

# The Yodeler

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**February 2008** Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420  
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President, *Mark Fitzgerald*  
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Membership, *Carroll Eagles*  
Activities, *Laurel Freeberg*  
At Large, *Fran Miles*  
Ex officio, *Howie Vogel*

## 2008 LexSki Calendar

February 2008 - no meeting

March 18, 2008, Monthly Membership Meeting

April 15, 2008, Meeting and Annual Wine Tasting Party (date to be confirmed)

May 20, 2008, Monthly Membership Meeting (annual budget review)

June 17, 2008, Annual Picnic (date to be confirmed)

**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

February 2008 - no meeting

March 18, 2008, Gardner\*, Gardner, Griffiths, Gutfarb

April 15, 2008, Hammer\*, Harding, Harding, Kent (Wine tasting, date to be confirmed)

May 20, 2008, Keroes\*, Kourian, Levin A., Levin C.

June 17, 2008, Levin, J.\*, Lynn, Lyons, Mahoney (Picnic, date to be confirmed)

\* **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

Just when we think the January thaw is going to put a premature end to our fun, Mother Nature has come up big for us, hasn't she? She fires a couple of good storms our way, dumps a lot white stuff, sends nighttime temperatures into the single digits - and all just in time for February vacation! What more could we ask?

The Lodge is getting a workout this year with all the great snow and it's not just on weekends anymore - midweek skiers may well outnumber the Friday arrivals at this point! Although we doubt they can challenge the sheer noise level produced on weekends, we hear tell of some serious skiing - both downhill *and* cross-country - and some serious cooking up there from Monday through Friday. We'll have to play hookey one of these days and go see for ourselves...

Finally, we don't have a February membership meeting, but we do have a full agenda for March: a proposed By-law amendment and our annual Officers' Elections. The proposed amendment is published in this Yodeler, so read it carefully and make sure to come to the March meeting; be heard and cast your vote - as they say, it's your Club. See you up north.

Mark

## **Lodge Committee Report**

**State of the Lodge.** The Lodge is in good shape and has seen a lot of use this season. I have not received any reports from weekend hosts on items that need to be repaired or that have been listed in the log.

Please be aware that the costs of everything have increased, from oil to food. With that in mind please do not waste food that is prepared for breakfast or dinner. Please take what you can eat; you can go back for seconds. Please help your children get the appropriate amount of food during dinner.

Also please be aware of your spending for bar duty. The club does not pay for alcohol and will reimburse for reasonable purchases of cheese, crackers, chips and salsa. Please use your best judgment so we do not have to implement a policy with a rate per person for bar goodies.

If the dumpster is full, please contact Darryl Rodgers (our Caretaker) who can call the trash company. Please be aware that our trash collection is set for every two weeks. If you call for an emergency trash pick-up, it is a significant charge added on to our account. If any members, mid-week or weekend users, or kitchen committee see any issues, please let me know, and I can start pick-up for every week and save on the on-demand pick-up bill.

### **Things to Remember at the Lodge**

Dishes and the Dishwasher – please be aware that the club has a dish sanitizer – NOT A DISHWASHER. When dining, please scrape all material off of your plate into the trash. If you have breakfast or dinner duty – you must wash the dishes before putting them in the sanitizer. You must also clean the silverware – any food on the silverware will remain on the silverware and soak up some tasty chemicals.

The next Lodge Committee meeting is being planned for March. Please send me any big projects that need to be accomplished so we can start planning early.

Think snow and enjoy the slopes,  
Wayne Foster

### **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts	2/4/08 Balance
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	
BosFed Checking	0.00
Fleet Bank	0.00
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	0.00
TD BankNorthChecking	1,180.30
TD BankNorthSavings	35,141.53
<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>36,321.83</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>36,321.83</b>

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

**The Executive Committee has approved the following changes of club policies to the Bylaws and the resulting need to clarify the Lodge Rules and Regulations.**

**The following two-part amendment will be acted upon at the March 18 membership meeting:**

### **Part A:**

#### **Bylaws, Article III - Membership**

##### **Revised wording:**

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**

##### **Add the following:**

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.

### **Membership Committee Report, February 2008**

We have one opening. We will offer the Chans membership when all the paperwork is in.

The Pinskys and the Redmons are in the process of fulfilling the requirements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Eagles and the Membership Committee

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING --  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18  
8:00 P.M.