

# The Yodeler

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**April 2012** Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420  
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## Executive Board

President, *John Yasaitis*

Vice President & Lodge Chair, *Pat Sinnott*

Secretary, *Jim Osten*

Treasurer, *Peter Forte*

Membership, *Shari Marquis*

Activities, *Deanna Chan, Cotran*

At Large, *Joe Scholl*

Ex officio, *Phil Brewer*

## 2012 LexSki Calendar Host/Hostess List for Meetings

**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.

\* **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.**

**April 10, 2012: Levin A\*, Levin C, Levin J, Lynn. Annual Wine Tasting at the Cotrans.**

May 15, 2012: Osten\*, Moore, Morrison, Perlmutter. Budget Meeting

June 19, 2012: Redmon\*, Rose, Scholl, Sebell. Family Potluck Picnic, Date and location to be confirmed

## President's Report April 2012

Well, we unfortunately had a rather sudden end to the ski season with more like summer than spring skiing in mid-March this year. It was, however, an unusual year. Hopefully the next ski season will be more like last year's than this past winter.

We had a busy night this month on my first E-board meeting as President. We welcomed three new members to the E-board: Pat Sinnott as Lodge Chair, Paul Cotran as Social co-chair, and Joe Scholl At-large. Please welcome and help support them in their new roles. Peter Forte reported that the club finances are in good shape and that we have a comfortable level in our bank account to fund the completion of the new, code-compliant fire alarm system. Shari introduced prospective members Mike and Cathy Fahy who appear to be very enthusiastic downhill skiers.

The main E-board business was to review the new "definition of family" bylaw changes with Howie Vogel who led the committee that drafted them. After much discussion and some fine-tuning, we arrived at a final version which incorporates the new definition of family changes with minimal additional changes, other than those needed to be consistent with the new definition of family. A copy of the proposed bylaw changes and additional information on how our bylaws are changed are included in this edition of the Yodeler. We plan to propose and if appropriate vote on the new bylaw changes at the May membership meeting. Many thanks to Howie and his committee for a great job in preparing this proposal.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at our annual wine-tasting social where as always the most important business gets taken care of.

John Yasaitis

## **Lodge Report**

Everyone from Lex Ski has been very nice about my elevation to Lodge Chair. Thank you.

Please mark your calendars with the following **Work Weekends**: May 4-5 (Joanne and Charlie Levin); June 23-24 (Shari and John Marquis); July 21-22 (need leaders); Sept. 22-23 (need leaders); Oct. 13-14 (Lisa and Joe Scholl); Nov. 17-18 (need leaders). Please call me to volunteer as WW leaders. Thank you.

The next Lodge Committee meeting will be during the week prior to the May WW (day and location TBD)

Long-term projects for the coming year include continuing with the fire alarm project and window replacements; making progress on the siding project (contracted) in the new fiscal year; and evaluating the heating system branch hot water lines including the radiators. The committee is open to suggestions, which should be sent to me at [sinnottpj@gmail.com](mailto:sinnottpj@gmail.com).

There are currently three large groups scheduled for this coming summer - July 13 - Chan (& Butler), 32; Aug. 3 - Tasker, 50+; and Aug. 17 - Lynn, 50+.

Pat Sinnott HLC

## **Social Activities Committee Report**

### **2012 Wine Tasting Event on Tuesday, April 10, from 7-9 pm**

We are pleased to announce that our very own Tom McCarthy, Jr. will return as our wine connoisseur. He's in the process of selecting several fine wines to whet your palette.

This event will be at the home of Anne Kelly and Paul Cotran, 14 Oakland Street, in Lexington. We challenge you to our blind, wine-tasting test. Come sip the wine, make your guesses, and enjoy the evening.

Wine and cheese will be provided by the club. As usual, the monthly host families will provide dessert and coffee.

### **Annual June Potluck Family Picnic: Needs a host this year**

Have you ever been to an annual LexSki family picnic? If not, here's your chance to host it so you won't miss out! If yes, would you like to have the fun come to you?

Requirements: Set a date (and a rain date too) in early June for an evening from 6-8 pm. Open up your backyard and fire up your grill! Other members/guests will supply the rest - food, fun, and other goodies .

If you're interested or have any questions, PLEASE contact either Deanna or Paul.

Cheers,  
Deanna Chan and Paul Cotran, Social co-chairs

## **Membership Report**

Catherine and Michael Fahy with their daughters, Callie who is 15 years old and Sheena who is 4 years old, have completed all of the application requirements. The Fahy family live at 6 Todd Road in Lexington. If any member has any doubt why the Fahy family should not be accepted for membership, you must communicate with me within the next 15 days. They have been sponsored by the Redmons and the Tamir-Pinskys.

The Hardman family will meet with the E-board in May to complete their application process. They are sponsored by the Perlmutter and the Fearnside.

We are hoping Stephen and Virginia Alfano will be able to meet with the Membership Committee and E-board in the next couple of months as well. They are sponsored by Peter Forte and the Stones.

Tony and Kerry Kilbridge and their children Daniel, 17, and David, 14, are continuing through the application process. They are sponsored by the Griffiths and the Yasaitises.

