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Welcome to Newcomers!!!

With fall leaning into winter, 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 & Ski Fashion Show



Tuesday, November 14th

7:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge, KOP

Come on out for our **FASHION SHOW** of latest ski fashions presented by *Buckman's Ski Shop*, King of Prussia. The fashion show is our **MOST POPULAR** meeting of the year -- so be sure to mark the date on your calendar. Meet **Brad Buckman**, learn about their customer appreciation ski days, their recent expansions, and you will also be able to be **"up close and personal"** to the fashions as our MLSC models walk among the tables! Come to see what you think about this year's outfits – AND also to socialize with your MLSC friends and to **sign up for your ski trips** for the year 2018 if you haven't done this already. MLSC is offering one free drink for each of our members who come to the fashion show meeting.

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

You are always guaranteed a terrific time at our monthly meetings. 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 Member

Lisa von dem Hagen
 Stephen Pagnoni
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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 or luge experiences. At \$595 this trip is very affordable. Lift tickets, cross country tickets, and the luge 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. And very important, get the annual Wine and Cheese party on November 4 onto your calendar. Enjoy our early fall.

Ralph von dem Hagen

Warmest Thanks!!!

VERY **Warmest Thanks** to Chris Maurer for doing the October 21st Wine & Dine, his very first event that was attended by 12 people who all had a blast! Thank you so much, Chris, for “stepping up to the plate!”

MUCH gratitude for the other October event leaders: Phil Harvey for once again doing the Laurel Cemetery tour on Oct. 1st, Jorie Nailor for agreeing to do the Dunwoody “Fall Stroll” on Oct. 8th, even though the weather did not cooperate, Rich Schonwald as always for the two Happy Hours on Oct. 13th and 25th, and Judy Alters for the Morris Arboretum on October 29th. Bless you all!! ☺

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.

BENEFITS:

The Snow Drifts publication is just full of information about:

- A ski club membership will get you discounted lift tickets at most mountains. Here are a few: Bolton Valley, VT; Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie, PA; Killington, VT; Pico, VT; Sugarbush, VT; Mount Snow, VT; Waterville Valley, NH; Stowe, VT; Jay Peak, VT. In most cases these discounts will pay for your club membership.
- Learn to or improve your skiing lessons for adults for \$15.00 at Spring Mount. Lift ticket included. Rental & lift ticket is \$25.00.
- Learn-to ski/ride for kids at Bear Creek.
- Winter Carnival at Breckenridge.
- Winter Expo & EPSC Auction on Sunday Nov. 5th, 2 pm -5 pm at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia. Volunteers are needed to help. At least 1 per club.
- Other EPSC club events such as:
 - Winter High XC Adventure.
 - York Ski Club trips to Maine/New Hampshire and Val d'Isere/Paris.
 - Mammoth Mountain, Ca.
 - A Meet the Mountain at the Mainland Golf Club on Oct. 19th
 - NY Finger lakes Wine Tour Oct. 27 -29

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.

Be Safe:

- Get your equipment checked & ready for the season.
- Know the Skier/Rider Code

Ken Foster is head of the Discount Lift Ticket program. There is no need for any Ski Club member to pay full price for a lift ticket at most PA and Northeastern Ski areas. Contacting him can save you big bucks.

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.



Annual Wine & Cheese Party

The Clubhouse at Valley Forge Towers
Valley Forge

Saturday, November 4th **Note DAY**

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Wine & Cheese is MLSC's BIGGEST social event of the year so you don't want to miss it!! Last year we had 83 people attend -- will we get even MORE folks this year??? We'll be having this event at the venue of the last two years -- the Clubhouse at Valley Forge Towers, Valley Forge, PA, thanks to residents Joe Joyce and Joslyn Ewart.

Meet new friends as well as renew old friendships while enjoying a fabulous buffet of delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine/beer/soda. And please note: Because we're holding this on a Saturday, there's no conflict with football.

The cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members payable at the door (please be SURE to bring EXACT CASH!!!). This is a REALLY good deal since you undoubtedly won't need to eat any dinner!! And we even give you a "sweet" at the end for a dessert!!

You don't need to pay in advance, but you DO **need to make a reservation by FRIDAY, November 3rd** to Sally Hilderbrand, via email at shilderbrand2@verizon.net or 610-489-4718. If you don't get a reply to your email, Sally didn't get it, so note this! And, reservations are an ABSOLUTE MUST!!!

