

# The Yodeler

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**November 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

November 20, 2007, Monthly Membership Meeting, New Packets Distributed  
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

November 20, 2007, Davison\*, Doctoroff, Eagles, Erbin-Grant

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 Laurel Freeberg for organizing our second Oktoberfest celebration at the opening membership meeting. Thanks as well to all the families who brought desserts and snacks and to everyone who came by - it seems that this new tradition is destined to become a Club favorite.

A hardy group led by Pete and Toni Tasker wrapped up our last Work Weekend a few days ago, and things are looking great at the Lodge. Kudos to Wayne Foster and all of the Lodge Committee for completing a typically ambitious work schedule: the kitchen and dining room have been scrubbed down, sheets have been laundered, rugs have been vacuumed, the porches have been painted - and, if my eyes don't deceive me, I think we actually have the makings of a beautiful green lawn in front of the Lodge! Hell hath frozen over...

So, check those bindings and get the skis sharpened because it says here that we're going to have a great ski season - and I can't wait to get started. Think snow.

Mark

## Office of the Treasurer: Status as of November 8, 2007

Accounts	Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BosFed Checking	0.00
Fleet Bank	0.00
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	0.00
TD BankNorthChecking	3,518.99
TD BankNorthSavings	<u>42,011.19</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	45,530.18
Total Assets	45,530.18
Liabilities	
Bonds Outstanding	900.00

**2. Financial Situation.** The Club is in good financial condition with no known large bills outstanding. Almost all of the outstanding Bonds were redeemed.

**3. Reimbursement Forms.** Please forward a copy of the Reimbursement Form with your receipts and an explanation for the expense.

### 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.

A new 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.

The membership committee would like to remind all sponsors that, although it is not a bylaw, we strongly urge you to have your prospective members visit the club before they start the application process. This has been brought up at the general meetings and is in our minutes of past meetings. Also, because of liability issues, prospective members are not allowed to work on work weekends.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Eagles and the Membership Committee

## Lodge Committee Report

**State of the Lodge.** All of the work weekends have been completed and were very successful. Thank you to all who have attended, and a special thank you to the leaders for running the weekends --

<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Leader</b>
May 5 - 6	Completed - Foster et al
June 9 - 10	Completed - McCarthy
July 21 - 22	Completed - Zimmermann/King
September 15-16	Completed - L. Forte
October 13 - 14	Completed - Scholl
November 10 - 11	Completed - Tasker

Every family is expected to complete a work weekend. If you have talked to me about specific projects, please work on those items and let me know how they are proceeding.

If you have not completed a work weekend - why not? Your name will be given to hosts during the ski season, and your reservations will be taken after all other members regardless of your priority number. If there are extenuating circumstances, you should communicate with me or with Mark Fitzgerald.

The club needs everyone participating in the work weekends. I will bring this topic up at the next membership meeting. I think we need to emphasize work weekends and potentially limit ski club usage to those members who do not complete work weekends further than the current limit on reservation numbers.

I will be presenting my top ten things to remember, along with a review of the lodge rules, at the November meeting.

Think Snow,  
Wayne Foster

Editor's Note: Two important details for the upcoming season:

1. We have several new vacuum cleaners at the Lodge. They do not use disposable bags; they have plastic cups that collect the dirt and **they must be emptied after every use**. Please be sure to do so.

2. There is a new soap system in the bathrooms: liquid soap dispensers have been distributed to sinks and showers.

## Activities Report

Remember to get your order forms and checks for Loon tickets to Laurel, and Cannon tickets to Jim Levin by December 1. The Erbin-Grant family is coordinating the Alpine Club this year, contact them by November 19th if you wish to have access to the pool next door! There will be a sign-up for Sunday River at our November meeting.

The Boston Globe Ski and Snowboard event is this weekend; see <http://www.onthesnow.com/ots/images/bewi/bostonwebpage.pdf> for details.

Reminder to mark your calendar for December 18 for our holiday party. We had some lovely entertainment last year. Please let me know if you or your child would like to perform this year.

Laurel

## **Minutes of Lexington Ski Club Membership Meeting, October 16, 2007**

Mark Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 8:05.

The meeting was preceded by a great Oktoberfest, which was enjoyed by all.

Mark and the meeting gave thanks and recognition to Laurel and Rein Freeberg for organizing the party.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chan Morrison, Treasurer. We have about \$50,000 in the bank. Seven or eight families have not yet paid annual dues. We are ok financially.

**Membership Report:** Carroll Eagles, absent. Guests were introduced Kristen Cowen Butler introduced John Pinsky; George Burnell introduced Gant Redmond; Jim Fearnside introduced Greg Sheehan.

**Lodge Report:** Wayne Foster, Lodge Chair. The club saw lots of use over the summer. It's in good shape. The furnace will be okay for the next year, but is threatening to need either replacement or major overhaul. We are cutting back on other expenditures just in case. The sprinkler needs maintenance in the spring, which will be costly. Chefs: Laurie will not be returning. She is going into real estate full time. Willard will cook for the season.

**Bill Hammer and Jim Fearnside** deserve our thanks for all the work they've done dealing with oil and furnace issues.

Jim Levin will have Cannon tickets; Laurel will have Loon ticket information (@ \$47-- \$23 off regular). Loon is very flexible and if you're skiing there, you should know that you can get discounts at the last minute. If you want discount tickets, you should pay before the November meeting. Bretton Woods has a Bold&Beautiful deal with Cannon for passes. See their web site or talk with Tom Alspaugh. Sunday River offers a discount offer for groups, but we need to plan in advance. Laurel is willing to organize Sunday River outings in Jan or Feb.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20. Go Sox!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Sinnott

COME PICK UP YOUR  
07-08 INFORMATION PACKET

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20  
8:00 P.M.