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Welcome to Newcomers!!!

With winter approaching, the time has come to enlist even more new MLSC members. Tell your friends and co-workers all about MLSC and to come out for the activities this year. Once they have experienced the diversity throughout the year such as biking, ski trips, hikes, indoor or outdoor tennis, parties, wine & dines, progressive dinner, garden parties, pool parties, concerts, happy hours, and the like, they can't help wanting to become a member.

Monthly meetings are from **September to April**, but new members can join anytime. Activities are year round.

To join MLSC, use the Annual Membership form on our website <http://mainlineskiclub.com>.

Your membership will be good for the 2017-18 year. Read the web page and follow the instructions.



Monthly Meeting, Social and Financial Planner

Tuesday, December 12h

7:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge, KOP

In addition to the usual socializing and our annual Toys For Tots event (please bring a **NEW unwrapped toy or stuffed animal**), you can **sign up** for the tennis week in Hilton Head, SC (Check out our website.)

For our December 12th Monthly Meeting, Don Drury, our VP, has scheduled the financial planner, Jeff Mastronardo, CFP, partner with Financial Coach Group, to present a discussion on factors that mostly affect us older folks- retirement and financial planning. He plans to discuss the following:

- The DOL Fiduciary Rule.
- What it means and why you should care.
- State of the Market.
- Should you crash proof?
- Question & answer period, etc.

Note that due to insurance and liability issues, you must be a member of MLSC or EPSC-associated club to participate in ski trips. Membership for singles is \$35, couples \$45.

If you have any questions, contact our president, Ralph von dem Hagen at 610-644-6808 or vondemhagenr@msn.com.

Directions: The Crowne Plaza is located on Mall Boulevard directly across from the King of Prussia mall.

Welcome New Members

Chad Wood	Garnet Valley, PA
Sandra Pyle & John Wilusz	North Wales, PA
Don Newby	Gibbsboro, NJ
Christina Larsen	West Chester, PA
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Message from the Prez



Hi all. The seasonal transition toward cool, then perhaps to some early snow is under way. Your club has restarted Sunday afternoon indoor tennis, and it's time to sign up for Winter travel. Also, to ensure the best rates, make sure you submit your membership renewal.

It looks like we've selected a very popular venue for our Western trip. Our Vail downhill adventure was wait listed based on your reservations even before the September general meeting. The Vail Spa condos, indoor pools, hot tubs, etc. are special, but it's your skiing and the parties that will make this trip truly outstanding. At \$1895, it's also a great value.

This year's New England trip to Lake Placid from Feb. 11-15 will also be exceptional. We are staying at High Peaks Resort, a full service resort with indoor pools, etc., looking at the lake or mountains, and in walking distance to many restaurants and clubs. Cross Country skiing is at Mt. Van Hoevenberg, once an Olympic site, while downhill is at Whiteface. You can also ice skate, or try bobsledding. At \$595 this trip is very affordable. Lift tickets, cross country tickets, and the bobsledding experiences, of course, are additional. As with Vail, check out the brochure accessed from your newsletter and the website.

Of course, twice monthly happy hours continue, and the second Tuesday social and meeting has resumed. There are trips, hikes, bikes, and wine/dines – check our activity schedule.

Ralph von dem Hagen

Warmest Thanks!!!

Warmest Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Nov. 4th Annual Wine & Cheese at Valley Forge Towers Clubhouse (thanks to members Joe Joyce and Joslyn Ewart). Thanks especially to Fletcher Swanson for chairing the "Spirits" and to Ralph von dem Hagen for providing ALL of the glass wine glasses!! And to Cindy Doan, Frank Milotich, Sally Swanson, Ralph von dem Hagen, Jack Behrle, Rob Irvine, Robin and Jim Cummings, Carol Ferguson and Doug Leatherman for serving as bartenders. AND to Rosemarie Romano, Sally Swanson, Christine Robertson, Nancy Allen, Judy Alters, and Elizabeth von dem Hagen for helping to prepare the "goodies" on the food table. Also thanks to Nancy Allen, Kerwin Nailor, Judy Alters, Chris Maurer, and Howard Weisz for manning the check-in desk and taking the money!! Finally, THANK YOU to the 19 people who volunteered to bring appetizers to supplement the shrimp and cheese/crackers. You are, alas, too many to name!! And to anyone else who helped out that we didn't mention, thank you, thank you, thank you!! Seventy-six people attended and it took a LOT of folks helping out to make this event a success!!

