



The Lodge
of the
Lexington
Ski Club

THE YODELER

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April 2026

“If they mean to have snow, let it begin here!”

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SOCIAL CO-CHAIRS: *Gant Redmon & Bill Hilton*
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LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

May 19 th	7:30 PM	Club Business Meeting	Location TBD
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LEXSKI EVENTS

June 19	5 p.m.	June Cook out	47 Parker Ave., Lex
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alas the ski season is coming to an end! It truly has been a magnificent ski season.

Thank you so much to Gant for hosting the wine tasting, Sarah for selecting the wine and Cindy for selecting the cheeses! It was a nice escape into the city!

As we shift over to the off season, when you find yourself at the Club, please pay extra attention to things like trash, recycle, food in the fridges, door and window locks. We are working on a closing checklist so that the responsibilities are clear. If you open a window or door to the outside, please make sure you close and lock it before leaving. We have had numerous occasions during the ski season where windows are left unlocked (and even open) and doors to the motels and 2nd floor porches were left unlocked.

We seem to be missing a number of keys for the motels, it would be great if they could be returned to the Club. If you aren't planning on going up soon, please make arrangements to give them to a Work Weekend host.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting for the budget approval!

Kristen Butler (President@LexSki.org)

PRESIDENT

SOCIAL REPORT

June Picnic: June 19, 5:00 at 47 Parker Ave., Lexington MA. Thank you Eric Pearlman for hosting! Come celebrate Summer! Food grouping categories will be sent out closer to the event. Gran Fondo weekend: July 11 and 12. Come to the Lodge for a great weekend of bicycling and hiking! Thank you to Janet Westeroff and Mustafa Varoglu for helping to organize this awesome weekend!

Gant Redmon and Bill Hilton (social@lexski.org)

SOCIAL CO-CHAIRS

TREASURER REPORT

Bank Account Balances and more updates will be shared at upcoming membership meeting.

Trash & Recycling

Please continue to be mindful of our trash and recycling dumpsters. **If you are a weekend host or have bar/dinner duty I would ask that you pay extra attention to the fullness of the dumpsters.** We had a third incident recently where I was not made aware that our trash dumpster needed dumping until it was nearly overflowing. It does take a few days to get Waste Management to make a pickup. If the dumpster appears to be greater than 75% full, please reach out so I can arrange a pickup. You can e-mail me at treasurer@lexski.org or by text message at 781-535-2930.

Chris White (treasurer@lexski.org)

TREASURER

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Kevin Baker is a hard act to follow as communications director, but I'll do my best. Please feel free to contact me if you know of any items that might be of interest in the *Yodeler* and thank you for your patience as I get up to speed. Even though we've paused skiing for a few months, spring is a lovely time up in the mountains, with wildflowers and snow melting from the mountains send water rushing down to the streams below. If you can get away, enjoy!

Irene Gravina (info@lexski.org)

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Count:

We currently have 54 active families, 2 derivative members and 3 alumni families.

New Members:

A warm congratulations and welcome to the club to the Brune, LaCroix-Lepionka and Wendt-Harrison families!!!! Thank you again to the sponsors of these families for helping them through the process and submitting timely letters of recommendation.

Wait-List:

We currently do not have a wait list. We have room for 1 more family until we are at capacity again. There are three more families scheduled for the April eBoard meeting, and one inactive member coming back to active status, so it is highly likely that we will have a wait list for a few months at least until membership renewals in July.

Prospective Members

The following are the ten prospective member families in process:

- **Bennett family:** Andra, Matthew (15), Vlad (12), Madalina (7) from Lexington; Sponsors: Hardman, Forman
- **Norman family:** Anne and Chris, Mikayla (13), Adelaide (11), Claudia (9) and Benny (3) from Lexington, Sponsors: Jahnes, TBD
- **Pastel family:** Gabe and Amanda, Raea (4) and Atley (3) from Beverly. Gabe's family was a member in the early '00s. Sponsors: Curtin, Schopp

- **Sapkota-Buduri:** Archana and Arun, Aria (8) and Asha (5), from Lexington. Sponsors: TBD
- **Tocci family:** Brian and Amanda, from Somerville, MA. Sponsors: Butler, White
- **Guy family:** Marc and Emilia, Delilah (10) and Rowan (6), from Weymouth. Friends of Kmetz since college. Sponsors: Kmetz/TBD
- **Czik family:** Alex, Rebecca, and Faye(1), from Arlington, MA. Sponsors: Acosta-Filipi, Schopp

Prospective families on hold are Barnes-Furutani, Wang, and Doyle. The Wang family is coming out of hold and attending the April eBoard meeting.

