalberto and Laura live in Winchester and have 3 children: Giacomo (23), Gabriele (21), and Giorgio (16). Sponsors: Fox, Chan
- The Dennis family: Katherine and Josh live in Lexington and have 2 children: Thomas (5) and Miles (2). Sponsors: Jahnes, Gardner
- The Eisenman family: Keith and Jennifer live in Lexington and have 2 children: Zoey (7) and Emilia (4). Sponsors: Pearlman, Hilton
- The Freedberg/Limouze family: Alexis and John live in Arlington and have 2 children: Mallory (6) and Simone (3). Sponsors: Butler, McCarthy
- The Gissara/Rodriguez family: Fernan and Daniela live in Winchester and have 2 children: Ben (9) and Clara (7). Sponsors: Connell, Alaimo/Saravino
- The Launer family: Josh and Oksana live in Arlington and have 3 children: Maya (12), JJ (11) and Claudia (7). Sponsors: Curtin, O'Donnell
- The Moellering/Kraska family: Karin and Tim live in Arlington and have two children: Paul (11) and Theo (8). Sponsors: TBD
- The Palazzolo/Hooli family: Isa and Raj live in Lexington and have 2 children: Viren (8) and Ari (6). Sponsors: Garrigus, White
- The Puscasu/Nottleson family: Erik and Irina live in Winchester and have 2 children: Rosalia (15) and Louisa (11). Sponsors: Gelfand-Nichols, Ehrbar
- The Spira family: Karen and Eran live in Waltham and have two children: Oren (10) and Noga (6). Sponsors: Filipi-Acosta, McVeigh
- The Swartz family: Rebekah and Mark live in Lexington and have 3 children: Rae (5), Hannah (3) and Noah (1). Sponsors: Cotran, TBD
- The Wu/Carey family: Lynn and Lucas live in Arlington and have 1 child: Manu (7). Sponsors: Kmetz, Westerhoff/Varoglu

Thank you,

Caren Connell and Membership Committee

Caren Connell [membership@lexski.org](mailto:membership@lexski.org)

## Treasurer Report ([treasurer@lexski.org](mailto:treasurer@lexski.org))

Kevin and I have successfully transitioned most of the Treasurer duties over the past month. As he had indicated, I will continue to use the [treasurer@lexski.org](mailto:treasurer@lexski.org) e-mail address so please continue to send all requests there. For those of you who elect to mail payments for weekend stays, please be aware that the new mailing address for the Club is now as follows:

**Lexington Ski Club  
c/o Chris White  
12 Candace Avenue  
Waltham, MA 02453**

With the lodge improvements winding down the last remaining large expense will be the new carpet that's being installed in the living and boot rooms. Dan has begun food purchases to kick off the season, however, meals are budgeted to break even over the course of the winter months. Finally, we will be turning YouTube TV back on in the Lodge beginning with the holiday break week.

The best friend of the Treasurer continues to be growing our membership. A special thanks to Caren Connell who has filled the Club's pipeline with many new prospective families.

TD Operating Checking	\$	3,199.60
TD Operating Money Mkt	\$	47,842.32
Cap Improvement Fund Money Mkt:	\$	78,465.12
Cap Improvement Donations Money Mkt:	\$	2,403.00
Emergency Fund Money Mkt:	\$	43,500.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>175,410.04</b>

*Chris White* ([treasurer@lexski.org](mailto:treasurer@lexski.org))

## Secretary Report

Minutes: November 21, 2023 Membership Meeting

Guests: 11 prospective members attended, representing seven families.

Kevin Baker is now the Communications Chair (taking over the role previously done by Marsha Fox).

Chris White is now the Treasurer.

A cook has been hired for the coming ski season! His name is Jordan Dash. He works as a snowboard instructor at Loon during the mid-week and will cook for us on weekends (and vacations). He has worked as a chef at restaurants, including one that Eric Pearlman knows and thinks well of.

Treasurer: Expect that there will be about \$60,000 remaining in the lodge improvement fund after the living room project is done and paid for.

The land line has been disconnected. (In case of an emergency, please use your cell phone to call 911; if that is not possible, pull the fire alarm.)

Social: The December 19 meeting is the holiday party which is a potluck dinner, starting at 6:00pm at the Belmont Hill School. Mike Sciarretta is looking for some volunteers to help with set up. Marc Garrigus will be sending out an e-mail about a mountains movie playing at the Arlington Regent Theater.

Membership: Our advertisements about the club have gotten us inquiries from interested people who live outside of the allowed towns stipulated in our by-laws. (Lexington, Burlington, Woburn, Arlington, Waltham, Lincoln, Bedford, Belmont, Winchester, and Concord.) In future, we may want to consider expanding the region to allow growth of the club's membership.

Communications: The password reset issue on the website has been fixed.

Lodge: Many thanks to all the Work Weekend workers and those who hosted and ran Work Weekends!

Those who did not complete a Work Weekend will be getting a bill soon.

The new ceiling has been installed in the living room, and lights are coming next. New carpet will be coming soon.

The couches are at the upholsterer. Some older furniture will be replaced next year.

Vents will be installed for bathrooms in rooms 1 through 6.

The web site will soon have a form for reporting problems.

The basement has been reorganized. Please check there for supplies before going out to purchase items. There are wax seals, and lots and lots of screws in numerous sizes.

The furnace company will do a service visit soon and will be re-balancing the system.

Reservations Committee: The holiday forms will be on the web site soon, and are due on December 4, at 9:00 PM to have one's priority number in effect.

**Names were drawn for the nominating committee:**

John Yasaitis (chair)

Pat Brewer

Jeane Sebell

Lou Savarino

Lea O'Donnell

Steve Jahnes

Ramona Filipi

They are tasked with presenting a list of nominations for club offices at the January Membership Meeting.

*Cindy Darcy* ([secretary@lexski.org](mailto:secretary@lexski.org))