

The Yodeler

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2011 LexSki Calendar Host/Hostess List for Meetings

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.

* **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. Host families are responsible for set-up before and clean-up after each meeting. The supply bins are passed along to hosts at each meeting. **If you can't serve, get a sub.**

January 18, 2011: Speare-Flynn•, Tamir-Pinsky, White

February 2011: No meeting

March 15, 2011: Annual Meeting, Election of Officers: Vogel*, Tasker, Yasaitis, Alspaugh

April 12, 2011: Annual Winetasting: Forte, P.*, Bogosian, Brandenburg, Brandon-Bemis

May 17, 2011: Annual Budget Meeting: Burnell*, Brewer, Butler, Chan

June 21, 2011: Annual Picnic: Colby*, Cotran, Doctoroff, Eagles

President's Report January 2011

The ski season is in full swing, occupancy has been very high, and Chef Hermann is preparing some very good meals for us. So far, Mother Nature is cooperating on the white stuff.

WiFi is up and running and we've had favorable feedback. Please remember the new rules for using the service. (see notice in this Yodeler)

Please, also remember that it is our responsibility as members to make sure our guests know, and follow, the rules.

Phil Brewer

Membership Report

Please Note: Revision of Rule regarding Two-Seating Dinners

The Executive Board has revised the rule for two-seating dinners.

The rule is:

If there are two seatings at dinner and you are the parent of a child 8 years old or younger, an adult needs to stay with your children during the meal.

If you have older children and feel they need help, please help your child as needed and check on them during the meal and during your adult meal as well.

All parents: please remember to check in with your children during socializing hours and meal times and remain responsible for your children's behavior. This includes bar time, meal times and afterwards.

If you have a guest in residence, please know this includes them, and it is the member's responsibility to help the guest know and follow this rule and all rules.

Membership Committee Report

Please try to recruit friends, family, and acquaintances. Encourage them to come find out about the club at a membership meeting. Invite them to social events. Bring them to the club to ski. Have them meet some members. We are looking for new members who are committed to community living, skiing, and Lexington Ski Club.

Please be willing to meet other members' friends and be open to becoming sponsors for families or second sponsors for families who need one. As we try to boost membership, it becomes important for all of us to support each other in bringing members in and getting them started in the application process. It would be great if we could get new applicants who are compatible with our community style of living at the club.

Prospective members are in the process of fulfilling the requirements. We look forward to seeing them up at the club this winter.

Lorelle and Leslie Yee and their sons Colby - 14 and Carter - 11. The Yees are sponsored by the Chans and the Erbin Grants.

Josh and Marina Bers with their children Tali - 10, Alan - 8 and Nico - 6. The Bers are sponsored by the Yasaitis's and the Ostens.

Christophe and Yohanna Couturier and their children Marc-Aurele - 14 and Noah - 10. The Couturiers are sponsored by the Perlmutter's and the Fearnside's.

Blaine Schamber and Birgit Schultes with their children Pascal - 14 and Chantal - 11. The Schamber-Schultes are sponsored by the Pinskys and the Cotrans.

Ralph and Melinda Smith. The Smiths are sponsored by the Vogels and the Sciarettas.

Thank you,
Shari Marquis, Chair, and the Membership Committee

Lodge Committee Report

Trash pick up from December through March is every other Wednesday. The next pick up is Jan. 19. If an extra pick-up is needed, call or email the Lodge Chair. No coolers are allowed in the refrigerators. Please store items individually and be considerate and leave space for others, especially on the crowded weekends we seem to be having with all this snow. A replacement is on order for the missing bunk bed mattress in the upstairs dorm. Enjoy all the snow!

John Yasaitis

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances, January 4, 2011:

Business Core Checking: \$2,246.05

Business Super Money Market: \$60,317.39

Lexski Internet Usage

The E-board approved the following rules for WiFi internet usage at the Lexington Ski Club:

- **Use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices is prohibited in the Living Room and Bar on Friday and Saturday evenings after 4 PM. This restriction will be in effect on Sunday evening for holiday weekends that carry over into Monday. This restriction will also be in effect during Christmas and February vacation weeks.**
- **Use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices is prohibited in the Dining Room while community meals are being served.**
- **These restrictions apply to computers, cell phones, and all other electronic devices (except electronic book readers).**

That is the extent of the rules. We ask our membership to be thoughtful of other members at all times. Remember that this is a shared network. Therefore, please be considerate of other Internet users and refrain from downloading content that would cause a drain on network bandwidth.

Although the E-board decided against including a lot of do's and don'ts in the Internet usage rules, we thought it worthwhile to publish comments and suggestions from the membership, as a way of explaining how important this matter is to everyone in order to maintain a level of comfort and sociability for all.

Here are the comments submitted and discussed at the meeting:

1. Restrict usage in the common room during busy hours
2. Concern that common room will turn into a child arcade
3. Usage of computer applications with sound vs muted applications in common areas
4. Usage of computer applications with sound vs muted applications in sleeping areas
5. Same as above (3 & 4) with headphone usage
6. Acceptable website content in common areas
7. Members need to make a choice: surf the net or participate in group conversation. Don't try to do both.
8. The club cannot enforce sociability, only courtesy.
9. No Internet usage in dining room while meal service is in progress.
10. Don't make rules that cannot be enforced
11. Young kids, say under 14, should not be using computers in the common area unless MAYBE they are doing homework. I don't want my son exposed to anyone's idea of a funny YouTube video. What they do in their own rooms I don't care as much about.
12. I would not be too happy with adults using the card and coffee tables indiscriminately for their computers either- where would the puzzles and card games go? Maybe we need a computer corner.
13. We need to avoid turning a place of relaxation and conversation into our office when we head up north.
14. We don't need rules for Internet usage in the bedrooms. We already have quiet rules for upstairs, which would govern computer sound in the evening.

