

# The Yodeler

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**December 2006** Lexington Ski Club P.O. Box 123 Lexington, MA 02420  
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President, *Mark Fitzgerald*  
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Membership, *Carroll Eagles*  
Activities, *Laurel Freeberg*  
At Large, *Fran Miles*  
Ex officio, *Howie Vogel*

## 2006/2007 LexSki Calendar

December 12, 2006, Holiday Family Potluck – 6:00 p.m.  
January 16, 2007, Monthly Membership Meeting  
February 2007, No Meeting – school vacation

**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.

## 2006/2007 Host & Hostess List for Meetings

December 12, 2006, Scholl\*, Sciarretta, Shaughnessy, Shaughnessy  
January 16, 2007, Sinek\*, Sebell, Sinnott, Speare-Flynn

\* **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

Well, the Membership Packets have been picked up and, lo and behold, the temperature has finally fallen to where we like to see it. As I'm typing this, my handy outdoor thermometer reads just above freezing, which is a whole lot better than what it was reading last week, and I'm hoping to see it drop another five degrees or so. Now we need a few "snow events" to build up that base for some vacation week skiing...

I can't wait to see the Lodge, with all the work that has been done. We hope that folks will recall Wayne's talk at the November meeting...if you spot a problem, fix it...if you can't fix it, write it into the log...or, better yet, when you get home, e-mail a detailed description of the problem to Wayne. Our Lodge is a wonderful facility, so let's take care of it.

Finally, we should remember that there are 65 families using the Lodge over the next four months and that each one has different ways of doing things. However, once we're in New Hampshire, the rules are the rules and they apply to us all: curfews for the younger kids, no food or drink in the rooms (especially the dorms!), host families are responsible for their guests, clean your room before you leave – you know the drill. If we show our customary courtesy and use some common sense, we're sure to have another other great season at the Lexington Ski Club...

I look forward to seeing everyone up north. Think snow!

Mark

## **Lodge Committee Report**

### **State of the Lodge**

The Lodge is in good shape for the start of the season. Thanks again to all of the work weekend leaders, the project leaders and everyone who put in the effort to improve the lodge.

### **Things to Remember at the Lodge**

**Space heaters are not permitted in rooms at the lodge.**

**Thermostats** – a detailed description of the thermostats is in the membership packet which you got at the November meeting. The short story is you use the lower thermostat in the boot room to set the lodge temperature and you set the timer below the thermostat to turn on the heat for a specified period of time. Do not touch any of the other thermostats.

**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 clean 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.

**Lodge Committee Meeting** - The last meeting of the season was held on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to review what we accomplished. We will hold the next Lodge Committee meeting in March to start planning improvements. If you have recommendations for large projects, please send me an email: [wayne.foster4@comcast.net](mailto:wayne.foster4@comcast.net). I know in the spring we will need to clean and paint the front porches, both upper and lower.

Finally, from the LexSki Membership Information Packet:

*All **NEW MEMBERS** are required to serve on the Lodge Committee for their first year. If you cannot attend the meetings please communicate with me to see what areas of the lodge you can help with.*

I will determine when your year on the committee is up. I really do appreciate everyone who sits on the committee after their terms are up. Your support and help are greatly appreciated.

Think Snow,  
Wayne Foster

## **Membership Committee Report**

**Holly and Kevin Martin** with their children, Alison and Kara, have applied and are looking for one more sponsor. **Diana and Mark Swift**, who have children Lauren, 9, and Michael, 6, are being sponsored by Richard Harding and the Moore's. We have two openings.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carroll Eagles and the Membership Committee



## **A few reminders and requests for our December 12 holiday party --**

This is a POT LUCK dinner event for the whole family! Please bring ENOUGH of whatever you bring to feed 8-10 people.

Last names from A-L bring a main dish  
Last names from M-Z bring appetizers or desserts.  
Wine, beer, soda, juice will be provided by the club.

