

The Yodeler

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December 2009 Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420
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2009/10 LexSki Calendar/ Host Family 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 also responsible for set-up before and clean-up after each meeting. The supply bins are passed along to hosts at each meeting.

December 15, 2009 Holiday Family Potluck, Fearnside*, Floyd, Forte L., Foster (6-8 p.m.)
January 19, 2010 Freeberg*, Gardner, Gardner, Griffiths
March 16, 2010 Hammer*, Harding, Kent, Keroes (Annual Meeting, Elections)
April 13, 2010 Kourian*, Levin, Levin, Levin (Annual Winetasting Party)
May 18, 2010 Lynn*, Mahoney, Marquis, Martin (Annual Budget Meeting)
June 15, 2010 McCarthy*, Miles, Moore, Morrison (Annual Picnic)

President's Report November 2009

I am sitting here writing this as the news predicts 3 – 6 inches of snow for the area tonight. While I know you are all thinking of snow, we need to direct it to the White Mountains. Let's focus our thoughts on the north country, and we should have a good season.

Everyone should have their packets and their numbers. Please read your email and visit the website to see the up-to-date hosting changes. The website crew is doing a fantastic job of keeping everything current. I reviewed the rules and recommendations for the club at the November meeting. I would ask everyone to take some time to review the hosting duties, the breakfast, bar and dinner duties and the rules of the lodge. You need to explain the rules to your guests. Also if you see someone confused about the club rules, please talk to them and offer them some help and guidance. Your support is appreciated.

We will be voting on the By-Law change at the holiday party. It has been published in the Yodeler and has been discussed multiple times at the membership meetings.

The E-board pulled names from a hat, and we have a nominating committee. There are two positions open in the spring: Lodge Chair and Activities Chair. If you have any interest in supporting the club or you know it is time for you to support the club, please contact a member of the nominating committee or an E-board member to discuss.

Keep thinking snow – it looks like it is working.

Wayne Foster

Lodge Committee Report

All WW's have been completed, and thanks to everyone for pitching in and keeping our Lodge in the state we've all come to know and love! Reports from the last WW indicate that the hot water was plentiful.

A freeze alarm has been installed in the Lodge, and is located in the office. It is set to automatically call our caretaker, Darryl, if the indoor temp falls below a certain point. As with the new boiler and water heater, please resist the urge to "adjust" any of the settings or controls.

Our trash collection is now on "autopilot" with Waste Management. Thanks to the efforts of our tireless Treasurer, we have a more economical service arrangement. We will have twice-monthly pickups during the ski season, and once per month in the off season. Thus we will no longer need to call in for pickups; in fact, please don't. If you notice that the trash container is full, please bring it to my attention.

Now that we have the inside taken care of, it's time to start wishing for snow.....

Phil Brewer

Membership Report

Please try to recruit friends, family, and acquaintances to come find out about the club. 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 the Lexington Ski Club.

Please meet and welcome other member's friends and guests, and be open to becoming a second sponsor for any new families. As we try to boost membership, it becomes important for all of us to support each other in bringing members in and getting them into the application process. It would be great if we could get new applicants who we know and who are compatible with our community style of living at the club.

David and Kristen Tasker and Amelia and Bill Mueller are prospective members. Both families continue to work through their application requirements. Zachary Levin is applying for a derivative membership. He is being sponsored by Charlie Levin and Jeff Moore.

Please remember that prospective members are given priority over members' guests during the ski season.

Thank you,
Shari Marquis and the Membership Committee.

Activities Report

The Lexski Holiday Party is Tuesday, December 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the church!

This is a potluck event, so each family brings a dish to share – Please bring enough to serve 10 – 12 people.

Families from A – K please bring a main dish.

Families from L- Z please bring a salad or appetizer or dessert.

Remember, variety is a good thing!

Bring hot dishes hot. We have limited access to the kitchen, so heating things is not an option. Wine, beer, and soft drinks are provided by the club. Coffee crew will provide coffee service as usual but may choose to provide a dish according to last name.

An important note to families: We've asked Santa to make a special visit but he needs your help to make sure there is something for everyone in his bag. Bring something for your children or the club and give it to Santa's helpers at the party.

If you can help with set-up, please come at 5:00 PM. We will also need a couple of folks to help at the Kids Holiday Crafts table. If you can help with that, please let me know.

Cheers,
Donna

The E-board has approved the following change in the By-laws, in the interests of expanding Lexski membership opportunities to families already familiar with the club. It is being published here as required for notification to the membership and will be voted on at the Holiday Party on December 15.

Request for By-law change:

Residency requirements may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Board for adults who have been junior members of the club and whose parents have been previous members or are current members of the club.

Remember, the *Yodeler* is going green this month!

The E-Board has approved a motion to send the club's newsletter, *The Yodeler*, to all members by e-mail only, starting December 2009. We will only send the *Yodeler* by U.S. mail to those members who do not have e-mail capability.

The latest *Yodeler* is always available on-line at www.lexski.org.

The Executive Board of the Lexington Ski Club

Treasurer's Report

TD Bank North

Deposit Accounts December 1, 2009

Name	Current Balance
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CHECKING	\$ 6,753.51
MONEYMARKET	\$45,324.06

The only major bill outstanding is \$2,000, the last payment on the furnace to Youngblood Engineering.

Please remember that I do not "approve" expenses except during the budget process. For lodge approvals talk with Phil Brewer; for social approvals talk with Donna Griffiths.

For already approved and expended items, please fill out a reimbursement form (club members). If it is a vendor, have them send an invoice with the name of the member that authorized the work.

Please: Checks should be sent with the reservation form. When they are sent separately, it makes for an extra step.

Thanks,
Tom Alspaugh, Treasurer

HOLIDAY FAMILY PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:00-8:00 P.M.

BRING SOMETHING YUMMY TO SHARE