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Activities, *Paul Cotran, Johanna Couturier*

At Large, *Joe Scholl*

Ex officio, *Phil Brewer*

2013/14 LexSki Membership Meeting Calendar

Meetings of the membership are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at First Parish Church, Lexington (by the Green) at 7:30 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 responsible for set-up before and clean-up after each meeting. The supply bins are passed along to hosts at each meeting. **If you can't serve, get a sub – in advance.**

March 18, 2014: **Kourian**, Levin A, Levin C

April 8, 2014 (wine tasting), 7-9 pm: **Levin J**, Lynn M, Lynn R (14 Oakland Street, Lexington)

May 20, 2014: **Griffiths**, Mahoney, Marquis

President's Report

Finally the warmer and potentially snowier part of the ski season is upon us. Even Triple Trouble at Loon and Upper and Middle Hardscrabble at Cannon have been open the past week. Enjoy the rest of the season!

Fortunately, there is not much to report on the club over the past few weeks, as all is going well. An expeditious furnace repair saved the February vacation as previously reported, and we are now waiting for the final determination on warranty coverage from Smith Boiler. In any case, the overall cost shouldn't be prohibitive.

The new influx of prospective families is going well, and we should have upwards of six or more families becoming members over the next month or so. Congratulations for the phenomenal results of the New Member Initiative Group led by Joe Scholl and Cathy Fahy and to Shari Marquis for bringing in so many families in such a short time. Please help the new members to feel at home at our club.

Finally, I strongly urge all members to come to the March 18 Annual Meeting, as this is the meeting at which we elect next year's officers. Remember that each adult member gets a vote. There is also a small bylaw change to report the nomination slate at the January rather than the February meeting, which is no longer held, as described in an earlier e-mail. Please come, as we need a strong turnout to conduct these activities.

The following people have agreed to have their names put forward as officers for the coming year.

President: Pat Sinnott
Lodge Chair: John Rossi
Secretary: Jim Osten
Treasurer: Peter Forte
Membership: Cathy Fahy
Social Chair: Johanna Couturier
At Large: John Pinsky

Nominations are also welcome from the floor. John Yasaitis will continue on the e-board as an ex officio member, Peter Hardman has agreed to be assistant lodge chair, Joe Scholl has agreed to be assistant membership chair, and Amelia Turner-Rossi has agreed to be assistant social chair.

John Yasaitis

Social Committee Report

LexSKI April Wine and Cheese Tasting and Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday April 8, 2014, 7 to 9 p.m. (Note this is the SECOND Tuesday of April; the third Tuesday is Passover.)

WHERE: 14 Oakland Street, Lexington, MA
home of Paul Cotran and Anne Kelly

WHAT: Uber-competitive wine tasting and identification contest with prizes; sample fabulous gourmet cheeses selected by Christophe and Johanna Couturier.

WHO: Adult LexSKI members and prospectives are welcome. Our wine procurer and expert discussant will once again be Tom McCarthy, Jr.

Hosts are Levin J, Lynn M, Lynn R. Set-up is at 6 PM. We need three sturdy folding tables; if anyone has one to bring please let Paul or Johanna know.

This will be Paul's last hurrah as Social Chair. We welcome Johanna as new chair, with Amelia Turner-Rossi as assistant. Maybe it will stop raining and snowing on our parties now.

Johanna (jschickcouturier@me.com) and Paul (pehcotran@rcn.com)

Social Committee co-chairs

Membership Report

Thank you to everyone for your support during my years as Membership Chairperson. Cathy Fahy and Joe Scholl will be wonderful new Membership Chairpersons.

Three families are being offered membership. We are very excited to be welcoming them into our Lexington Ski Club community. Please join me in welcoming them.

Caren and Dan Connell and their children Quinn, 13 and Mason, 11.

Cindy and Jeff Darcy and their daughter Amy, 9.

Linda Terry and Ken Crook and their children Oliver, 20 and Hannah, 14.

Three more families have completed all of their application requirements. Here are their names and addresses. If any member has any doubt about their becoming members, please contact me within two weeks of this publication. If there are no doubts, then these three families will be offered membership.

Kate and Kevin Colburn with their children Nate, 10; Graham, 6; and Will, 5 live at 49 Forest Street in Lexington and are sponsored by the Marquis and the Sinnotts.

Kristen and Marc Garrigus with their children Zachary, 13 and Benjamin, 8 live at 2 Heard Road in Arlington and are sponsored by the Tamir-Pinskys and the Butlers.

