



The Lodge
of the
Lexington
Ski Club

THE YODELER

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Happy Patriot's Day!



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LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

April 25, 2024	7:00 PM	Wine Tasting	The Cotran's – 14 Oakland St, Lexington
May 21, 2024	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Belmont Hill School - Room TBA
June 21, 2024	6:00 PM	LexSki Cookout	The Fahy's – 6 Todd Rd, Lexington

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE ABOVE FOR THE WINE TASTING!!

LEXSKI EVENTS

April 27-28, 2024	Work Weekend #1	McCarthy
July 11-17, 2024	Large Group	Stanford
July 19-21, 2024	Grand Fondo	Savarino-Alaimo
July 26-28, 2024	Large Group	Baker/McCarthy
August 16-18, 2024	Large Group	Butler

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring has arrived and hopefully everyone is getting the last of the spring skiing/boarding in at the Lodge. Reports of great skiing continue to come in (from all over the country). It was a particularly good end to the season with 20+ inches at some mountains in the last few weeks.

Thank you to Jordan for feeding the ravenous skiers every morning and upon their return from long days on the slopes. I also want to thank Eric Pearlman for his kind words at last month's meeting, and for his service as President. I also want to welcome the new E-Board members and thank you for your patience as we get started in our new positions.

As everyone starts to think about cleaning up their yards, gardening, and shuttling athletes to all the spring sports, don't forget about the Lodge work weekends. Christian Ehrbar will be looking for volunteers to run the weekends. I look forward to chatting with everyone at the April wine tasting.

Kristen Butler (President@LexSki.org)

PRESIDENT

LODGE REPORT

I'm pleased to take on the lodge chair role with a facility that has been transformed from when the Ehrbar's joined the club. Through the dedication of Dan and Kristen, and Peter before them, along with the collective blood, sweat and tears (often literally) of all our members, we are blessed to have a facility that we need not make nearly as many excuses for as we did 8 years ago.

If you had told me back then we would have a car charger, a professional grade kitchen, brand new dining and living rooms and significant building infrastructure upgrades within the decade, you would have gotten a sideways glance from me.

As noted in the last Yodeler, we're looking for people to run work weekends. Please remember, running a work weekend means you get to pick the weekend (and you get to tell people what to do). The club will continue to offer the \$250 buyout per adult. Anyone who wants to understand the work weekend host role better, just let me know.

We are still planning to install a bunch of modern, insulated, out-swinging exterior doors for warmth and safety, finishing touches on larger projects and many items that help the building. It's never ending to some degree, but the expectation is to handle smaller endeavors and to avoid gutting any significant portion of the club as we have done in recent years. As a cooperative club, everyone's help is needed, and everyone's input and suggestions are appreciated.

Other projects we need coordinators for other than door replacement include doing sill assessment on the East side of the club and floor joist assessment in the kitchen near the dishwasher. We will be looking at the whole facility and scheduling Lodge Committee Meetings on a regular basis so that new members can meet their requirement of being involved in either Lodge Committee or Membership Committee.

Below are the large groups/activities scheduled for the off season so far:

July 11th to 17th-Large Group-Stanford

July 19th to 21st-Grand Fondo-Savarino/Alaimo

July 26-28-Large Group – Baker/McCarthy

Aug 16-18-Large Groups – Butler (and Curtin if there's enough room)

I look forward kicking off the work weekends soon and seeing our old ski lodge continue to be reborn so the club can continue to thrive for years to come. And thanks to my predecessors who've handed off a great facility with only one leaky shower (please don't shower in Room 5, it leaks badly).

Christian Ehrbar (lodgechair@lexski.org)

LODGE CO-CHAIRS



SOCIAL REPORT

Greetings from your friendly neighborhood Social Chair! We've got a number of fun events coming up- here are the highlights:

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 7:00p.m- Wine Tasting at the Cotran's! [14 Oakland St, Lexington] The ski season may be over, but the socializing is not!! Come test your sommelier skills with a blind wine tasting (the bottles are blind, not you). 3 reds/3 whites, each from a different country. The person who gets the most correct wins a bottle! I believe Jim Osten is a back-to-back winner, can he three-peat?