⚠ Errors?

Spotted an error in the members list? Let us know at membership@lexski.org

Pablo and Ramona Filipi-Acosta membership@lexski.org

MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS

SECRETARY REPORT

At the March 17 membership meeting, the following actions took place amid snacks and camaraderie:

Motion: (Cindy Darcy/Kevin Baker) To modify the by-laws to allow two people to share a board position even if they are not married to each other. (Together they have one vote.)

58 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.

Election: The slate of nominations for offices from the nominating committee is:

President: Kristen Butler

Vice-President/Lodge Chairs: Ben Forman and Brian Kmetz (co-chairs)

Treasurer: Christopher White

Secretary: Cindy Darcy

Social: Bill Hilton and Gant Redmon (co-chairs)

Membership: Ramona Filipi and Pablo Acosta (co-chairs)

Communications: Irene Gravina

No additional nominations were made from the floor.

Motion: (Marc Garrigus/Steve Jahnes) Motion to elect the slate of nominations.

58 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.

Communications: Please do not use the club e-mail list (simplelists) to send out pictures or attachments, as these eat up a big chunk of our monthly data allowance and cost the club extra money.

Kevin Baker extends many thanks to the many hard-working folks on the board he has worked with and encourages other folks to take a turn in a board position.

Lodge: The lodge rules have been changed so that any one under of age of 16 to play darts must have their own parent or guardian also playing darts with them. There are no longer any club supplied darts for general use – bring your own or borrow darts from someone.

A reminder that all new members (less than a year of membership) are expected to serve on the Lodge Committee, which will next be meeting on March 26.

Treasurer: The off-season will start when there are not enough (20) people for meals to be served. During the off-season, hosts do not need to be at the lodge, but they do need to handle communications with the various people who will be at the lodge during the host's week. (Please do NOT ask the Treasurer who else will be at the lodge; that is a question to send to the host.)

Members should send reservations are sent to both the Treasurer and the assigned host for that week. YouTube TV will be turned off at the conclusion of the ski season. All TVs in the Club are smart TVs, you are free to log in to any personal accounts while at the Club. Bonus points to any family who forgets to logout before they leave.

Payments are due at the time you vacate the Lodge at the conclusion of your stay.

During the off-season, the dumpster is emptied on an as-needed basis, so it can go for long stints of time with everything sitting in the summer heat. Please do NOT put any diapers into the dumpster during the off-season; you can bring them to the transfer station to dispose of them (no fee; no proof of residency needed; just tell them you belong to the Lexington Ski Club). **If you see that either of the dumpsters is close to being full, please let Chris White know. (Please see Treasurer's report above.)**

The propane stove and oven is turned off for the off-season. The electric stove and oven is available for use.

If you would like to be on the Finance Committee, please let Chris White know. The first meeting will be held at a bar, and the second meeting will be via Zoom (as it is easier to share a lot of financial data this way).

Cindy Darcy, secretary@lexski.org

Secretary

LODGE CHAIRS REPORT

Last Call!

Great work filling out the lodge survey. We're up to 34 responses. If you haven't had a chance to share your ideas on how we work together to improve the club (and our club improvement efforts), it's not too late. Here's the [link](#) to the short survey.

Work Weekends

Thank you for stepping up and leading work weekends. We're in excellent shape through the fall and summer. If you're interested in leading a crew, we still need volunteers for October and November.

Large Group Weekend Reservations

Summer and fall weekends are filling up quickly. Please bring any large group (15 or more) reservations to us as soon as possible for approval so we can manage the calendar to accommodate everyone as best we can.