Nani and Kevin MacDonnell with their children Andrew, 8 and Ethan, 6 live at 25 Forest Street in Lexington and are sponsored by the Yasaitis and the Vogels.

Four other families are prospective members and are going through the application process.

Nina Cotran and David Lenrow with their children Karina, 17 and Alex, 16, sponsored by the Redmons and the Yees.

David and Therese Eckford with their children Alexander, 9; William, 7; and Christian, 4, sponsored by Jean Sebell and the Martins.

Gary and Mollie Garberg and their children Clare, 20; Sarah, 17; and Noah, 15, sponsored by the Chans and the Moores.

Pam and Brent Joshi and their children Olin, 18 and Ian, 12, sponsored by the A. Levins and the Cotrans.

Thank you,

Shari Marquis and The Membership Committee

Lodge Report

Repair cost to date for February's furnace failure total is \$5,400. Labor was \$3,800, which the warranty may or may not cover, and \$1,600 for a nonwarranty part. Space heaters and the electricity to run them were additional. Some thoughts:

~ The thermometer temperature in the boot room can be set to 65°F max, but if the boot room is at 65°F, most of the rest of the club is generally considerably warmer. Consider wearing a sweater so that we can keep the thermometer closer to 60°F, which makes the bedrooms more comfortable for sleeping. In addition, the timer doesn't need to be maxed out at 12 hours continuously. If the lodge is cold, set timer for a 2-hour interval, set the thermostat to 65°F max to take the chill out, and wear a sweater. If you are the last to leave the building during the day, lower the bottom thermostat to 60°F or less and never unwind or change the timer once it is set; let it run out. Also, close the outside door so that the boot room doesn't get too cold, which turns the heat on unnecessarily.

~ Please remember that the boiler operates as a single zone. If you spend time in the TV room, main living room, kitchen, or most bedrooms and turn up thermostat, you are heating the entire building to sauna-like temps in places, burning a disproportionate amount of fuel budget to warm your favorite chair. Please think first and wear wool.

Smoke and Fire Detection System

Many members, prospective members, and guests ask what the red wires dangling in every room are. Most know it is the new system smoke and fire detection system, still incomplete after 3 years. The special task force of Jeff Moore (member/architect) and John Yasaitis (member/president) will debrief with Chip Bogosain (member/electrician) to mobilize an experienced team of members familiar with the building trade and electrical systems to work with a new electrical contractor to complete the installation of individual room devices and make this system operational by spring/summer 2014. We all have an obligation to protect each occupant in the club and the physical structure the club facility, and this life-safety system is an essential upgrade we can no longer delay.

Long-Range Facility Planning

The club (original structure built in 1890) is our single and most important asset. In fact, it is our only asset. Pat Sinnott and John Rossi are looking for members experienced in preservation planning to help explore renewable energy grants for retrofitting existing or historic structures and to participate in defining the essential phases for a sound and long-term building improvement and facility finance plan to ensure that the club will serve our community for another 50 years and celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2064.

We will be culling unclaimed skis from the basement and attic in April. If one of your skis has a foam sticker attached, please remove it to indicate that your skis are active, rather than in "long-term storage." John Rossi would like to use the unclaimed skis in various projects to accessorize the ski club—insert pegs and make a coat rack, make a sledge to haul things in from cars, what have you. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in the effort, get in touch with John.

Ski On!

Please send reports on problems and compliments to:

Pat Sinnott, LC, sinnottpj@gmail.com

John Rossi, jrossi@johnrossicompany.com

Opportunities

BODE FEST, April 5, 2014, Cannon Mountain

Olympic medalist and four-time world skiing champion Bode Miller, his family, and Cannon Mountain will host BodeFest. All event registration fees benefit The Turtle Ridge Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting innovative and progressive adaptive and youth athletic opportunities. It is a great event and a worthy cause that supports recreational athletes whose mobility may be challenged but whose spirits soar. We can all contribute and be inspired by this meaningful event.

April/May Tuckerman

The Turner/Rossi Family is gathering a contingent of winter sport adventurers for an ascent, picnic, and descent if you choose of the historic and legendary Tuckerman Ravine. Reach Amelia or John to get motivated and mobilized. NOTE: all participants do so at their own risk.

Inspiration, history, and warnings here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfIh9vvvMCw&feature=share&list=UUHBU-8Y9L4X_msEXxB_-yrA

<http://www.mountwashingtonavalanchecenter.org>

<http://timefortuckerman.com>

LexSki LAB Tuning Clinics.

