



The Lodge
of the
Lexington
Ski Club

THE YODELER

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June 2024



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LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

June 21, 2024 6:00 PM LexSki Cookout The Fahy's – 6 Todd Rd, Lexington

LEXSKI EVENTS

July 14, 2024 LexSki Red Sox Game vs. Royals - Sunday Game @ 1:35 PM
July 11-17, 2024 Large Group Stanford
July 19-21, 2024 Grand Fondo Savarino-Alaimo
July 26-28, 2024 Large Group Baker/McCarthy
August 16-18, 2024 Large Group Butler

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Black flies are beginning to wane in the mountains, let the season of work weekends and large groups commence! Please reach out to Christian if you can host a work weekend, as it would be great to place them on the calendar so that people can plan to meet their requirements. The website calendar has the upcoming events from the Red Sox game to Family Hiking. The annual picnic will be the last membership meeting until Octoberfest.

REMINDER: Make sure to take the tape off of your skis and poles the next time you are at the Club. In November 2024, all equipment left with tape will be repurposed for Adirondack chairs.

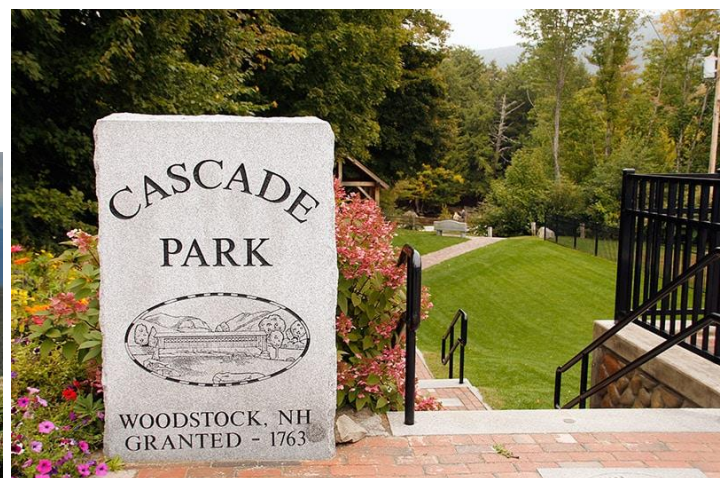
Hope to see you at the Fahy's on Friday, June 21st.

Kristen Butler (President@LexSki.org)

PRESIDENT



On Crawford Path the Hiking Season has begun.



Nearby Cascade Park is looking great for the Spring!

LODGE REPORT

Latest Work Weekend

Gant Redmon hosted a successful work weekend on June 1/2. The primary focus was installing many of those new doors you may have heard about or seen in the boot room. This should be a nice plus in the back family wing and derivative wing rooms come winter. Thanks to all who attended.

Coming Attractions

There are a few more doors left to install. We will need someone who knows how to manage all that door hanging, plumbing and fastening. Then we will need to do the finish work to trim around the doors inside the building. This will require some decent and creative finish carpentry skills given the fit of the new doors. We are also going to clean up the upper porch to get that area ready for some house wrap and new siding. There is other work to do for sure.

The key now is to identify our Work Weekend hosts. Hosts get to pick the weekend! The goal is one work weekend monthly through November.

Lodge Alerts

Room 5 shower was repaired and that room is now open. Please remember not to use the commercial stove. The residential range is available and the kitchen is otherwise open for member use. Let's keep it clean.

Work Weekend Buyouts

If you are opting to buy out of a Work Weekend, which is completely acceptable, please let Chris White (Treasurer) know by the July 1 dues payment deadline and submit your buyout payment. This will help us with our planning and budgeting.

Summer Fall Planning

A few of you have indicated you are willing to host a work weekend. Let's work on pinning down when. And if you need more info on the role, let me know. Work weekend hosts get to pick the weekend they want to host, and we aim to have approximately one work weekend monthly from now until November.

