



STERLING Ski Club

Newsletter

July, 2010

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"Enthusiasts soon understand each other." - Washington Irving

IMPORTANT DATES:

Summer Meeting/Event Schedule

Langers Bike Ride	7/10
Board of Directors Meeting	7/13
July Meeting with ice cream!	7/15
Boating Trip	7/31
Board of Directors Meeting	8/12
August Summer Meeting	8/19
Milford Oyster Festival	8/21

*summer meetings are 3rd thursday of the month.

Stay Current with Important Club Events and News! Please provide us with your Email Address and Email changes immediately.

LODGE RATE SCHEDULE

OFF SEASON - 4/16 TO 11/30

Adult & Child Members	\$10/night
Guests	\$20/night
Exclusive Lodge Rental (5/1 to 10/30)	\$125/night

IN SEASON - 12/1 TO 4/15

Priority Members	\$15/night
Non-Priority Members	\$20/night
Child Members	\$12/night
Guests	\$25/night

Tennis Anyone?

Maria Hernandez has a tennis league, weekly, on Saturday mornings, at Eisenhower Park in Milford. If you are interested in playing tennis please contact Maria at zoejireh@aol.com so she can reserve court time!

July Meeting is an Ice Cream Social!!

That's right folks. Ice cream sunday social! Bring \$3 and your appetite! What a great way to cool off during the summer. Please let Deirdre know if you're coming so she can plan ahead! Her email is Dee2342@yahoo.com

Congratulations to the New Kordiak Recipient!

Congratulations to this years Kordiak recipient Lance Conklin.

A Note from the Pres

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me. Along with all the other club officers, we are very excited about this coming year. I would like to thank all that attended the last meeting and brought an appetizer to share. As usual, there was more food than we could consume.

The club is participating in the **Milford Oyster Festival on Saturday, August 21st on the Milford Green from 10 am - 6 pm.** this year. This event draws 50,000 people and it will give us the opportunity to get the word out there about everything Sterling has to offer. We plan to base our booth on the VT Theme and plan on selling VT maple syrup and VT Cheese and juice boxes for kids. We are currently working with the Milford Health Dept. for the guidelines in selling these products. We are also talking to some places up in VT to see if they can help us out a little as we will also be selling their product. If anyone has any ideas or contacts

for us it would be appreciated. We plan to market ourselves primarily as a ski club, but also an all-seasons sports club along with a bicycle, kayak, golf clubs, etc. We are looking for a Chairperson(s) for this event. Most of the leg work has been done already, it would be nice to get someone to take charge and co-ordinate a group of volunteers to man the booth. There will be plenty of help from myself, and Kathy Shannon, VP And fellow Sterlingites. I would also like you to "save the date" for the **Annual Lobster Cookout for Saturday, August 28th**. It will be held at Jackson Cove on Lake Zoar in Oxford. This park is located on 27 acres consisting of a shaded pavilion, hiking trails, grassy area, childrens playground, sandy beach with a roped-off swimming area (w/lifeguard on duty) along with a raft you can swim out to. Feel free to bring your canoes, kayaks, or wave-runners. If you would like to launch your powerboat, it can be done for free at the State ramp in Southbury. Again, we are looking for a Chairperson(s) for this event, and then we will have more information.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you at the next summer meeting on July 15th at 7:30 pm.
Diane Weaver

Summer Activites

Deirdre Kachala is the Summer Activities Chairperson. If you have any suggestions for summer activities that you want to add to the calendar please contact her at dee2342@yahoo.com

Summer Golf League

Peggy Reavely is in charge of the weekly Golf League at Orange Hills. The tee times are as follows:

Monday's - 2:15 and 4:45pm

Tuesday's - 5:30 and 7pm

Please email Peggy at peggy@snnet.net for a tee time.

Weekly Summer Bike Rides

The weekly summer rides began on June 23rd. The rides usually start at 6:30pm and last for about an hour and a half. After the ride we sometime's go to a local pizza place or have a BBQ. If the hosts have a BBQ back at their house everyone chips in approximately \$5-\$6 depending on the cost of what

is being served. This is always a great time and a good way to get exercise and tone-up during the summer months. Deirdre will be passing around a sign up sheet at Thursday meetings. You can also contact her at Dee2342@yahoo.com and sign up that way or just to gather more details.