FRIDAY, June 21st 6:00p.m- June Cookout at the Fahy's! [6 Todd Rd, Lexington]. Kick off the summer fun with a ski club family cookout! We supply the grills, you supply your grillables and a side (appetizer, salad, dessert) to share. Safety Officer Mike will be on hand to make certain there are no grill incidents, and there will be cornhole and KanJam (at a minimum) to keep people entertained.

SUNDAY, July 14th Ski Club at the Sox!- (Red Sox vs KC, 1:35PM, Kids Run the Bases) Keep your eyes peeled for an e-mail from me to find out who is interested in going to see the Sox play the Royals on July 14th. Need a minimum of 15 people to do a Group Ticket order.

July 19-21st GRAN FONDO at the Ski Club- Come up to the club to participate in a biking event organized by Lou and Christine! And, if sweating to death while churning away at hills on a bike isn't your thing, don't worry! I'll be organizing a hike so you can sweat to death churning away at hills on your own two feet!. And, if neither of those options appeal to you, feel free to come to the club and mock those who willingly subjected themselves to a day of torture.

FINALIZE YOUR 48!!!- If you're close to finishing summitting the 48 four thousand footers in NH, please reach out to me and let me know the ones you've got left. I think a couple of folks (Joe Scholl, Jeff Darcy) are close and it would be great if members help them complete- either by being hiking buddies, or logistical support on longer hikes.

IT'S THE CLUB'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR!!!! I'll be forming a committee to organize a 60th Anniversary Celebration. If you're interested in helping, and making the dream a reality, please reach out to me. I'm envisioning a dinner event locally sometime next year so that alumni can make it. I definitely will need assistance with this and could use a Special Project Lead.

Also, I'll be forming a committee to plan/organize/assist with buying snacks/waters for the monthly meetings, theme weekends at the Lodge during ski season, and other social events locally. If you're interested in planning an event, or helping generally, please let me know!

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Marc Garrigus (social@lexski.org)
SOCIAL CHAIR

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Thank you to the few members that have sent a family photo already! Please continue to send these so that we can create a photo board. This will be especially helpful with all the new members. Also, if you are at the club and have taken any photos that you want me to include in an upcoming issue of the Yodeler, please send those along as well! Especially would like to include photos of activities with club members outside the lodge, such as hiking, biking, or skiing. Feel free to send photos by email to info@lexski.org

Kevin Baker (info@lexski.org)

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are delighted to announce that the following new member families will be joining us as of July 1st:

- **Karin Moellering and Tim Kraska** and their two children Paul(11) and Theo(8) from Arlington(originally Germany).
- **Erik Nottleson and Irina Puscasu** and their two children Rosalia (15) and Louisa (11) from Lexington.
- **Leigh and Matt Schopp** and their two children Reagan (6) and Owen (4) from Winchester.

Additionally, we are excited to present a wonderful prospective family for your consideration of membership:

- **Laura and Steve Canham**, who live in Lexington along with their children Julian (8) and Emily (5).

The Executive Board met with Laura and Steve and after discussing their experiences, volunteering, and addressing any inquiries, we confidently recommend them for membership. Please feel free to share any concerns or feedback with us within the next two weeks via membership@lexski.org or ccnll2@gmail.com.

We anticipate 1-3 additional prospective families meeting with the eBoard in May. Our current membership count stands at 47, and by July, we aim to reach 52-55 members. Note: This does not account for potential non-renewals.

Looking ahead to next season, our recruitment strategy will involve robust promotion in the fall through electronic and physical channels, as well as participating in one town day event per year on a rotating basis. This year, we'll be at Winchester Town Day on June 1st and will need volunteers for our booth. More details to follow.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Caren Connell membership@lexski.org

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

TREASURER REPORT

With the formal ski season ending we have begun our offseason operations. Please take an opportunity to review my e-mail to membership regarding offseason hosting, reservation, and payment procedures. This period of the year runs largely on the honor system; however, we have a shared responsibility to ensure the books and records of the Club accurately reflect usage and fees.