Work Weekends:

- July ?- Host TBD
- August ? – Host TBD
- September ? – Host TBD
- October ? – Host TBD
- November 8-10 – Jennifer Nichols and Gerald Gelfand



7 New exterior doors have been installed so far.

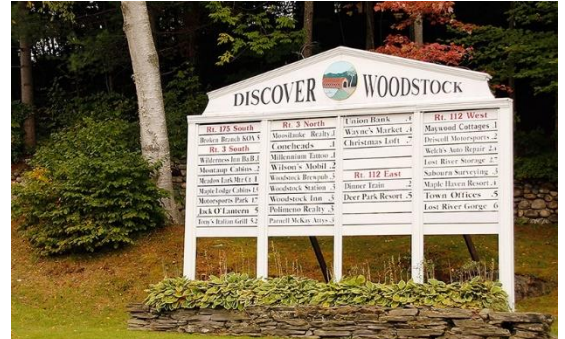
Large Group Weekends

- July 11-17 – Stanford
- July 19-21 - Grand Fondo Adventure Weekend (Bike/Golf/Hike)
- July 26-28 - Baker/McCarthy
- Aug 16-18 – Butler
- October 19-20 – Nichols/Gelfand
- Fall Hiking Weekend - TBD

If you are planning a large group visit to the club, let me know.

Christian Ehrbar (lodgechair@lexski.org)

LODGE CHAIR



Whether you come up for a day or a week. There's lots to do in the area!

SOCIAL REPORT

The June Meeting is a large social event for the club. Here are the details:

- When:** FRIDAY, June 21st 6:00p.m
- What:** June Cookout
- Where:** The Fahy's! [6 Todd Rd, Lexington
- Why:** Kick off the summer fun with a ski club family cookout!
- Bring:** We supply the grills, you supply your grillables and a side (appetizer, salad, dessert) to share ([Click Here](#) for a link to share what you'll be bringing so that we can try and minimize duplicates)
- Can I Help?** I'll be coming back from Maine (hiking Katahdin) and could use help getting the Fahy's set-up. **If you can assist with set-up, please let me know!**

Here are other events planned for the summer:

- Sunday, July 14th** **Ski Club at the Sox!**- (Red Sox vs KC, 1:35PM, Kids Run the Bases). 19 people are going, tickets have been bought!
- July 19-21st** **GRAN FONDO at the Ski Club**- Come to the club to participate in a biking event. This year organized by Mustafa and Janet!! If biking isn't your thing, I'll be organizing a hike. If you don't want to do either, just come up for the fun!

FINALIZE YOUR 48!!! If you're close to finishing summitting the 48 four thousand footers in NH, please reach out to me and let me know the ones you've got left. I think a couple of folks (Joe Scholl, Jeff Darcy) are close and it would be great if members help them complete- either by being hiking buddies, or logistical support on longer hikes. I've already heard from folks willing to help, but not from anyone that needs to finish.

IT'S THE CLUB'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR!!!! I'm trying to form a committee to organize a 60th Anniversary Celebration. Currently the Anniversary committee volunteers are: Sue Gardner and Betsy Stanford. If you're interested in making the dream a reality, please reach out to me. I definitely will need

assistance with this and could use a Special Project Lead. A heartfelt "Thank You" to Betsy Stanford and Sue Gardner for volunteering to help with the 60th Anniversary Celebration!

Also, I'm hoping to form a committee to plan/organize/assist with buying snacks/waters for the monthly meetings, theme weekends at the Lodge during ski season, and other social events locally. If you're interested in planning an event, or helping generally, please let me know!

Marc Garrigus (social@lexski.org)

SOCIAL CHAIR

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

This is the last issue of the Yodeler until the Fall! During the summer, the best way to share information with the membership is by emailing the entire membership at lexski@simplelists.com. Remember, we do have a data cap with Simple Lists, so group emails should never include photos or large attachments. Photos (i.e. lost and found, events, etc.) are better suited for the private LexSki members [Facebook Group](#). If you haven't joined the private Facebook group, let me know and I can send you an invite.

Lots of progress is being made to upgrade the website, which will be unveiled to the membership in the next few weeks. This project has two main goals: Improve marketing of our club to prospective new members and make useful information as easily accessible to our members as possible. I'm very confident that the new website will accomplish both objectives, and feedback from those who have had a sneak peek has been very positive so far.

