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Ski Club

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May 2025

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LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

May 20th 7:30 PM [May Business Meeting](#) @TBD

LEXSKI EVENTS

June 20, 2025 5:00 PM [Annual Picnic/Cookout](#) @The Fahy's – 6 Todd Rd, Lexington
July 12-13, 2025 [Gran Fondo Weekend](#)
July 25-27, 2025 [Baker-McCarthy Large Group](#)
Sept 5-7, 2025 [Butler Large Group](#)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, Spring has definitely sprung in the White Mountains; it has already been 80°! Please consider running a work weekend and reach out to Christian to schedule a date, there is plenty of work to do this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June picnic!

Kristen Butler (President@LexSki.org)

PRESIDENT

LODGE REPORT

2025 Work Weekend Progress

One work weekend is done. Lots of Spring Cleaning accomplished and the Room 11/12 overhaul is underway courtesy of Wrecking Ball Baker and a bunch of hard-working members.

Work Weekends Signup

Now! LexSki needs you!

We have very little scheduled because nobody has signed up to host any work weekends. It may not be an issue for May, given the date today and the Memorial Day weekend, but we really need to start getting these on the calendar. Please let me know who can help with a focus on June and July for now. Work weekend hosts generally have an organizational role and supervisory role, but are also expected to help out with the work.

Project 11/12 is now at the point where we need the plumber to get in there and get things ready for more work that members can do. That doesn't mean we can't work on other projects from our list.



Lodge Committee

We had a meeting last week to get more organized for the work weekend season so we all can be as productive as possible. The committee is Steve Canham, Josh Dennis, Erica Tubman, Dani Gissara, Erik Nottleson, Irina Puscasu, and Alex Rock so far. I am waiting to hear if anyone will join us from the Eisenman and Chiang families. If others want to be involved, just let me know.

Large Group Weekend Reservations (and procedures)

We have two reservations for the Summer already. Please bring any large group (15 or more) to me as soon as possible for approval so we can manage the calendar for WWs and other events (Gran Fondo Weekend, Hiking Weekend etc.)

Christian Ehrbar (lodgechair@lexski.org)

LODGE CHAIR

SOCIAL REPORT

Annual Picnic- Friday, June 20 at 5:00 PM at the home of Mike and Kathy Fahy in Lexington. 6 Todd Rd. Lexington MA 02420

Gran Fondo Weekend- July 12-13. 2025.

60th Anniversary Party- Sept 28th, 2025 - Woburn Country Club! Many thanks to the hard work and efforts of Betsy Stanford, Sue Gardner, Irene Gravina, and Jeanne Sebell. If you're interested in helping with the details, please reach out to Betsy or Sue.

Local Events- Nothing currently, but if you're interested in planning an event, or helping generally, please let us know!

Gant Redmon and Bill Hilton (social@lexski.org)

SOCIAL CO-CHAIRS

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Monthly Meeting Attendance

The club thrives when members contribute actively. We ask that each family have at least one adult to attend meetings. Your involvement is essential to keeping the club strong. Joining committees is also a great way to get to know other members, weigh in on important decisions and contribute to our community. *We always achieve more when people contribute!*

Work Weekend # 1 Update:

Work Weekend #1 was a great success! It was a rainy and cold weekend, so we focused our efforts on the interior of the building. The lodge interior has never looked better! Some highlights included: Heavy cleaning throughout the lodge, with a focus on the kitchen; Discarding skis and other items that were taped in the attic and basement; Removal of carpet from Room 14; Demo of Rooms 11/12, to prepare for the single shared bathroom to be converted into two separate bathrooms. (See the design plan at the end of the Yodeler.) **NOTE: Because of the ongoing construction, Rooms 11 and 12 should not be accessed by children (or curious visitors), and everyone should be aware that the floor is open and hazardous where the bathroom used to be.** Also, the bathroom in Room 6 currently has no running water, as it is on the same supply line as Rooms 11/12.

If you have anything you want added to the website, just let me know. I have posted a new Reservation form Cindy made recently with new members now included. We are still missing photos from several prospective families; please use the online submission form to add your family's photo. If you still need website access, simply reach out and I will guide you through the simple one-time registration process.

Kevin Baker (info@lexski.org)

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Count:

We currently have 55 active families, 2 derivative members and 3 alumni families, which means that the club is, for the first time in a very long time, at capacity. There is now a wait list which has 2 families in it. When families notify the club that they are not renewing for next season, we will extend offers to them as capacity permits.

