

The Yodeler

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2009 LexSki Calendar/ Host Family 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 also responsible for set-up before and clean-up after each meeting. The supply bins are passed along to hosts at each meeting.

(*** please note changes since 11/08 Yodeler)

January 20, 2009, Richardson*, Redmon, Sciarretta, Scholl

March 17, 2009, Shaughnessy L*, Shaughnessy M., Sebell, Sinek

April 21, 2009, Annual Wine Tasting: Stone Jim*, Stone, Sinnott, Tasker,

May 19, 2009, Annual Budget Meeting: White*, Vogel, Yasaitis, Zimmermann,

June 16, 2009, Annual Picnic: Bogosian*, Brandon, Brewer, Forte, P.

President's Report

Well, the Lodge was in full swing over New Year's weekend. And while the early snow got washed away by some rain, the cold weather has allowed for more snowmaking, and the fresh stuff has been falling on a regular basis. Reports from up North are that the conditions were great this past weekend.

On the business side – please make sure you lock up the club when you are leaving in the morning. Some uninvited guests were found walking through the club. There is a lot of ski equipment that we don't want walking away. If you think you are the last one out or are one of the last few, Lock all the doors (there are five).

One final note - can everyone please check your reservation forms to make sure they are up-to-date. The meal rates have changed this year, and you should not be submitting forms with the old numbers on them. Thank you.

Think snow!

Wayne Foster

Lodge Committee Report

Please remember, it's a sanitizer, not a dishwasher! Our machine does not work miracles. Just like your dishwasher at home, all dishes and other items should be scraped and cleaned of food debris prior to being run through our sanitizer. The Lodge Committee is trying to figure out a consistent delivery of hot water to the sanitizer. When operating the sanitizer, you may notice that the water temp decreases after several loads of dishes have been run. This is ok! Hot water helps the dishes to dry faster, but is not necessary for effective sanitization. If the dishes don't dry on their own, a suggestion is to leave them in the rack for a few more minutes for air drying rather than putting them away wet.

Also, weekend hosts and mid-weekers: I have received several comments about the stove being left with food residue on it. Please be sure to clean the stove and all work areas before leaving.

Thanks to all for your cooperation.

Phil Brewer

Treasurer's Report

1. Office of the Treasurer: Status as of January 11, 2009

Accounts	Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
TD BankNorth Reserve Fund CD	0.00
TD BankNorth Checking	\$ 5,051.78
TD BankNorth Savings	\$41,196.18
Total, Cash and Bank Accounts	\$46,247.96

2. Reservation Forms. Please make sure that all members and guest families have separate forms. Also please use the forms with the updated meal charges. Thank you.

Membership Report

We currently have one opening. PLEASE think of friends and family who may be interested in joining the Lexington Ski Club. We would love to boost membership through current members who know people that are compatible with our community style of living at the club. We would rather not have to advertise outside of our club community.

Thank you,
Shari Marquis and The Membership Committee

Important Message from the E-Board

The Executive Board has listened to the membership's concerns regarding children's behavior, and we have responded. We have written specific expectations for families with children, and we have made a change in dinner seating when two sittings are necessary. Please review all of this information, and remember that all members are responsible for their own family's behavior AND the behavior of their guests and guests' children. Please always remind your guests of the rules and what is expected at the club.

A gentle reminder from parents to all children each time you come up is helpful -- even if you are up every weekend. This helps the children feel part of the larger ski club community and feel comfortable knowing what is expected of them when they are at the club.

During Happy Hour parents **must** check on their children frequently to assure that other members do not need to continuously police unsupervised children.

- Children should not play upstairs.
- NO child (or adult for that matter) should enter other's rooms without a personal invitation
- When going upstairs, everyone should use quiet voices and feet, as people could always be sleeping or resting at any time of the day.
- When playing downstairs, rough play, running, and jumping are not allowed.

Suggested activities to play inside the club:

Board games – Puzzles - Pretend Play – Drawing – Reading – Cards - Crafts

Activities NOT to engage in inside the club:

Wrestling – Soccer - Hide and Seek – Running – Jumping – Football

MEAL TIMES. We are going to try to avoid two sittings for dinner. We can accommodate at least 55 people at each meal. If two sittings become necessary, families with younger children will all eat together during the first seating. Hopefully this will eliminate issues concerning the lack of child supervision during the children's meal as well as during the adult meal when children are potentially left alone. This way, parents can enjoy eating with their children, offering them help as needed, while also interacting with other adults. It will also assure parents that their children are eating well. And, it will allow the children to check that their parents have cleaned up after themselves. ☺

Thank you,
The Executive Board

Activities Report

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the holiday party in December. It was wonderful to see the spirit of community that our ski club has. Folks were great about helping at the crafts table, bringing drinks, coming early to set up and staying late to make the space was spotless before we closed up for the night. The food was excellent (as usual) and it was good to see so many people. A special thanks to Santa for stopping by. I do have a serving spoon and spatula that were left behind, so let me know if you are missing one or both.

Our next activity is the Wine Tasting Party in April. If you are willing to host this meeting, please let me know. If you provide the space, we provide the party!

Photo Wall: This weekend when I was at the ski house, I noticed that our photo board in the dining room is looking a bit ragged. I will get new labels for every family, so you can replace your photo or add yours if you are new members. I believe that Joe Scholl started this photo wall, and it would be great to keep it up.

One reminder to the families that have coffee duties for the monthly meetings. The duties include both set-up and clean-up after the meeting. If you cannot stay until the end of the meeting, please find another member to take on your clean-up duties (preferably, not one of the other families who have coffee duty for that month).

Happy skiing, Donna

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
8:00 P.M.