And **special gratitude** to November's OTHER event leaders –Judy Alters for the Wine & Dine at Trattoria San Nicola on November 11th, Rich Schonwald for the Happy Hours on Nov. 16th and Nov. 29th, and Sandy Bradley for agreeing to do the Movie & Munch on Nov. 19th even though it didn't roster. You are all THE BEST!

Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council (EPSC) News and Alert

The Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council (EPSC) fall general meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Lansdale, PA. 43 attendees from 20 ski clubs were in attendance. EPSC has 38 member clubs including some from Delaware, Maryland, & New Jersey.

A strongly stressed point at the meeting was that PA residents will need a PASSPORT or a PASSPORT CARD for flights within the US after January 18, 2018. If you don't have one, you better get one.

If you want any more info on these or other ski/ride topics, look on the EPSC website, read the Snow Drifts Publication, or contact Jay & Ellen Minnicks at jayellenminnicks@verizon.net or 215-855-6405.

Wine & Dine at Tango Saturday, Dec. 2nd 6:00 Cocktails; 6:30 Dine Bryn Mawr



Join your fellow MLSC members for a wine & Dine at Tango, a restaurant located next to the train station in Bryn Mawr on Saturday, December 2nd.

Tango's menu offers contemporary American Cuisine in a comfortable setting. You can settle into our Main Dining Room in a cozy banquet, enjoy dining by the fireplace or perhaps the intimacy of a smaller room with bright French doors. Our Train Room is reminiscent of a dining car as the train whizzes by the window.

The menu features the comfortable dishes you always love and seasonal specialties with some cultural flare. Tango offers an extensive beverage menu and wine list to compliment your meal. www.tastetango.com (610) 526-9500 39 Morris Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

We'll meet at the restaurant at 6:00 for cocktails and sit down for dinner at 6:30. Hope to see you all then. If you want to come, email Chris Maurer at chrismaurer4@gmail.com NO LATER THAN Friday, **December 1st.**

We are changing Friday Happy Hours to Thursday Happy Hours. The Glenmorgan Bar & Grill does not have its happy hour on Friday. There are no 1/2 price drinks or reduced bar menu.

Many members feel the Thursday after the Tuesday Meeting would work just as well and would be easier on the pocketbook. We have felt comfortable at the Radnor Inn and would like to continue there; switching to Thursday offers the opportunity of spending \$5 - 6 per glass of wine instead of \$9 -14, and less for food at the bar.

**Thursday Happy Hour
Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan
Grill
5-7 p.m.**

December 14th



Hope to see you there!

**Last Wednesday of Month Happy Hour
Wednesday, December 27th
333 Belrose
King of Prussia Rd / Belrose Lane
Hope to see you there!**

Movie & Munch

Sun., Jan. 7th, 2018

**Approximately 4 p.m.
(depending on movie
times)**



Regal Marketplace 24 at Oaks

It's time to enjoy a movie inside and a meal after the movie with your MLSC friends. We'll be going to the Regal Marketplace Stadium 24 off Route 422 at Egypt Road, Oaks. We will then go to the

nearby Chicago Uno across Egypt Road for our Sunday supper.

We will pick the movies....when the weekend movie selections come out. We will then notify everyone by email that day so be sure to be prepared to give your email address when you reserve.

At present, we don't have a person to lead this event so check the January newsletter for reservation details. Reservations are a MUST!!

**Tuesday, January 9th
MLSC Monthly Meeting**

Thursday Happy Hour Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan Grill 5-7 p.m.	
January 11th, 2018	
Hope to see you there!	