DIRECTIONS to the Clubhouse at Valley Forge Towers: VF Towers is located at the Rt. 23 exit of Rt. 422. If coming from the Main Line/Center City/King of Prussia area, make a

RIGHT at the end of the Rt. 23 exit ramp. (If coming from Collegetown/Pottstown direction, make a LEFT at the end of the ramp. You then need to proceed through the light for the exit ramp for folks coming in the opposite direction.) At the next light, turn LEFT into Valley Forge Towers. The Clubhouse is on your RIGHT in a short distance. There is plenty of parking beyond the clubhouse on your left – you just may have to walk a little. (If walking is a problem, come with someone and have them drop you off at the door!)

Wine & Dine at Trattoria San Nicola



Sat., Nov. 11th

6:30 pm – meet at the bar for cocktails

7:00 pm – seated for dinner

Paoli, PA

“Where authentic Italian cuisine meets the arts”

Trattoria San Nicola is more than just a restaurant serving lunch and dinner, with an authentic Italian flair. It is an experience in the true art of “Fine Dining!” From the moment you come through the door, you enter a unique, old world environment.

Chef Vito Giannandera was raised in Bari, Italy and was educated in culinary arts to bring a little of his homeland to Pennsylvania. He opened his first Trattoria San Nicola in Berwyn in 1995 and named it for the patron saint who is the protector of his hometown of Bari. Chef Vito started his second restaurant in Paoli in 2004.

San Nicola was a real man who lived in the 4th century in Asia Minor, now Turkey. He is remembered for his holiness, zeal and miracles. No less than 21 miracles have been attributed to him! In 1807, a boatload of Italian sailors rescued the bones of San Nicola, bringing his earthly remains to Bari, Italy, where he became

the town’s patron saint. During a long famine in Bari, the fishermen prayed to San Nicola and were rewarded with a huge catch, ending the hunger in their village. San Nicola is also the patron saint of children, fishermen, sailors, travelers, single women, and robbers (with an eye to repentance).

Chef Vito invites us to enjoy his Italian cuisine! Check out the menu at www.sannicola.net.

For reservations, email Judy Alters at jaa840@aol.com. Be sure that you receive a return email to ensure that your reservation has been received. Trattoria San Nicola is located at 4 Manor Road, Paoli, just off Lancaster Avenue (behind Wendy’s); 610-695-8990. See you there!!

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Happy Hour Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan Grill 5-7 p.m.</p>	
<p>November 16th</p>	
<p>Hope to see you there!</p>	

Movie & Munch

Sunday, Nov. 19th

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.

Sandy Bradley will pick the movies (usually 2 or 3 for you to choose from) on Friday, Nov. 17th when the weekend movie selections come out. She will notify everyone by email that day so be sure to give your email address when you reserve.

To make a reservation, either email Sandy at sandyb06@msn.com OR call her at 610-265-7141. And please call her by noon on Sunday and leave a message if you need to cancel. **Do not send any emails prior to Nov. 12 due to vacation.**

Mark the date on your calendars and plan to come on out!!

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**

Thanksgiving Weekend

Nov. 23rd – 26th

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

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, November 29th

333 Belrose

King of Prussia Rd / Belrose Lane

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!

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

November - December 2017

Calendar of Activities

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

Sat., Nov. 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Party—Valley Forge Towers Clubhouse

Sat., Nov. 11th Wine & Dine at Trattoria San Nicola—Paoli

Tues., Nov. 14th MLSC General Monthly Meeting- Fashion Show—KOP

Thurs., Nov. 16th Thursday Happy Hour Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan Grill—Radnor

Sun., Nov. 19th Movie & Munch—Oaks

Thu-Sun, Nov. 23-26 Thanksgiving Weekend—No activities scheduled

Wed., Nov. 29th Last Wednesday HH of Month at 333 Belrose—Radnor

Sat., Dec. 2nd Wine & Dine at Tango—Bryn Mawr

Tues., Dec. 12th MLSC Gen. Monthly Meeting—Financial Planning—KOP

Thurs., Dec. 14th Thursday Happy Hour Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan Grill—Radnor

Wed., Dec. 27th Last Wednesday HH of Month at 333 Belrose—Radnor

ALERT FOR December General Monthly Meeting

For our December 12th 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.

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.

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