

The Yodeler

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April 2008 Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420
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2008 LexSki Calendar

April 15, 2008, Meeting and Annual Wine Tasting Party 7-9 pm at the Griffiths
May 20, 2008, Monthly Membership Meeting (annual budget review)
June 17, 2008, Annual Picnic, hosted by Shari and John Marquis, 6-8 pm
October 21, 2008, Monthly Membership Meeting, Octoberfest
November 18, 2008, Monthly Membership Meeting, 2008-09 Information Packet Distributed
December 16, 2008, Annual Holiday Potluck and Party
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.

2008 Host & Hostess List for Meetings

April 15, 2008, Hammer*, Harding, Harding, Kent
May 20, 2008, Keroes*, Kourian, Levin A., Levin C.
June 17, 2008, Levin, J.*, Lynn, Lyons, Mahoney
October 21, 2008, Mallett*, Marquis, Martin, McCarthy
November 18, 2008, McLane*, Miles, Moore, Morrison
December 16, 2008, Osten*, Pastel-Sharit, Perlmutter, Richardson
* **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

Spring has arrived and hopefully everyone is getting the last of the spring skiing in at the Lodge. While there is no chef cooking until December, reports of great skiing continue to come in. It was a very good season.

Thank you to Charlie Levin for handling all the food and kitchen supply ordering. And to Willard for feeding the ravenous skiers every morning and upon their return from long days on the slopes. I also want to thank Mark Fitzgerald for his service as President and his availability for consultation on Lodge issues. Please welcome new members, Sherman and Deanna Chan and their children. I also want to welcome all of 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 of the spring sports, don't forget about the Lodge work weekends. Phil Brewer will be looking for volunteers to run the weekends. I look forward to chatting with everyone at the April wine tasting.

Wayne

Lodge Committee Report

State of the Lodge. The Lodge is in generally good condition. And it's time to think work weekends. We have the usual items – spring cleaning, window repair, painting, and general maintenance. Thanks to all who sent in suggested projects, there's enough work for everyone.

Every family is expected to complete a work weekend. The work weekends are set as follows, and I need volunteers to run them, so please give me a call.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Leader</u>	
May 17 - 18	Charlie Levin	
June 7 - 8	TBD	Note: this is a change from the Membership meeting
July 12 - 13	TBD	
September 13 - 14	TBD	
October 4 - 5	TBD	
November 8 - 9	TBD	

Large groups. The Lodge is already filling up on summer weekends with large groups. Remember, it is first come, first served, no large groups on holiday weekends, and work weekends take priority over large groups.

I want to thank the regular attendees at the Lodge Committee meeting. If you have opinions on the club, I strongly suggest you attend. I will be trying to post the club calendar on the web site when I can find the time to work with our illustrious IT department.

Skiing is almost done - Think Work Weekends,

Phil Brewer / Wayne Foster

Office of the Treasurer: Status as of April 5, 2008

Accounts	Balance
Assets -Cash and Bank Accounts	
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	0.00
TD BankNorthChecking	3,900.78
TD BankNorthSavings	25,097.82
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	28,998.60
Total Assets	28,998.60

2. Present Situation. There are presently no large bills outstanding.

3. Kitchen Financial Results.

The final accounting for the kitchen is as follows:

Meal Income:	\$ 8,867.09
Chef	: \$ 3850.00
Foodstuffs	: \$ 6208.97 (Note: This includes paper goods)
Total Expense:	\$10,058.97
Kitchen Loss:	\$ 1,191.88

Activities Report

Annual April Wine Tasting Party: Tuesday, April 15, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The Wine Tasting Party will be at the home of Donna and Barry Griffiths, 34 Harding Road in Lexington from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Wine and cheese are provided by the club. The monthly host/hostess families provide dessert and coffee as usual.

Annual Family Picnic: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

This year, the Annual Family Picnic will be at the home of Shari and John Marquis from 6 - 8 PM. Mark your calendars, more info will follow in the May Yodeler.

