

# The Yodeler

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**December 2007** Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420  
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## Executive Board

President, *Mark Fitzgerald*  
Vice President, *Wayne Foster*  
Secretary, *Cathy Sinnott*  
Treasurer, *Chan Morrison*

Membership, *Carroll Eagles*  
Activities, *Laurel Freeberg*  
At Large, *Fran Miles*  
Ex officio, *Howie Vogel*

## 2007/2008 LexSki Calendar

December 18, 2007, Annual Holiday Potluck, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
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.

## 2007/2008 Host & Hostess List for Meetings

December 18, 2007, Fearnside\*, Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald, Floyd  
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

Many thanks to members of the Nominating Committee: Holly Yasaitis (chair), Pat Brewer, Barry Griffiths, Mary King, Rita McCarthy, Larry Richardson and Lisa Scholl. The Committee has a busy job over the holidays and will be putting together a proposed slate for the upcoming Club elections in March. The following positions on the Executive Board will be opening up: President, Vice President, Secretary, Activities Chair and At-large. Chan Morrison and Mary Speare have graciously agreed to continue serving as Treasurer and Communications Chair, respectively.

Our Ski Club is a wonderful asset. It has given many families the opportunity to participate in a somewhat exclusive sport and has provided easy access to one of the most beautiful locations in the country - the White Mountain National Forest. However, maintaining the Club and its varied activities is the responsibility of every member - we accepted that responsibility when we joined - and many have given their valuable time over these past forty years. The Nominating Committee will be contacting people for their input and their help, but I hope that

## **President's Report Continued –**

individuals who have not served before, or who have not served in a while, will consider stepping forward this time around. Don't wait, call someone on the Committee and volunteer.

As to skiing, it looks like Mother Nature has decided to cooperate, hasn't she? We can always use more of the white stuff, but temps have been good and there hasn't been a lot of rain (knock wood!), so the snow making has proceeded ahead of schedule. With that in mind, we'd love to see everyone make an appearance at the Holiday Party...where we can relax, catch up and swap stories, let the kids run amok and have a little holiday cheer with our friends...

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year - and think snow!

Mark

## **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

## Activities Report

### The Lexski Holiday Party is December 18th from 6:00 to 8:00!

Join the gang for our holiday party on Tuesday, December 18th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the church.

*Important: I haven't heard from Santa yet, I hope he can make the party. If you hear from him let me know...*

This is a potluck event, so each family brings a dish to share -- Families from K-Z please bring a main dish. The dish should serve 10-12. Families from A-J please bring salads, appetizers, or desserts.  
*Remember, variety is a good thing!*

Bring hot dishes hot. We have limited access to the kitchen, so heating things is not an option. Wine, beer, and soft drinks are provided by the club. Coffee crew will provide coffee service as usual but may choose to provide a dish according to last name.

**An important note to families:** We've asked Santa to make a special visit but he needs your help to make sure there is something for everyone in his bag. Bring something for your children or the club and give it to Santa's helpers at the party.

Seasons cheer to all,  
Laurel

## Treasurer's Report

### Office of the Treasurer: Status as of Dec. 8, 2007

Accounts	Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	0.00
TD BankNorthChecking	1,175.06
TD BankNorthSavings	42,100.55
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	43,275.61
Total Assets	43,275.61
Liabilities	
Other Liabilities	
Bonds Outstanding	450.00
Total Other Liabilities	450.00
Net Inflows / Outflows	42,825.61

## **Minutes of Lexington Ski Club General Membership Meeting, November 20, 2007**

President Mark Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 8 pm.

Reports:

**Chan Morrison, Treasurer**, reported that the club is doing ok financially, with no huge problems looming. We have about \$44,000 in the bank, which should get us through the year, barring disasters. He warned members not to go "too wild" with expenditures, and reminded all to fill out forms for selves and guests.

**Carroll Eagles, Membership**. Deana Chan, a prospective member, was present at the meeting. The Pinskys are pending members.

**Laurel Freeberg, Social Committee**. She is taking orders for Loon tickets until Dec. 1. After that members can still go to the group sales window and get discounted tickets if they have proof of membership. Jim Levin is working on Cannon tickets. There is a tentative plan for a group of 20+ to go to Sunday River the last Sat. in January. Please email Laurel 2 weeks in advance if you want to go on the Sunday River outing.

Laurel is looking for help with the holiday party.

Doug Grant has the names of members who are joining the Alpine Club. It will cost \$50 for the membership. Send him a check if you have signed up for it. 2 Plymouth Rd, Lexington.

**Wayne Foster, Lodge Committee**. Wayne reviewed the rules which are in the booklet and posted. He reminded all to follow through with host duties, including dinner clean-up. There was some discussion about work weekend attendance, which will be discussed further at a later date to be announced. He would like all hosts to let him know by email on Monday mornings what the Lodge needs in terms of maintenance, etc. Late cancellations should be avoided because they inconvenience everyone.

**Nominating Committee**: Seven names were picked randomly. Current eboard members and their spouses cannot serve on the nominating committee. Those chosen are: Mary King, Pat Brewer, Rita McCarthy, Holly Yasaitis, Lisa Scholl, Larry Richardson and Barry Griffiths.

The next meeting is December 18, 2007, our annual potluck holiday party.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Sinnott

## **Membership Committee Report**

We have one opening. The Chan family, sponsored by the Fitzgeralds and the Grants, are in the process of fulfilling the requirements.

An application has been received from Irit Tamir and John Pinsky. They are being sponsored by Kristen and Dan Butler and by Anne and Paul Cotran. They have two children, Jake, 8, and Ariel 4.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Eagles and the Membership Committee

HOLIDAY  
FAMILY POTLUCK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
6:00-8:00 P.M.