

The Yodeler

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November 2006 Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420

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2006/2007 LexSki Calendar

November 21, 2006, Monthly Membership Meeting - new packets distributed

December 12, 2006, Holiday Family Potluck - Date to be confirmed

January 16, 2007, Monthly Membership Meeting

February 2007, No Meeting - school vacation

Meetings of the membership are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at First Parish Church, Lexington (by the Green) at 8 p.m. in Parker Hall (rear entrance, lower level) unless otherwise noted.

2006/2007 Host & Hostess List for Meetings

November 21, 2006, Osten*, Morrison, Perlmutter, Richardson

December 12, 2006, Scholl*, Sciarretta, Shaughnessy, Shaughnessy

January 16, 2007, Sinek*, Sebell, Sinnott, Speare-Flynn

* **The first family** listed is responsible for bringing the coffee, tea, dessert, etc., and also for reminding the other families listed of their host and hostess duties.

President's Report

Many thanks to Laurel and Rein Freeberg for proposing and running the Oktoberfest celebration at our last membership meeting; thanks as well to all the families who brought desserts and snacks. It was fun to see everyone after a long summer off and it was nice to see all the little kids there as well. Laurel, here is Howie's hint for 2007: "Next year we need a *big* keg...!"

And speaking of Laurel, some of you may be getting a call from her over the next few weeks. This ski season we're hoping to work with a few select host families to adopt a "theme" for their particular weekend. It might be a "Hawaiian Weekend" like Tom and Rita had last year, a poker weekend, a ping pong or bridge tournament, a little kids' fun weekend, whatever strikes their fancy. The idea will be to stage an après ski event - with perhaps an adult beverage or two - just to draw people (and the kids!) away from TV sets. We hope everyone will give it a try! More details later.

Finally, a small but determined group wrapped up our last work weekend a few days ago and things are looking great at the Lodge. A tip of the cap to Wayne Foster and the rest of the Lodge Committee for completing a very ambitious work schedule: the kitchen and dining room have been scrubbed down, sheets have been laundered, bathrooms have been overhauled and the boot room has been redecorated. And, lest we forget, not one but two trees have been taken down this fall and summer: just ask Wayne.

Now, we just need some cold weather, some snow and a good California red...

Mark

Lodge Committee Report

<u>Work Weekends</u>	<u>Leader</u>	
May 19 - 21	C. & J. Levin	Completed
June 9 -11	P. & C. Eagles	Completed
July 14 - 16	Zimmermann/King	Completed
September 15 - 17	Doctoroff	Completed
October 13 - 15	L. Forte	Completed
November 10 - 12	P. & T. Tasker	Completed

State of the Lodge

Our **Weekend Leaders** were very busy fixing up the lodge and performing the annual maintenance. The lodge looks like it is ready for another season. Thanks to all of the work weekend leaders, the project leaders and everyone who sent me offers to help.

Most of the major projects have been completed or are very close to being completed. If you have not seen the new boot room, you are in for a surprise.

Tree Update – the tree that came down in the wind storm is being removed by a tree company. Thank you to all the members who offered to take the tree down, but for timing, clean up and liability we chose to go with the tree company.

Thermostats – a detailed description of the thermostats is in the membership packet, which you'll get at the November meeting. The short story is you use the lower thermostat in the boot room to set the lodge temperature and you set the timer below the thermostat to turn on the heat for a specified period of time. Do not touch any of the other thermostats.

Fluorescent Bulbs – the small fluorescent bulbs used to replace standard bulbs should not be used in enclosed light fixtures or in lights with dimmer switches. This will significantly reduce the life span of these bulbs, which cost more than the average bulb. Please replace light bulbs appropriately.

Kitchen Update – Bob Irish will not be cooking for the club this season. He will still be our supplier. Charlie has confirmed that Willard and Laurie will be cooking for us this season.

Lodge Committee Meeting

The next Lodge Committee meeting is planned for December 7th to review the accomplished tasks from the final work weekend and to start the list of projects for next year. The location will be announced via email as we get closer to the date. Most likely it will be at the Eagle Bank room.

Things to Remember at the Lodge

Space heaters are not permitted in rooms at the lodge.

Finally, from the LexSki Membership Information Packet:

Each member is required to perform a work weekend during the spring or fall. If you do not complete a work weekend, you cannot make reservations...a member of the club may put in extra time to cover another family member...A work weekend consists of two days, Saturday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.); with arrival preferred on Friday night...

*Also all **NEW MEMBERS** are required to serve on the Lodge Committee for their first year. If you cannot attend the meetings, please communicate with me to see what areas of the lodge you can help with.*

Think Snow,

Wayne Foster

Membership Committee Report

We are happy to report that the Davisons are not resigning.

Please welcome three new members --

Nancy and Chris White
Christina and Ryan Floyd
Cavan Stone

Holly and Kevin Martin with their children, Alison and Kara, have applied and are looking for one more sponsor.

Diana and Mark Swift, who have children Lauren, 9, and Michael, 6, are being sponsored by James Harding and Richard Harding.

We have two openings.

Respectfully submitted:
Carroll Eagles and the Membership Committee

Office of the Treasurer: Status as of November 13, 2006

Accounts	11/13/06 Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	22,345.99
TD BankNorthChecking	5,952.94
TD BankNorthSavings	38,490.98
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	66,789.91
Total Assets	66,789.91
Liabilities	0.00
Net Inflows/Outflows	66,789.91

2. Financial Situation. The club is in good financial condition with no outstanding bills.

Lexington Ski Club Membership Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2006

Presiding: Mark Fitzgerald, President. Also Wayne Foster, Lodge Chair
A quorum was present.