**Wine & Dine at
Firepoint Grill**

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018

6:30 pm – cocktails at the bar

7:00 pm – seated for dinner

Newtown Square



Firepoint Grill at Newtown Square showcases an open kitchen with 100% wood-fired grill. Firepoint offers an eclectic menu filled with rich, natural flavors. Enjoy garden-fresh cocktails, seasonal craft beers and diverse wines alongside their chef-inspired menu and warm, inviting atmosphere.

Some customer comments are:

- The service was great. It was prompt. The staff was very friendly and personable – a great experience and great food!
- Great food and a fun atmosphere!
- I liked the modern urban design. The ambiance was superb and unsurpassed in the Philly suburbs.
- Nice variety on the menu and the steaks were excellent. They are very willing to tailor

preparation to specific requests. Our waiter was outstanding!

- Atmosphere was really warm and friendly. Lots of seating, good lighting, and TV's.
- Short ribs were the best ever! The Firepoint burger was delish!
- Just the right amount of food – started out with the crab and artichoke dip!!

Check out their menu online www.firepointgrill.com !

For reservations, email Judy Alters at jaa840@aol.com by Friday, January 12, 2018. Be sure you receive a return email. This is to ensure that your reservation has been received.

Firepoint Grill is located at 3739 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square; 484-428-3093. It is in the new Ellis Preserve Towne Center (where the shoppes are).

Hope you can join us!

**Activities
Planning Meeting
at Panera's**



Tuesday, Jan. 16th

7:00 p.m.

Gateway Shopping Center, Devon

We meet at Panera's in the Gateway Shopping Center (in the corner of the "L" shape of stores...) between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m., order a dinner and then we'll plan activities for April through early June and finalize March's too. Big assignment for the evening is to plan the Progressive Dinner on April 7th. We need your ideas AND hope you can come on out with us! We are generally finished by 8:15 so it isn't a late night.

Panera's is a central location and it includes a meal...so please come on out! Call Sally at 610-489-4718 or email her at shilderbrand2@verizon.net if you need directions and/or to let us know you are coming. Hope to see you there!!

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, January 19th
Possible Jazz Concert at Phila. Art Museum
Check the January newsletter for more information.

Winter Walk & Indoor "Picnic"

Sunday, Jan. 28th

11:15 a.m.

Collegeville, PA



26th to reserve. **No late reservation calls after this, please – We need to COOK and have enough food!** (Needless to say, you don't bring anything!) And make SURE you received a confirmation email from Sally to ensure your email was received. Finally, take care to dress for the weather. Limited number of spaces available so **reserve early!**

Post-holiday blahs got you down???? Looking to get rid of some Christmas calories?? Well, come out for some fresh air and exercise with MLSC!!! Weather permitting (no rain, ice, or deep snow), we will walk on the Perkiomen Trail from Arcola to Collegeville, total round-trip distance of about 4 miles, then have a winter "picnic" at Sally Hilderbrand's in Collegeville, with a TOTALLY homemade lunch – "sloppy joes", Sally's favorite homemade soup, deviled eggs, warm applesauce, and fresh-baked cookies, plus a few more goodies. Each year just about every morsel is devoured – but as someone commented, "What's not to like about the food!!" We will meet at Sally's home in Collegeville, then carpool to the trail over the new and BEAUTIFUL Arcola Bridge to begin walking. The trail is very scenic, even in winter – it's entirely in the woods and overlooks the Perkiomen Creek below.

Cost of **\$15** for the lunch for members (such a deal!!) – please bring **EXACT CASH**, \$25 for non-members. Call Sally at 610-489-4718 OR email her at shilderbrand2@verizon.net by Friday night, January

Last Wednesday of Month Happy Hour
Wednesday, January 31st, 2018
333 Belrose
King of Prussia Rd / Belrose Lane
Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, February 4th
Super Bowl Party
At the home of Anne Hayes in Media
More information in January newsletter

WE'RE GOING TO LAKE PLACID NEW YORK HIGH PEAKS RESORTS

Sunday to Thursday, FEBRUARY 11-15, 2018

Trip Leader, Linda LaChapelle

MLSC DOWNHILL AND CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS



Whiteface Mountain: host of the 1932 & 1980 Winter Olympic offers the greatest vertical drop in the East, 3,430 feet. Whiteface features 85 trails, accessed by 11 lifts including 1 gondola. 44% expert, 36% intermediate and 20% beginner, 98% of the area is covered with snowmaking. Ride the Cloud-splitter Gondola, New High Speed Quad, Gladed Areas & Terrain Park!