Boating Event on July 31

Captain Bill Szturma has picked the date for our annual Sterling Boat Day. On July 31th our flotilla will depart from the Stratford Boat Dock at 8am for a day of wind and water on Long Island Sound. (Sunday August 1 will be the rain date). The fleet will cross the mighty Sound heading to Port Jefferson's infamous "Pit". Those with clam rakes will spend the morning searching for the succulent morsels of the Sea. Then it is swim, sun, hike the dunes, eat, drink and be merry. Capt Joe Greene will have the frozen drink machine on-board. Be prepared for water fights, water skiing, tubing, jet skis - anything is possible. And, if that is not enough, when we get back to the CT shore, it could be dancing at Captains Cove or drinking at EEYC. If you are interested in going, contact one of the usual captains to get a seat for this great day of fun in the sun. Some of the usual captains include: Bill & Sharon, Joe & Connie, Bob & Diane, Ed Seeber, Rick & Peg, Chip Stetson and Sandy Madden, Rick Allred/Cheryl Pepe, Dierdre & Billy, Maria & Ted

STERLING SKI CLUB GROUP ON FACEBOOK.COM

Several members have asked if we have a **Sterling Ski Club Group on Facebook.com**. The answer is yes. Just go on Facebook (open an account if you don't have one) and then in the search box enter SterlingSkiClub with no spaces between the words and join the group and start sharing pictures, stories, blogging, etc. Anyone can join, they don't have to be Sterling members, so your friends can get in on the fun.

OUR VERMONT LODGES

One of the best benefits of being a Sterling Ski Club member is our Vermont Lodges. Open year-round, they offer an abundance of recreational opportunities. With the beautiful Fall season rapidly

approaching, what a wonderful way to enjoy the foliage season, hiking, touring, road and mountain biking, golfing (and disc golf), canoeing, kayaking, horseback riding, or just plain relaxing in beautiful settings. Most of the resorts offer Lift rides, zip line rides, etc. so you can easily access the mountains for views, hiking, and mountain biking. Also, many of the resorts offer concerts and other activities, check the web sites of the resorts for lists of activities and schedules. Just imagine sitting in front of a crackling fire on a crisp autumn night in Vermont with a hot chocolate (or beverage of your choice) in your hand. Make your reservations soon!

LOW OFF-SEASON RATES: During the Spring, Summer, and Fall, the Club offers special **LOW RATES** for use of the Lodges. \$10/night per person for members and \$20/night for guests. A special group rate is also available where a member may rent an entire Lodge for \$125/night (non-refundable and Sterling Member must be present). So if you are planning a family reunion or other special group event, consider exclusively renting one of our Lodges.

Accommodations: The Glen Ellen Lodge sleeps 20 and the Brattleboro Lodge sleeps 33. Both have fully equipped kitchens, fireplaces, and that special comfortable Sterling feel. Contact a reservationist for details.

**STERLING SKI CLUB LODGE
RESERVATIONS PAYMENTS VIA PAYPAL**

See end of Newsletter for details.

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL EVENTS

As CSC members we enjoy many benefits. Make sure you are getting all the benefits. Check out the CSC Web Site at www.skiclub.com and also the CSC Awareness Days and other Resort Discounts.

Langers Bike Ride and Picnic

REMINDER FOR RIDE/PICNIC, SAT JULY 10:

Just a reminder that the bike/picnic is coming up, the RSVP date is this Thurs, 7/8. Please call (203) 268-6066 or email aljo20@optonline.net

We will have an easy to follow map for a shorter ride probably around 8 miles for those that might want to do that. Long, hilly ride will leave at 1:30 sharp.

We are supplying hamburgers & hotdogs, (need total number by end of Thursday!)

*Remember to:
Bring Your Own Beverages, Bring either an appetizer, side dish or dessert, Chair*

Rain Date-Sunday, July 11-we'll keep you posted, NOAA is predicting likely rain/thunder showers (60%chance) for Sat so we will have to watch this

2010 SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND BIKE RIDES

If you have any new ideas for summer activities or would like to schedule a Wednesday night bike ride please contact Deirdre Kachala at Dee2342@yahoo.com. **Don't be shy**...we need volunteers to host rides! Below is a list of activities that will keep you busy throughout the summer months.

- **Golf** - Every Monday & Tuesday. Contact Peggy Reavely for details at peggypu@yahoo.com.
- **Tennis** on Saturday mornings - Contact Maria Hernandez for details at zoejireh@aol.com.
- **Bromley Mountain** has a variety of summer activities at their Sun Mountain Adventure Park. i.e. zip lining (or as they call it The Sun Mountain Flyer), The Big Splash (water slide), Alpine Slide; 24 foot climbing wall, Mini Golf and much more. Fun for the whole family. Check out their website at: www.bromley.com/attractions/intro
- **Saturday, July 10th - Langer Bike Ride/Picnic** - Ride begins at 1:30 p.m. Picnic begins at 4 p.m. Please BOYB and an appetizer/side dish or dessert. RSVP to (203)268-6066. Joe & Althea's address is 20 Diary Lane, Easton, CT.