All enjoyed the OctoberFest, organized by Laurel, with help from Rein.

Treasurers Report: Chan was in Las Vegas.

Membership: Mark presented the report on behalf of Carroll. Jack and Pris Forte have resigned. The Davisons have rescinded their resignation; welcome back! Four families to be inactive: Families Kaufman, Pastel-Sharit, Brandenburg, and Mandel. Membership offered to the Christina and Ryan Floyd and to Nancy and Chris White. Cavan Stone to be derivative member. The Roses completed their requirements, but moved. Their application is now on hold; if they move back, they can move to the top of the list. The Martins, Kevin and Holly, are applying for membership.

Lodge Committee: Chair Wayne Foster

Wayne thanked Mark for his help in the summer; he had a lot of commitments. Thanks to all the work weekend leaders; the club is getting into nice shape. New members are expected to attend lodge meetings. Next meeting is Nov. 2, place to be announced. Pete and Toni Tasker are running the next work weekend, which is the last one. All must do work weekends. Special thanks to John Marquis and company for taking down the big tree. Projects listed in the Yodeler are mostly complete. Wayne is looking for volunteers for new projects.

Chefs: Charlie Levin said Laurie and Willard are coming back.

All are welcome to come to Lodge Committee weekends. Anyone going up should not start any new projects. Send emails to Wayne if you have ideas about what projects should be taken up.

Social Committee, Laurel: Watch email for ticket discounts, which will also be in the back of the Yodeler. Details to be announced. Laurel to report further on ticket discounts. Remember to get credit for unused tickets from last year at Cannon. Bretton Woods gives a small discount of \$5.00, signed membership cards are necessary.

David and Mia Fitzgerald will manage the Alpine Club memberships. It is roughly \$60 per family per year. The Alpine Club is a fitness facility next door to the club and has pool, hot tub, rock wall etc.

Old Business: Howie and Laurel to chair an ad hoc committee on finances of the club. There will be a meeting Oct. 25, and a meeting in November on a Thursday. If interested, talk to Howie or Laurel.

New Business: Kathy Moore is organizing Lex Ski clothing sales. She has samples and will have them again at the Nov. meeting. Orders will be finalized after the November meeting.

Tom Alspaugh inquired about price increases. They are a done deal.

Jackie Stone asked about the **thermostats**. Jim Fearnside explained the system. There are three thermostats: The one near the bar is an emergency notification system for the caretaker if the building gets too cold. Ignore it. The other two: the one that is hard to reach is set at 54; When the egg timer is on, the other thermostat will take over if it is set. The fall back situation is the one set at 54. The top thermostat in the boot room should not be changed. The other one can be set at a reasonable, comfortable temperature. Wayne will email the club members on how the thermostat system works, so all are clear on it. There was discussion among members as to how to best regulate heat and ensure that the lodge is neither overheated nor underheated. Mark commissioned the Lodge Committee to look into the final solution. Mark asked Jim to readdress the issue for the next meeting, when many members are present.

There was a reminder that space heaters should not be used in the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Sinnott
Club Secretary

Loon Mountain (opening November 22nd)

“Mark the calendar for Lexski at Loon Day on January 26”

2006/2007 Bulk Ticket Order Form for Lexington Ski Club

(Order due to Laurel By November 27th)

Things to know:

Orders can only be made by **Club Members**.

There are no minimums or maximums but re-selling will invalidate our deal with Loon, order only what your family and potential guests may use.

Orders must be fully pre-paid.

This first order must be placed by **December 1st**. If there is enough interest, additional orders can be made as needed.

Any unused tickets can be returned at the close of the season for a full credit towards next year's purchase. Cash refunds are not offered.

These are direct to the lift tickets similar to the Cannon tickets we also use.

The tickets are good any day.

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Email:		
Ticket Types	Number	Total
Adult \$45		
Teen (13-18) \$40		
Youth (6-12)/Senior (65-79) \$35		
Youth <6, Senior>80	complimentary	Complimentary
Grand Total		

Questions: Contact Laurel Freeberg at lfreeberg@gmail.com or 781-861-0836

Payment: Make check out to Laurel Freeberg

Mail to: Laurel Freeberg 25 Eastern Ave. Lexington, Ma 02421



Cannon Mountain's

2006/2007

Bulk Ticket Order Form

Name:					
Mailing Address:					
Telephone:			Email:		
Weekend/ Holiday rates:	Purchasing For 2006-2007	SubTotal	Returning From 2005-2006	Credit*	Total
Adults.....\$36.00					
Teen(13-17).....\$28.00					
Jr/Sr(6-12, 65+)..\$22.00					
Midweek All*....\$22.00 * Non-Holiday					
TOTALS					

This offer is open to LSC members only.

*Credit for returns on last year's tickets is:

Adults weekend/holiday-\$36.00

Teens Weekend/Holiday-\$28.00

Jr./Sr. Weekend Holiday-\$22.00

Mid-week all ages \$22.00

Cannon will only accept last years tickets for credit.

Tickets are actual lift tickets and can be worn directly to the lift. Like real lift tickets they hold their whole value and at the end of the season arrangements can be made to exchange any unused tickets towards the purchase of tickets the following season. Tickets will be distributed at the December membership meeting.

Questions: Contact Jim Levin at (781) 235-6416 or email (jlevin@unither.com)

Payment: Please make your check out to: James Levin

Return form with check to: Jim Levin, 5 Shaw Road, Wellesley, MA 02481

Please respond by November 27th