Mt. Van Hoevenberg: The Olympic Cross Country ski trails have delighted individuals, couples and families for over 35 years. Constant trail upgrades and world class grooming on 50 km of rolling Adirondack terrain have been the hallmark of our Olympic legacy. Skiers have always found trails fit for the Olympian inside them, no matter their ability. Ski or snowshoes, breathe in the fresh, crisp air and follow our meticulously groomed trails through the snowy woods.

Double Occupancy: \$595 **Single Occupancy** plus \$240

Deposit \$145 at signup;

Balance due December 15, 2017 \$450 **double**; \$690 **single**

Price includes round trip motor coach, Sunday lunch, driver tip, hotel with hot breakfast daily, and a group buffet dinner. Also includes snacks and beverages on bus (wine, beer, water and soda).

Lift and X-C tickets not included and are optional; details will follow.

DEPARTURE: 11:00 AM Sunday, Feb. 11th at Crowne Plaza, KOP w/ second pickup Willow Grove (if needed)

RETURN DEPARTURE: 2:30 PM Thursday, Feb. 15th

MLSC cancellation policy applies. Trip Insurance is available and advised. To reserve your spot on this trip send deposit of \$145 (check made out to MLSC) plus the Trip/Activity Reservation Form from the MLSC website Ski Trips tab **TO:** Linda LaChapelle, One Braxton Road, Rosemont, PA 19010 **Questions:** lindala410@gmail.com 610-662-1843. **No refunds unless replacement is obtained.**

The **High Peaks Resorts** is located on Main Street, in the center of the village. All rooms have a private balcony or patio, with lake or mountain views. There are two indoor pools, two whirlpools, exercise room, nightly Happy Hour and live entertainment in the Dancing Bear Lounge. Lake Placid also features Bobsledding, Luge, Ice-Skating, Olympic venues and more. Overlooking the sparkling shores of Mirror Lake in Lake Placid, and in the very heart of the shopping, dining and entertainment district on Main Street, you'll find the completely redesigned High Peaks Resort. A completely updated hotel, our casual yet sophisticated style makes us one of the most beautiful and comfortable resorts in Lake Placid. Boasting spectacular views, access to all the splendor of the Adirondack region and superior service, and ensuring all of our resort guests a visit full of fantastic memories and countless reasons to return.

Village activities and nightclubs are located within walking distance.

Shuttle with transportation to venues or Free Lake Placid Village Shuttle during the day only.

Main Line Ski Club is returning to **Vail!**

February 24th – March 3rd, 2018
Lodging at the Fabulous Vail Spa Condos!



Full Package Includes All of the Following:

Pre Party and Post Party, Wine and Cheese Reception,
Additional Mid-week Wine and Cheese Hours
Round Trip PHL to DEN non stop on American Airlines.
(Plan to Change to SW if Available)
Private Deluxe 48 Passenger Motor Coach with a one hour stop for food and liquor.
5 of 6 Day Lift Ticket Included. (65+ Deduct \$10.00).
6th Day add \$60.00. (65+ add \$50.00)
Accommodations: 2B/2B and 3B/3B Condos

Seven Nights Lodging at the Fabulous Newly Renovated Vail Spa!

A short walk to the Lions Head Gondola or one stop bus ride.

Vail Spa Amenities Include:

Indoor and Outdoor Pools, Indoor and Outdoor Hot Tubs, Steam Rooms and Sauna,
Concierge service to arrange dining, activities, or an on-site massage. Free high-speed Wi-Fi internet. Complimentary daily housekeeping. Each condo includes a full kitchen, gas fireplace and washer/dryer. Free ski locker room. 24-Hour Front Desk.