Club Calendar

Work Weekends

April 25 – 26 - Eran and Karen Spira

May 30-31 - Alex and Hilda Rock

June 13-14 - Christian and Carrie Ehrbar

July 18-19 - Steve & Laura Canham

August 15-16 - Gant Redmon
September 26-27 - Hosts TBD
October 24-25 - Hosts TBD
November 14-15 - Hosts TBD

Offseason Member Weekends

July 11 – 12 Gran Fondo
October 16 – 18 Large group music weekend
TBD - Fall Hiking Weekend

Large Groups

July 31 – August 3 - Launer Group

Ben Forman & Brian Kmetz, Lodge Chairs

lodgechair@lexski.org

LODGE FIRE AND SAFETY REMINDERS

EMERGENCY MEETING LOCATION

If the fire alarm sounds, everyone should quickly exit the lodge and **meet outside at the dumpsters**. This is the Fire Department's recommended spot where we can quickly take attendance and confirm no one is missing. Firefighters will ask right away if everyone is out — gathering in one place ensures we can answer confidently and keep people safe.

EXITS

Know the closest exits to your room. If the fire alarm sounds, don't automatically head for the boot room — use the nearest safe option: dorm stairs, family wing stairs, or hallway stairs. If those are blocked, emergency ladders are also available: There is one on the front porch (on the Old Colony Ski Club side) and one on the rear porch (on the parking lot side). **These ladders are for emergencies only**, but they provide a safe escape if you're trapped.

CO DETECTORS

The lodge has six **Carbon Monoxide detectors** (one in the kitchen, the bar, the basement near the furnace, and one in each hallway wing of the second floor). If a CO detector alarms, **call 911 immediately and move outside to fresh air** — unlike our fire alarm, our CO detectors don't alert the Fire Department automatically. Remember CO is invisible, odorless, and deadly! The furnace or water heaters could be malfunctioning, and firefighters have the tools to check safely. Always err on the side of caution, and rest assured there isn't a cost to have the fire department respond to confirm if everything is safe.

AED

An **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** is in the boot room. If someone is unresponsive or needs CPR, remove the AED from its cabinet, open the case, and follow the voice prompts. It gives clear, step-by-step instructions — no special training required — and can save a life.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are located near all exits. If a small fire breaks out, first call for help and dial **911** or pull the fire alarm – remember fire can spread quickly in an old building. Only attempt to use an extinguisher if you have a clear escape route. Stand 6–8 feet back, pull the pin, aim at the base of the fire, and squeeze the handle. Even if you put the fire out, make sure firefighters are still coming to check for hidden fire or smoldering items.

KITCHEN HOOD ANSUL SYSTEM

The kitchen hood has a **wet chemical fire suppression system** designed for stove, oven and vent fires. During a kitchen fire, it should activate automatically and notify the Fire Department. If it doesn't, there's a manual pull handle to the right of the kitchen sink — use it immediately to release the system.

SMOKE

If you open your bedroom door and encounter **smoke**, remember that most bedrooms have alternate exits: porches, windows, or emergency ladders may be a better option. In a real fire, always find the safest, quickest way to exit the building.

FIRST AID KIT

A **first aid kit** is in the office for bandages and basic supplies. If you notice items running low, notify the Lodge Chair or Treasurer so replacements can be ordered before we run out.

EMERGENCY EXIT MAPS

Every bedroom door has an **emergency exit map** showing the nearest two exits, along with the location of fire extinguishers, pull stations, and the AED. Review it when you arrive. If you ever find yourself trapped, call **911** immediately and give your exact room location.

FIREPLACE ASH DISPOSAL

Always dispose of ashes from the fireplace and firepit carefully. Never put ashes in the trash or dumpster and always wait until they've cooled completely. The safe place to discard ash is near the wood line behind the dumpsters — not in our backyard, not near the propane tank, and not along the fence. Once you've spread the ashes, use snow or a rake to make sure they're fully extinguished. Taking this extra step prevents accidental fires and helps keep our lodge safe.