New Members:

Please join me in welcoming two wonderful families to our community! Both have completed their requirements and accepted membership- Woohoo!

- **Bob and Emily Sayre**, from Lexington, along with their two children, Henry (16) and William (13)
- **Josh and Oksana Launer** from Arlington, along with their three children, Maya (14), JJ (12), Claudia (9)
- **Adalberto and Laura Cantoni** from Winchester, along with their youngest child Giorgio (18)

2-Week Feedback Period:

This month, the eBoard had the pleasure of meeting with one family who has fulfilled their membership requirements. We're happy to share that they're excited to join the community and the eBoard strongly recommends them for membership. If you have any comments during the two-week feedback period, please reach out to membership@lexski.org.

- **Dave and Kavitha Ledwig** from Arlington, along with their two children Anna (8) and Ella (6).
Sponsors: Schopp and Canham Families.

Prospective Members

The following are the six prospective member families in process and two "on hold." *Note: One family withdrew from the process due to other winter activities.*

- **Bennett family:** Andra, Matthew (15), Vlad (12), Madalina (7) from Lexington; Sponsors: Hardman, TBD
- **Brodsky/Brune family:** Lasse and Sasha, Alec (8), Oskar (8), Esther (3 months) from Arlington, Sponsors: TBD
- **Doyle family:** Becca and Frank, Eliza (15), Sam (13) and Lewis (11) from Lexington; Sponsors: TBD
- **LaCroix/Lepionka family:** Jennifer and Franz, Helen (12) from Cambridge (referred by Tubman/Reece); Sponsors Tubman/Reece, TBD
- **Norman family:** Anne and Chris, Mikayla (13), Adelaide (11), Claudia (9) and Benny (3) from Lexington, Sponsors: TBD
- **Wang family** (On Hold 2025): Guan and Tong, Lucas (7), Adrian (1) from Lexington; Sponsors: Darcy, TB
- **Barnes-Furutani Family** (On Hold 2024): Elissa and Nick, Kai (7), Mia (5) from Belmont; Sponsors Connell and Forman

Gratitude for Membership Chair Emeritus

A big, heartfelt "thank you" to Caren Connell who single-handedly revived the membership of the club to the point of having a wait list for the first time in decades! Thank you, Caren!!!!!!

Pablo and Ramona Filipi-Acosta membership@lexski.org

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

TREASURER REPORT

Updated Lex Ski Bank Account Balances will be sent to members by email.

Finance Committee/Budget Update

The Finance Committee met on May 12, 2025, and drafted a budget proposal to present to the membership, along with a 2025-2026 Proposed Schedule of Fees. The budget proposals will be discussed and voted on at the upcoming Membership Meeting on May 20th, 2025. Both documents are posted to the website, within the members' area, under the [Reference Materials](#) tab.

Chris White (treasurer@lexski.org)

TREASURER

SECRETARY REPORT

Proposed By-Law Change

The Executive Board is proposing a change to a by-law to be voted on at the **May membership meeting**:

In recent years, to make the joining process smoother and faster for prospective members, a number of changes were made, including to allow visits to the lodge outside of ski season to count and to allow a single night visit to count (e.g. arrive at the lodge on Saturday afternoon and depart on Sunday). With the club now at full membership and with a small waiting list, the e-board feels it is appropriate to return to requiring that visits be done during the ski season and with the stay at the lodge for two nights for each visit. This change helps ensure that prospective members understand how meals at the lodge work. In coming up with the wording for the change, I kept the part of allowing more visits with 10-19 members to count, but added a part specifying that at least one visit must be with meals served. I also moved that part to come right after the other visit requirements, so that the whole thing reads better.