As part of the website redesign, we will be choosing a new Lexington Ski Club logo. The club has had several variations of its logo over the years, but the design hasn't been consistent, and it needs a refresh. We have been experimenting with several potential logo designs which the E-Board will narrow down to two finalists. As soon as the two finalists are chosen, an email will be sent to the membership with a link to vote for the one you like best. The one selected by the members will then be highlighted on the website and used prominently for branding and marketing our Club.

Another important benefit of an updated website and logo is that the website will have an online store where members can purchase customized LexSki logo items. Initially, there will be just a few items, such as hats, t-shirts, hoodies, etc., but the options to expand the selection are truly endless. We are working with an online print-on-demand/drop-shipping vendor, so the club will not need to stock any items, and this program will be rolled out without any ongoing or upfront cost to the club. By next winter I'm confident that Jim Osten won't be the only member sporting a hip Lex Ski fleece in the bar!

Have a great summer and hope to see you at the Lex Ski Picnic next week!

Kevin Baker (info@lexski.org)

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please join us in welcoming the **Tubman-Reece family – Erica, Hugh, Charlie (10) and Maisie (6)** from Medford who finished the 2-week feedback period and are now members!

A quick summary of the new members from the 2023-2024 season follows. We are thrilled to welcome:

Laura and Steve Canham & two children Julian (7) and Emily (5) from Lexington
Karin Moellering and Tim Kraska & two children Paul (11) and Theo (9) from Arlington (originally Germany)
Erik Nottleson and Irina Puscasu & two children Rosalia (15) and Louisa (11) from Winchester
Fernan Rodriguez and Daniela Gissara & two children, Ben (10) and Clara (8) from Winchester (originally Argentina)
Leigh and Matt Schopp & two children Reagan (6) and Owen (4) from Winchester
Karen and Eran Spira & two children Oren (10) and Noga (7) from Waltham
Erica Tubman and Hugh Reece & two children Charlie (10) and Maisie (6) from Medford

Winchester Town Day on June 1st was a beautiful day and a lot of fun! Our booth was buzzing with activity, and we received a total of 36 leads. One family from Lexington who had already sent in their prospective application- stopped by to meet members in person. They were "next-level" excited about the club so you will surely meet them in October and hopefully a handful of others as well. Many thanks to the volunteers: **Marc Garrigus, Susan Osten, Leigh Schopp, Cathy Fahy, Susan Gardner and Kristen Butler!**

We still have several prospective members "in process," and we'll be reaching out to them toward the end of summer to confirm their continued interest. Also, our first Membership Committee meeting of the new season will be in September – hope you will consider joining us!

Caren Connell membership@lexski.org

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

SECRETARY REPORT

No Report

Cindy Darcy (secretary@lexski.org)

SECRETARY

TREASURER REPORT

As a reminder, please copy the Treasurer on any reservations submitted for off-season Club usage. Although there is not a formal host on-site guest fees remain due at the time of your departure and should be made via Venmo to the Club account.

All invoices for the upcoming season have been distributed to existing, new, and inactive members.

Please keep in mind the following:

Annual payments are due by July 1st, 2024. Any payments received prior will be held and deposited to the Club account after July 1st.

Member check is the only acceptable method of payment for annual dues. All checks should be made payable to 'The Lexington Ski Club, Inc.' and sent to the below address.

Lexington Ski Club
c/o Chris White
12 Candace Avenue
Waltham, MA 02453

Any changes in membership status are due by July 1st, 2024, as outlined in the Club by-laws.

Below are the balances of club accounts as of June 13, 2024:

Bank Accounts	
TDBankNorth Checking	5,506.01
TDBankNorth Savings	3,371.67
Capital Improvements (>\$10k)	59,674.56
Capital Improvements Donations	2,403.00
Emergency Fund (>\$35k)	43,500.00
Oper MM	<u>338.80</u>
Total TDBankNorth Savings	<u>\$109,288.03</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$114,794.04

Chris White (treasurer@lexski.org)

TREASURER