Remember your youngsters will appreciate a gift from Santa. These are hidden in Santa's bag until he arrives.

Gifts for the lodge are always appreciated. If there is something you wish the lodge had, here's your chance. Lodge gifts must be anonymous or from Santa.

Needs:

We're still looking for a Santa to deliver gifts. This has been a fun activity for some of our older teenagers in years past.

I'd like 4-5 folks to come early at 5 to help decorate and set up. I have 4 volunteers now and could use a couple more. Also, 4-5 folks to commit to stay late and help clean up.

Coffee crew has duty as usual, setting up the coffee, etc.

Also, entertainment from our talented Lexskiers would be great! Do you play piano? accordion? dance a jig?

Laurel

### **Office of the Treasurer: Status as of December 4, 2006**

Assets	Balances
Cash and Bank Accounts	
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	\$22,345.99
TD BankNorthChecking	1,001.16
TD BankNorthSavings	<u>38,554.01</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	61,901.16
Total Assets	\$61,901.16

## **Lexington Ski Club Membership Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2006**

Presiding: Mark Fitzgerald, Wayne Foster

Mark: Club is in good shape. Thank you to all the weekend leaders. Please follow the rules of the club!

Membership: Carroll Eagles reported that we need sponsors for prospective members. Jim Hardy introduced prospective member Mark Swift.

Lodge: Wayne Foster reported that the Security Alarm System is working again. Wayne will prepare a write-up to clarify what needs to be done if the compressor alarm sounds.

Treasurer: Chan: Everything is in good shape.

Social: Laurel Freeberg reported that **December 12** is the holiday party. Bring wrapped gifts for any children you may be bringing for Santa to give out. Bring food. Laurel to announce food assignments. Please volunteer to help set up/clean up.

Laurel is looking for suggestions for club activities, such as a rock-climbing event for teenagers, along with **volunteers** to help organize. Casino Night may also be on the agenda. A LexSki Olympics could be planned. If you're going up on a weekend and would be interested in planning a group activity, please contact Laurel.

**Ad hoc Committee:** Laurel reported that one meeting has been held, where they discussed how to get new members, how to deal with the bond issue, etc. The committee will report their findings.

**LexSki Club Wear:** Kathi Moore will take orders; Monday is the deadline. The apparel comes from a reputable Salem, NH distributor.

Other: Fran Miles. **Lahouts** will give us a one-weekend sale, maybe Martin Luther King weekend. They will give us a 10-15% discount. Fran will negotiate the best terms for us and let us know.

Other: Wayne Foster, our Lodge Chair, says: **PLEASE READ THE PACKET**. It has a lot of information, and also contains the rules. Remember: No Smoking. No Space Heaters. No Food in rooms or dorms.

Please follow the rules for **children's bedtimes**. Call early to cancel if you cannot fulfill your reservations. Andy will be publishing duty and reservation list on Thursdays.

Children are expected to bring in firewood, to shovel stairs, and to clean up after themselves. Please keep "R" movies restricted to later hours because of the many young children at the lodge. The rules are a good thing. Follow them.

Kids are responsible for **cleaning the dorms**. When there are a lot of guests, especially in the boys' dorm, the parents should ensure that the chores are done by putting up a sign-up sheet for the chores to be shared by the kids. Parents should check the dorm where the kids are staying before they leave to make sure the chores have been properly completed.

**Public bathrooms** in the derivative wing have not been kept up. Please remind guests to clean up those rooms. The host family must be sure that those rooms are clean.

**The hosts should remind all at dinner, including guests, about clean-up expectations.**

The **Log Book** will be in place again. If you can repair something broken, or burned out, please fix it yourself. Light bulb replacement and small items that can be fixed on the spot by members do not need to be logged as "to do's." Just do it. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Sinnott  
Secretary

HOLIDAY FAMILY POTLUCK  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12  
6:00-8:00 P.M.