Thank you.

Shari Marquis and The Membership Committee

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of March 31, 2012:  
TD BankNorth Accounts:  
Checking: \$ 1,599.98  
Savings: \$50,136.41  
Total \$51,736.39

## **Secretary's Report**

At our annual meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the membership voted in the following slate of officers of the Lexington Ski Club for the 2012-2013 term:

President: John Yasaitis  
Vice President, Lodge Chair: Pat Sinnott  
Treasurer: Peter Forte  
Secretary: Jim Osten  
Membership: Shari Marquis  
Activities: Deanna Chan and Paul Cotran  
At Large: Joe Scholl  
Ex Officio: Phil Brewer

## **NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEXINGTON SKI CLUB:**

**Pursuant to Article XII—Amendments, and Article VII—Meetings (which follow), notice of the following proposed By-Law amendments is given, to be acted on at the May 2012 membership meeting.**

### ***ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS***

*1. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that a full text of the proposed amendment, with notice that it will be acted upon, shall have been incorporated in the call for the meeting to every member with at least fifteen (15) days written notice before the meeting. However, all amendments from the floor shall be within the purview of the published proposal.*

### ***ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS***

*4. At any meeting, each voting member shall be entitled to vote and shall have one vote. Thirty voting members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those present is necessary to approve any measure put to a vote except as covered under ARTICLE X and XII.*

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These are the present and proposed By-Laws:

### ***ARTICLE III 1A – MEMBERSHIP***

#### ***Present By-Law:***

*Any family, consisting of husband and wife and all of their unmarried children under the age of eighteen (18) as of the start of the club's fiscal year, that is interested in skiing and is in residence in Lexington, Burlington, Woburn, Arlington, Waltham, Lincoln, Bedford, Belmont, Winchester, or Concord, Massachusetts, shall be eligible for membership and may attain a membership when approved in the manner designated. The residence restriction above is not a requirement for maintaining membership and is not a requirement for married children of present Club members who were once Junior Members. Once accepted as a family membership, the requirement of husband and wife is dropped. All those on the waiting list as of October 25, 1988 are eligible for family membership. Residency requirements may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee for adults who have been Junior Members of the Club and whose parents have been previous members or are current members of the Club.*

**Proposed By-Law:**

Any family that is interested in skiing shall be eligible for membership and may attain a membership when approved in the manner designated. A “family” is defined as a group of two or more people related by marriage, birth (parent-child) or adoption, who reside together. Only children under the age of eighteen (18) are included in the “family” definition. The family must be in residence in Lexington, Burlington, Woburn, Arlington, Waltham, Lincoln, Bedford, Belmont, Winchester, or Concord, Massachusetts. The residence restriction above is not a requirement for maintaining membership and is not a requirement for married children of present Club members who were once Junior Members. Residency requirements may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee for adults who have been Junior Members of the Club and whose parents have been previous members or are current members of the club. Once accepted for Family Membership, any change in family composition will not affect the classification of Family Membership. All the above requirements for membership shall be met at the time of application and continue through time of approval. [Above reference to waiting list is deleted.]

**Additional By-Laws are affected by the proposed change, and they and the suggested revisions are as follows:**

**Article III, 1 E--MEMBERSHIP**

*Present By-Laws:*

*2. Voting rights shall be available to Family Memberships and Derivative Memberships. The husband and wife of a Family Membership are each entitled to a vote if present at a meeting. A Derivative Member is entitled to a vote if present at a meeting.*

*3. A Derivative Member who marries must convert his/her membership to a Family Membership by the manner designated by the October 15th following the marriage or forfeit his/her membership in the club.*

*4. Overall limitations shall be recommended from time to time by the Executive Committee to the Club to govern the number of memberships in the Club. The overall membership limit shall not apply in the case when a Derivative Member, upon marriage, converts his/her membership to a family membership.*

**Proposed By-Laws:**

**2. Voting rights shall be available to Family Memberships and Derivative Memberships. Each adult in a Family Membership is entitled to a vote if present at a meeting. A Derivative Member is entitled to a vote if present at a meeting.**

**3. A Derivative Member who qualifies as a family must convert his/her membership to a Family Membership by the manner designated by the October 15th following the event or forfeit his/her membership in the club.**

**4. Overall limitations shall be recommended from time to time by the Executive Committee to the Club to govern the number of memberships in the Club. The overall membership limit shall not apply in the case when a Derivative Member converts his/her membership to a Family Membership.**

**8. Membership issues will be subject to the Executive Committee’s interpretation of the Membership By-Laws.**

**Article IX D—Acceptance of New Members**

*Present By-Law:*

*3. A Derivative Member who marries must convert his/her membership to a Family Membership by stating his/her desire in writing to the President or Membership Chairman prior to the October 1st following the marriage or else forfeit his membership in the club.*

**Proposed By-Law:**

**3. A Derivative Member who qualifies as a family must convert his/her membership to a Family Membership by stating his/her desire in writing to the President or Membership Chairman prior to October 15th following the event or else forfeit his/her membership in the club.**