

The Yodeler

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2008 LexSki Calendar

January 15, 2008, Monthly Membership Meeting

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

January 15, 2008, Flynn*, Forte, L., Foster, Freeberg

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

We had a great crowd over Christmas and New Year's and lots of fun as well. Willard cooked up a whole series of feasts, and Mother Nature chipped in with piles of the white stuff. And, with the help of our raucous cheering section in the dining room, the Patriots completed their 16-0 season on Saturday night: "And that's enough for another Patriots first down...!"

Think snow,
Mark

Editor's Note -- Starting this month, Lexski members will receive an email message with a hyperlink connection to the current issue of the Yodeler. Thanks to our crack IT team for this enhancement to our communications efforts. Be sure to let us know if you like it.

Lodge Committee Report

State of the Lodge. The Lodge is in good shape for the start of the season.

If the dumpster is full, please contact Darryl Rodgers (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 charge.

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.

I have reports of messy kitchen conditions at the Lodge already this season. Don't wait to clean up after you go skiing – plans change and then you end up not cleaning up. If you use the Lodge, clean up – that means even the smallest spill or crumbs. Wipe down the counter and put the dishes away. The mice are everywhere.

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

Think Snow,
Wayne Foster

Membership Committee Report, January 2008

We have one opening. The Chan family, sponsored by the Fitzgeralds and the Grants, has spent two weekends at the club with their sponsors and have also attended at least one full membership meeting, as well as having met first with the Membership Committee, and this week with the E board. As required by the By-Laws, the E Board and the Membership Committee are recommending that they be accepted for membership. If there are no doubts or disapprovals voiced in fourteen days, they will be offered membership.

Irit Tamir and John Pinsky are also in the process of fulfilling the requirements. They are being sponsored by Kristen and Dan Butler and Anne and Paul Cotran. They have two children, Jake, 8, and Ariel 4.

Ann and Gant Redmon have applied for membership. Their daughters are Hannah, 10, and Leah, 7.

A reminder to all of the weekend hosts that the prospective members take priority over all other guests for the weekends.

The Membership Committee would like to remind all sponsors that, although it is not a by-law, we strongly urge you to have your prospective members visit the club before they start the application process. The Membership Committee recommends an addition to the By-Laws which would restrict prospective members from participating in work weekends.

Respectfully submitted,
Carroll Eagles and the Membership Committee

Activities Report

Many thanks to our Holiday Party Helpers: Shari Marquis for working the crafts table. The Speare/Flynns for providing the soft drinks, and the Whites for doing the wine and beer table. We had a great turnout. A special thank-you to Santa for making a special appearance. I have a few photos and will try to get those to our webmaster in the next week or so.

You should have received an email invitation to our Sunday River day trip on January 26th. We get a significant ticket discount for a group of 20 or more. We hope this type of day trip will create an opportunity to make skiing a social activity for the club. If you would like to organize a trip for your favorite area, please do so. Most areas offer good deals for larger groups.

Next, dust off your old cross-country skis for a day trip in late February or March. I'm looking for suggestions and sites to do a cross-country trek with a stop for lunch along the way. Email me with your ideas....

On a personal note, the activities job has really been great fun and the best way to get to know club members while contributing to the club's goals. This is the fun job! If you are asked to serve in this position, don't be worried about the time commitment, it's been quite manageable and there's plenty of help when needed. I'll certainly continue to be available to lend a hand to my successor.

My best regards,
Laurel

Treasurer's Report

Office of the Treasurer: Status as of Jan. 8, 2008

Accounts	Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	0.00
TD BankNorthChecking	\$2,981.37
TD BankNorthSavings	\$36,216.39
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$39,197.76
Total Assets	\$39,197.76
Liabilities	
Bonds Outstanding	\$450.00
Total Liabilities	\$450.00
Net Inflows / Outflows	\$38,747.76

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING --

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 P.M.