REMINDER ON LOON SKI TICKETS:

Laurel Freeberg is coordinating the return of Loon ski tickets for this season. All return tickets must be turned into Loon by April 30th. If you want Laurel to take care of your tickets, mail, drop off, or otherwise get your tickets to Laurel by April 24th. She plans to be at the Wine Tasting Party if you want to give her your tickets that night. She will send the tickets to Loon and will keep track of your credit for next year.

If you'd like to handle the transaction on your own, please check in at the Group Sales office and ask for Abby Guinan. However, Loon prefers to do a group credit to keep things simple.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with Activities for the coming year. I will be calling you! And thanks to Laurel for all her words of advice as the Activities job transitions over to me.

Donna Griffiths

Membership Committee Report

I would like to thank Carroll Eagles for her many wonderful years as membership chair. She is well organized and a good teacher, so the transition will be a smooth one.

We have offered membership to the Chan family--Deanna and Sherman Chan and their children Victoria, Alison, and Zachary. They were sponsored by the Grants and the Fitzgeralds.

There are no openings for membership at this time. The Pinksys have met all of the requirements and have met with the membership committee and the E-board. The Redmons have completed the requirements and will be invited to meet with the membership committee next month.

Thank you,
Shari Marquis and the Membership Committee

An Important Notice to all Members of the Lexington Ski Club:

At the March 18, 2008 meeting, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the membership voted to approve the following changes of club policies to the Bylaws and the resulting need to clarify the Lodge Rules and Regulations.

Part A:

Bylaws, Article III - Membership

7. All members must participate in one work weekend per calendar year as a condition of membership.

Part B:

Bylaws, Article IX, 1 – Resignation, Suspension, and Expulsion

Failure to complete a work weekend without prior consent from the Lodge Chair or the Executive Committee is to be considered grounds for membership suspension or expulsion.

Resulting revisions to the Lodge Rules and Regulations, General Regulations (Section I) Section 3 Work Weekends:

3.1 Members must complete their work weekend obligation by December 1.

3.2 Members may be excused from the work weekend requirement for good cause with approval from the Lodge Chair or Executive Committee. Members must notify the Lodge Chair and/or the Executive Committee in writing of their need for such consideration prior to the last work weekend of the fall season.

3.3 Prospective members may not participate in work weekends, and visits to the lodge during a work weekend do not count towards qualifying lodge visits for the purpose of fulfilling membership application requirements.

Note to all Members:

Please be sure you are familiar with these changes, and plan your work weekend accordingly. Make note of this year's work weekend schedule printed in the Lodge Committee Report.

Dottie Rodgers (1925-2008)

With the passing of Dottie Rodgers, the Ski Club has lost a good friend. After her retirement as our housekeeper, she still kept a watchful eye on the club from her house across the street. She always went over and checked whenever the club was empty, and any strange car in the parking lot was promptly investigated. Several disasters were prevented by her watchfulness. She did many favors for the club and its members, above and beyond her duties.

Dottie was a hard worker and besides being our housekeeper, she was a waitress at the Indian Head Resort, the Loon Mountain Lodge, and more recently at the Landmark Restaurant in North Woodstock.

Our club has been very fortunate to have the Rodgers family as such loyal and devoted employees and friends. For those who are newer members, David Rodgers, Dottie's husband, was our caretaker from the beginning of the club until he passed away in 1991. Whenever there was a problem, Dave immediately came to our assistance. He also put us in contact with many local resources.

We are grateful that the tradition of a Rodgers caretaker is carried on with their son Darryl. Darryl mentioned to me that his mother would like donations in her memory to be made to the Speare Memorial Hospital, 16 Hospital Road, Plymouth, NH 03264.

We send our deepest sympathy to the Rodgers family--Darryl and his brothers, David and Dale, their families, and to Dottie's grandchildren. If you'd care to send a personal note to them, their addresses are:

Darryl Rodgers
PO Box 482
North Woodstock, NH 03262

David Rodgers
PO Box 68
Lincoln, NH 03251

Dale Rodgers
33 Waterhouse Road
Gorham, ME 04038

Submitted by Jackie Stone

ANNUAL WINE TASTING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15
7:00-9:00 P.M.