Offered every Saturday night in season @ 7:30pm

Ski tuning has become an all-ages fellowship at the club, and the tuning lab has become a popular gathering place among proud tuners and eager onlookers interested in learning the handcraft of tuning skis. This is a timeless skill to keep your expensive equipment performing at its best and will likely improve your skiing as well. Besides you save from \$30 to \$60 by not outsourcing the job. Pride, satisfaction, and hand skills are taught and shared every Saturday evening or by appointment. LexSki members can purchase their own tuning tools at discount prices. See below for forms for Tognar Toolworks.

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2014

TD BankNorth Accounts:

Checking: \$ 3,814

Savings: \$ 45,307

Total \$ 49,121

Shipping Address

Billing Address

Lex Ski Club Member
(YOUR NAME)

Lexington Ski Club
Massachusetts

Order Comments: Tognar Toolworks Order (#314960) LexSki Club Member Wax Supplies

Waxing Kit for Club Members. ** NOTE: Iron is an optional item.

Your Order Contains...

| Cart Items | SKU | Qty | Item Price | Item Total |
|---|----------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Tognar Rectangular Wax Brushes (BRUSH TYPE: WHITE NYLON) | APG 713W | 1 | \$14.95 | \$14.95 |
| Tognar Rectangular Wax Brushes (BRUSH TYPE: BRASS) | APG 712 | 1 | \$19.95 | \$19.95 |
| Tognar Ski Wax Scraper - 6" | APG SKI | 1 | \$5.95 | \$5.95 |
| Toko Natural Wax Cork | TOK 2626 | 1 | \$5.95 | \$5.95 |
| Toko NF Universal Hot Wax | TOK 2006 | 1 | \$9.95 | \$9.95 |
| Toko T8 Wax Iron - 115V | TOK T8 | 1 ** This is optional | \$59.95 | \$59.95 |

Subtotal: \$116.70

Discount: (LexSki 2014) -\$26.70

Shipping: \$0.00

Grand Total \$90.00

WITHOUT WAXING IRON - Total is
\$30.00

Shipping Address

Billing Address

Lex Ski Club Member
(YOUR NAME)

Lexington Ski Club
Massachusetts
United States

Order Comments: Tognar Toolworks Order (#314958) Lex Ski Club Member Personalized Tools

Edge Tuning and base repair kit for club members with discount. Must be bought in this manner for discount.

Your Order Contains...

| Cart Items | SKU | Qty | Item Price | Item Total |
|---|------------|-----|------------|----------------|
| Brass Supertooth Brush | BM 93APB | 1 | \$1.95 | \$1.95 |
| Fibertex Scotchbrite Pads - Fine & Medium (GRIT: FINE) | SPK NPF | 1 | \$1.95 | \$1.95 |
| Fibertex Scotchbrite Pads - Fine & Medium (GRIT: MEDIUM) | SPK NPM | 1 | \$1.95 | \$1.95 |
| File Cleaning Card & Brush | SPK 500180 | 1 | \$12.95 | \$12.95 |
| Fk Brake Retainer W/Hook - Ea | MTK 3333 | 2 | \$2.50 | \$5.00 |
| P-Tex Drip Repair Candles (Colour: Clear) | SHP 187071 | 2 | \$0.50 | \$1.00 |
| Pocket Stone | SPK 200102 | 1 | \$4.95 | \$4.95 |
| Pony® 3201 Spring Clamp | ACE 3201 | 1 | \$5.95 | \$5.95 |
| SVST Pro-Edge Side Bevel Guides - Aluminum (SVST SIDE BEVEL GUIDES: 2°) | SVT PEB92 | 1 | \$27.95 | \$27.95 |
| Swix Steel Scraper (T0080) | SWX T008 | 1 | \$8.95 | \$8.95 |
| Viiala Chrome Mill Files - 6, 8,10 Inch (OPTION: 8" FILE) | SPK HC08 | 1 | \$10.95 | \$10.95 |
| Viiala Chrome Mill Files - 6, 8,10 Inch (OPTION: 10" FILE) | SPK HC10 | 1 | \$12.95 | \$12.95 |

Subtotal: \$96.50
Discount: (LexSki 2014) -\$21.50
Shipping: \$0.00
Grand Total: \$75.00

Tognar Toolworks <http://www.tognar.com/>