Here's what the by-law says today:

ARTICLE IX – ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

1. New Members may be elected to the Club if they have fulfilled the following requirements:

A. The application of the proposed member shall be submitted to the Membership Committee by the prospective member. Upon receipt of the application, the Membership Committee shall request two member families sponsor the prospective member. After meeting with the prospective member, the sponsor members shall each submit a letter of recommendation to the Membership Committee. A member family may sponsor one prospective family at a time where the period of sponsorship begins with the sponsor letters and ends with the acceptance of the prospective family to full family membership or to the waiting list. To qualify for membership, (1) the adults of the prospective family must attend at least one regular monthly Club meeting; and (2) the prospective family must stay at the Lodge with a designated host for their stay (as determined by the Membership Committee and the overall host for the weekend) for two separate occasions during which: **(i) group meals are held (to include a dinner and a breakfast); or (ii)** twenty (20) members are present. Over the period of the sponsorship, the sponsors shall introduce their prospective members to the Club members present at Club meetings and occasions and shall see to it that they become familiar with these By Laws, the Lodge Rules and operation of the Lodge. The two-occasion requirement may also be satisfied by attending more occasions with a minimum of 10 members present at each, for a cumulative total of 40 members. Applicants for a Family Membership who have completed their requirements will be placed on a waiting list in order of completion date awaiting openings for new Family Memberships. Applicants on the waiting list must attend a minimum of one Club function or visit the Lodge once annually to remain on the waiting list. Completion of this section of the requirements shall take no more than two years. Applications not completed within two years shall be considered vacated and, therefore, void.

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Red text in the original is deleted, and blue text in the proposal is added. I did not format anything to show the change of sentence order in the paragraph.

For Prospective Members currently in the joining process, the plan is for any visits that counted under the old system (and done before the by-law change) to continue to count, but that all visits done after the change must comply with the by-laws at that time. So, any qualifying visits Prospective's families did this winter will continue to count as visits for their Prospective member joining process. However, any visits during the 2025 off-season (such as the Gran Fondo Weekend or the Hiking Weekend) would NOT count toward the joining process.

Tree Update

The project of installing chargers for EVs at the lodge resulted in trees along the fence (along the north side of our property) being cut down. To get back some screening of the fence and building behind it, I have planted four quite young sugar maples along the fence. They're only a few feet tall but planting them this young makes it much easier to get them established and they switch into fast growing mode sooner than larger/older trees. (I planted a similar sized sugar maple in my yard in 2021, and it is really shooting up and is currently about 16 feet tall,) Because it will take some time for the trees to grow both up and out, I will also be planting some fast growing Arborvitae (the Thuja Green Giant variety) along the fence to provide some screening until the sugar maples are large enough to provide screening. The plan is to cut down the Arborvitae once the sugar maples are large enough. (Some Arborvitae may be cut down sooner than others, as some may start shading a sugar maple.)

Additionally, I planted three quite young red maple trees just to the west of the car charging area to provide some attractive trees in that direction. All the maple trees have a ring of rocks around them, marking them as deliberately planted, rather than a random scrub tree popping up on its own.

Cindy Darcy (secretary@lexski.org)

SECRETARY

Room 11/12 New Bathroom Configuration:

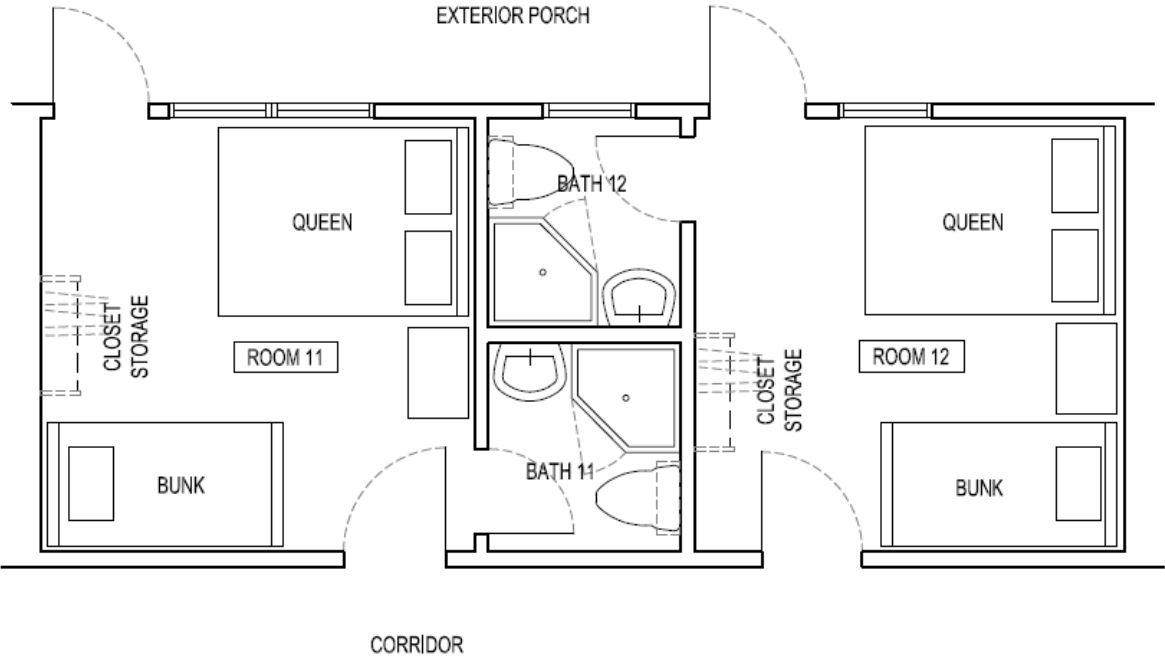


Diagram Credit: Sandra Jahnes

A Few Turns Down Memory Lane:

Some Lex Ski history, from the Cary Memorial Library Archives:

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This month, an article from Page 5 of the November 20, 1969 edition of the Lexington Minute-Man newspaper. Previous Lex Ski President Bill Hammer was looking forward to another great season! Think Snow!



Snow Ho II

By Charles S. Robideaux

Greetings once again to all you ski enthusiasts. We'll be bringing you news about skiing, ski areas, and local residents involved in skiing this season. We hope to enrich your ski season with informative coverage of the ski scene.

The ski season begins each year with the Ski Show in Boston. This year the presence of Jean Claude Killy made the Ski Show a must for the avid fan. Those who braved the traffic and crowds to attend this year's show were not disappointed. There were booths representing all the major ski areas of the East. Displays of the newest in ski equipment were bound to catch your eye, as were the models sporting the latest in ski fashions. The high spot of the show for me was Jean Claude Killy's visit to the Eastern Ski Writers meeting. Killy answered questions in a very informal setting and proved to be as adept in this situation as he is on the slopes. You had to leave this year's Ski Show eager to return to the slopes.

The Lexington High School Ski Club, under the direction of Dave Spang, ran some great ski flicks Thursday, Nov. 13. The movies were "Moebius Flip" and "Skileidescope." The guest speaker for the occasion was Roger Staub, Olympic gold medal winner, and director of the ski school at Vail, Colorado. Staub takes part in the film "Moebius Flip." This film is an offbeat but highly imaginative epic involving what must be the most dazzling display of acrobatic and aerial skiing ever staged.

"Moebius Flip" stars the Hart Ski Demonstration Team of Arthur Furrer, Roger Staub, Suzy Chaffee, Tom Leroy, Corky Fowler, Ruedi Wyrsh, and Hermann Goellner, who performs the difficult "Moebius Flip."

APRES SKI CHATTER

Bill Hammer, president of the Lexington Ski Club, is looking forward to another great season. John Grant is once again working up in the ski country, this year it's Mt. Snow. You will have the opportunity to register your skis up in New Hampshire this year. This program will put the data about your skis into a computer at the National Crime Information



Roger Staub, director of the ski school at Vail, Col., was featured in "Moebius Flip" shown last week at Lexington High School.

Center. If your skis should be stolen the information would be made available to all enforcement offices throughout the state. Contact me for additional information.

Lexington skiers eager for that first snowfall would include Ron Dargie, Curt Jones, Dan Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mayer, Vaughan Bogosian, Al Dubin, Jamie Morehouse, Phil Dunbar, and Ruth Broderick. ... Anxious to return to the slopes at the Tyrol Ski Area are Leeland McConchic, Harvey Nugent, Myron Ferrin, Ben Freitas, Charles Granata, Dr. Jacob Rice, Regnvald Maartmann-Moe, and Dr. Walter Ablemann. ... It won't be long now before you can hit the slopes, so "Think Snow."

Local Citizen Heads Petition Drive

Jack Loring of 545 Bedford st., a member of the local Jaycees chapter, is serving this area as chairman for the state-wide petition drive for civil service reform now being conducted by the Massachusetts Jaycees.

The Jaycees civil service reform program calls for a civil service amendment to the Constitution and is three-fold to establish a merit system based on points, to eliminate absolute preference, and to establish an agency to administer the civil service program. The petition drive seeks to obtain 60,000 signatures by November 16 in order that the question of reform may be put to a vote on the 1972 ballot.

The petition has the endorsement of the Citizens for the Advancement of Public Service, the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns, and the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

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