Free Baggage Handling. Free town bus stops at the front door. See:

<http://www.vailspa.com/>

Full Package Price \$1895.00

No Air Option Available: deduct \$350. No Lift Ticket Option: Deduct \$430.

Special Early Bird Sign Up Opportunity Now Thru Sept. 1st Only!!!
For just \$179.00 more get the Epic Local Pass and ski all the Vail Resorts!

See Epic pass details at: <https://www.epicpass.com/passes/epic-local-pass.aspx>

Group Leader: Fletcher Swanson: fswanson@rcn.com, 484-467-2718
Sign ups open to MLSC and Tiroler Ski Club members only until Sept. 12th then open to all new members and EPSC-associated club members.

MAIN LINE SKI CLUB - SKI TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Vail, Colorado

February 24th to March 3rd, 2018

Print Names exactly as they appear on your picture ID

Participant #1 _____ DOB _____

Cell phone # _____

Participant #2 (at same address) _____ DOB _____

Cell phone # _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Email Addresses: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Roommate request: _____

Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

The Main Line Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. All individuals that participate on this ski trip do so at their own risk. Participant assumes the inherent risks associated with this activity, which can be dangerous. Risks may include but are not limited to such occurrences as altitude sickness, illness, disease, overexertion, broken limbs and alcohol overconsumption.

By signing this document, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions, safety and welfare. By assuming all risks involved, I agree not to hold Main Line Ski Club, its Officers, its Board Members or trip leaders liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in this Club activity.

After reading, understanding, and accepting the Release of Liability, I hereby make a reservation for this trip and its activities.

Participant #1 Signature: _____ Date _____

Participant #2 Signature: _____ Date _____

Policy Regarding Cancellation

If cancellation takes place before a trip leaves, and if a replacement is not found, deposits and all payments will be forfeited. In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves and a replacement is found, deposits and payments will be refunded, less the MLSC admin fee of \$35 and any fees charged by the airline or tour provider as a result of the cancellation. All cancellations must be received in writing by the trip leader before a replacement and possible refund can be sought. Please speak to your trip leader to make sure you understand this process before you sign up. Travel insurance is strongly recommended to help you recover your costs should you need to cancel, if the trip is delayed or you have a medical emergency.

(Y or N): I want a 6th day ticket _____. I want the Epic Local Pass _____. Initial please _____

Additional Ski Trips to which MLSC members are invited to participate:

Kitzbuhel, Austria 2018 with Wilmington Ski Club January 26 to February 5, 2018

Since MLSC doesn't have a European trip this year, Wilmington Ski Club is allowing us to advertise their trip to Kitzbuhel January 26 to February 5, 2018 thus giving our members an opportunity for a great trip. The following links provide the detailed information for this trip. Either link provides the necessary information for you to sign up. Note that this information will be released to EPSC-associated ski clubs on August 15th. (Links provided in blast to members.)

[Kitzbuhel Marketing Flyer](#)
[Kitzbuhel Marketing Flyer2](#)

Tiroler's trip to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon February 3 - 10th, 2018

In continuation of our inter-cooperation with Tiroler Ski Club, we are presenting Tiroler's trip to Mt. Bachelor, February 3 - 10th, 2018. MLSC members are invited to join this trip. Early signup is encouraged. (Links provided in blast to members.)

Attachments

[2018 Mt Bachelor flier](#)
[2018 Mt Bachelor sign up form](#)

Calendar

December 2017 - January 2018

Calendar of Activities

Take a look, then MARK your CALENDARS NOW so you don't forget!!

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Ski Trips

January 26 to February 5, 2018 Kitzbuhel, Austria with Wilmington Ski Club

February 3 - 10th, 2018 Tiroler's trip to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon

February 11 - 15, 2018 MLSC Northeast Bus Trip to Lake Placid, NY

Feb. 24 - Mar. 3, 2018 MLSC Vail CO Ski Trip

Link of Interest:

www.easternpaskicouncil.org EPSC