

The Yodeler

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March 2009 Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420
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2009 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.

(* please note changes since 11/08 Yodeler)**

March 17, 2009, Shaughnessy L*, Shaughnessy M., Sebell, Sinek

April 14, 2009, Annual Wine Tasting: Stone Jim*, Stone, Sinnott, Tasker, at the Redmon's home

May 19, 2009, Annual Budget Meeting: White*, Vogel, Yasaitis, Zimmermann,

June 16, 2009, Annual Picnic: Bogosian*, Brandon, Brewer, Forte, P., at the White's home

President's Report March 2009

For some, the season may be wrapping up and your thoughts turning to ... **THE FURNACE.**

The E-Board and the Furnace Committee have been meeting over the last two months and will present our findings on the furnace. Bottom line is we need a new one. IF we continue to push our luck with the old one, we will be without use of the Lodge for considerable time when it fails.

PLEASE ATTEND THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

We will be asking the membership of the club to **VOTE** on an authorization to borrow money so the E-Board can fund the new furnace. More information to follow.

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President's Report Cont'd:

A few other notes that I have heard about or witnessed that are not good for the club:

1. Conflict Resolution – if you see someone acting improperly, the steps to a resolution are the following.

- 1 – Pull the individual aside and talk to them – if not satisfactory
- 2 – Talk to the host – the host is responsible for running the club on that weekend
- 3 – Send an email detailing the issue to the E-Board for review

2. Room assignments and hosting duties - I will detail this in the fall, but if you are the host for the weekend, you are responsible for communicating to all the members of the club. Room assignments are as follows:

- 1 – Members with priority numbers first
- 2 – Prospective members
- 3 – Guests of members (in order of the member priority)
- 4 – Members calling after Wednesday

If you see room conflicts, pick up the phone and talk to the members. If you are not prepared to host, please work with other members to transfer hosting duties.

3. Members, prospective members and guests cannot leave children unattended at the club. You may find another club member to take responsibility for your child. Our cook, Willard, is not a member of the club and has a job to do at the club. If you fail to find another member to attend to your child, you must attend to them.

Hanging items on sprinkler pipes is not allowed. Don't do it. If anything happens to open up the pipes, the cost to reset the system is prohibitive.

Clean up after yourselves and your children. Members, prospective members and guests: if you have children staying in the dorms, either the children or the parents must clean up. These are not bunk rooms where you sleep, use the facilities, and leave. The caretaker is not responsible for cleaning the dorms. Everyone who stays in the dorms has to take some responsibility and share in the clean-up.

Any comments, give me a call.

Wayne Foster

Treasurer's Report

1. Office of the Treasurer: Status as of January 11, 2009

| Accounts | Balance |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash and Bank Accounts | |
| TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD | 0.00 |
| TD BankNorth Checking | \$ 2,247.23 |
| TD BankNorth Savings | <u>\$38,068.09</u> |
| Total, Cash and Bank Accounts | \$40,315.32 |

Activities Report

The next membership meeting is St Patrick's Day, March 17th. If you are scheduled for coffee and dessert hosting duty, consider bringing something green...for dessert that is, not the coffee.

Annual April Wine Tasting Party: Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

NOTE: DATE HAS CHANGED FOR ANNUAL WINE TASTING TO APRIL 14th. Club bylaws call for the April meeting to be held the Tuesday before April school vacation week, if the third Tuesday of the month falls during school vacation week, which it does this year.

The Wine Tasting Party will be at the home of Ann and Gant Redmon, 31 Woodland Road in Lexington from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Wine and cheese are provided by the club. The monthly host families provide dessert and coffees as usual.

Annual Family Picnic: Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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

See you all at the upcoming meetings and events.

Donna Griffiths

Lodge Committee Report

We've had some great snow, and a couple of weekends of heavy usage of the Lodge. Thanks to all for your patience with accommodating everyone, both members and guests.

As we reach the end of the ski season, please take all your belongings from the basement. In anticipation of work on the heating system, we plan to have the asbestos insulation removed from heating pipes in the basement. If personal items, including skis, are left in the basement after the end of April, we can't guarantee that they'll still be there when the removal is done.

For this season's Work Weekends, we plan to have the same number, 6, as always. There will be a WW in early May. Due to the hoped-for work on the heating system, large group reservations will have a contingency on them. We hope to have a definite schedule by the beginning of May.

Let's hope that the good snow conditions prevail for a few more weeks.

Phil Brewer

Membership Report

There is one opening at this time. The Gopleruds are prospective members and will be sponsored by the McCarthys and the Sciarrettas. Jon and Jan Goplerud and their children Keith, 18, and Elise, 15, live in Lexington and have been up to the club. Please welcome them and get to know them during their application process.

Remember, when receiving reservations as host/hostess that the prospective members take priority over any guests.

Please consider any friends or relatives you know who enjoy skiing, community involvement, and who you think would be a good match for our club and talk to them about the benefits of membership in Lexski. We would love to boost membership with people we know.

Thank you,
Shari Marquis and The Membership Committee

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT VOTE