As we have done in prior years, YouTube TV has been disabled for the offseason. Service will formally turn off on April 22nd. We will also step down the internet speed in the building at that time. Both measures are taken to realize cost savings and more appropriately align internet speeds with offseason occupancy.

I will be meeting with the Finance Committee during the week of April 22. Thank you to Kevin Baker, Dan Connell, Cindy Darcy, Jamie Laviano, Brian Kmetz, Steve Jahnes, Matthew Schopp, Eran Spira, and Keren Hamel who have all volunteered. We look forward to presenting the proposed budget during the May membership meeting. I would strongly encourage your attendance at this meeting as a quorum of membership is required for us to formally vote and approve the budget.

Bank Accounts

TDBankNorth Checking		5,319.75
TDBankNorth Savings		2,145.06
Capital Improvements (>\$10k)		64,674.56
Capital Improvements Donations		2,403.00
Emergency Fund (>\$35k)		43,500.00
Oper MM		9,818.80
Total TDBankNorth Savings	\$	122,541.42
Total Bank Accounts	\$	127,861.17

Chris White (treasurer@lexski.org)

TREASURER

SECRETARY REPORT

March 19, 2024-Membership Meeting Minutes:

Social Chair: April meeting will be the annual wine tasting event.

Lodge Chair: The shower in room 5 has a leak – Dan Butler will look at it this weekend.

The toilet in room 2 sometimes runs continuously. Probably needs a chain adjustment.

The attic stairs light at the bottom of the attic stairway now has a motion detector. Please leave the light on. (It will turn off automatically.)

Many exterior doors will be replaced (in coming months), providing better insulation and safety (by opening out).

If you want to host a Large Weekend group during the off season, please contact the Lodge chair.

All the extra help getting the lodge ready for ski season is greatly appreciated.

Communications Chair: Please send in a family photo.

Treasurer: Major expenses of the ski season are behind us. Annual budget will be presented at May meeting. If you would like to be on the Finance Committee to work on the budget, please contact Chris White. Our insurance costs is going up 10%. With the end of ski season, YouTube TV will be turned off and the internet bandwidth will be turned down. Chris will be looking at Venmo alternatives.

Membership Chair: Two prospective families have completed the joining process: Spira (joined in March) and Rodriguez/Gissare (joining in July). Schopp, Nettleson/Pucasu and Moellering/Kraska are in the feedback period. Expect to have two or three prospective families meeting with the e-board in April.

The club will not be having a booth at the Lexington Town Day this year, but may do one at Arlington and/or Waltham.

Election:

The following slate was nominated by the nominating committee and approved by the membership.

President: Kristen Butler Lodge: Christian Ehrbar Membership: Caren Connell

Secretary: Cindy Darcy Treasurer: Chris White Communications: Kevin Baker

Attendance: 40 members in attendance.

In person: Christine Alaimo, Tsachi Avrahami, Kathy Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Butler, Kristen Butler, Beverly Colby, Frank Colby, Caren Connell, Dan Connell, Cindy Darcy, Jeff Darcy, Carrie Ehrbar, Christian Ehrbar, John Gardner, Marc Garrigus, Gerald Gelfand, Peter Hardman, Keren Hamel, Bill Hinton, Sandra Jahnes, Stephen Jahnes, Brian Kmetz, Tom McCarthy, Rita McCarthy, Jennifer Nichols, Lou Savarino, Eran Spira, Karen Spira, Mustafa Varoglu, Janet Westerhoff, Chris White, John Yasaitis,

Zoom: Owen Curtin, Betsy Stanford, Ben Forman, Pablo Acosta, Paul Cotran, Joe Scholl, Kevin Martin

Cindy Darcy (secretary@lexski.org)

SECRETARY