Simple Calendar of Events Summer 2010

Recurring Events:

Regular Meetings, Third Thursdays of the month at 7:30PM at the Sterling Community Center unless otherwise communicated.
Board of Directors Meetings Monthly, at 7:30PM at the Sterling Community Center, see calendar for specific dates.

July	13	Board of Directors Meeting
	15	Regular Meeting
	TBD	LOBSTER COOKOUT
August	12	Board of Directors Meeting
	19	Regular Meeting

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Board of Directors

Cal Smith
President- Diane Weaver
Past President- Dennis Demchak
Vice President- Kathy Shannon
Treasurer- Karen Desautelle
Recording Secretary- Debbie Danaher
Corresponding Secretary- Kristen Cable
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Jim Alimena
Cal Smith
Tom Velky
Debbie Danaher
Glenn Madden
Blase Lutheran
Diana Pils - First Year Member

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Welcoming Committee - Pat Kelly
Membership - Jim Alimena
Sunshine - Connie Greene
Racing Chairman - Michael Misencik (203) 261-8234.
Historian - open
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Lodge Chairmen

Brattleboro- Karen Desautelle
Glen Ellen - R.T. McKenzie - (203) 878-2132

lodge.brattleboro@sterlingskiclub.org
lodge.glenellen@sterlingskiclub.org

Lodge Reservationists

Members should try to make reservations at the meetings. *Please no calls before 9am or after 9pm. As a courtesy to Clarissa and Blake, please do not stop by their homes unannounced or uninvited.*

Brattleboro - Blake Conant - (203) 877-4130
Glen Ellen - Clarissa Alimena - (203)452-9663

brattleboro@sterlingskiclub.org
glenellen@sterlingskiclub.org

CT Ski Council Reps

Todd Lutheran
Mike Colonese

tmlutheran@sbcglobal.net
bean53@optonline.net

Meeting Schedule

Meetings

Regular weekly meetings are held Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Sterling House Community Center, 2283 Main Street, Stratford. (Unless otherwise specified)

Board of Directors Meetings

Monthly at 7:00pm, check club calendar for specific dates. Meetings are held at Sterling House. Any member can attend.

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all information to Lance Conklin at newsletter@sterlingskiclub.org by the 27th of each month (no exceptions).

Membership - If you change your email address, mail address or phone number, contact Jim Alimena, or mail your change to Sterling Ski Club, Attn: Membership, c/o Sterling House Community Center, 2283 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615-5991. Directories are available at the meetings.



c/o Sterling House Community Center
2283 Main Street
Stratford, CT 06615-5991

Join Sterling Ski Club and save 30% to 50% on Ski Lift Tickets!

STERLING SKI CLUB LODGE RESERVATIONS PAYMENTS VIA PAYPAL

As most of you are aware, lodge reservations are officially "booked" only after payment is received, i.e. you can't "hold" a reservation pending payment - the space is not reserved until you've paid for it. The accepted forms of payment up until now have been:

- Cash or check, paid in person at a Thursday night meeting.
- Cash or check mailed to the reservationist.
- Credit from a previously canceled reservation applied to a new reservation.

For your convenience we are adding a new form: electronic payment via *PayPal*.

There are both advantages and disadvantages to making payments via *PayPal*, but we hope most members will find the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Advantages

You can make payments at any time from anywhere that you have internet access, and they "bind" your reservation (**subject to confirmation by the reservationist**) at the time the payment is made.

You can use your credit or debit card, or fund the payment directly from your bank account.

Disadvantages

There will be a small *PayPal* processing fee added to the payment. For example, if the reservation cost is say, \$100, then you will have to make a \$103.30 payment to *PayPal*. (Note the processing fee will typically be about 3%, but actually includes a fixed per-transaction fee plus a percentage of the total amount paid - your reservationist will tell you the exact amount required.)

Payments made through *PayPal* will not be refundable for any reason except for those rare cases in which the reservation is bumped. If cancellation of a reservation is made in a timely manner, as defined by the current lodge rules, the net amount of any *PayPal* payment for the canceled reservation will be credited to the member making the *PayPal* payment. The credited amount may be applied to any other reservation made by that member in the same fiscal year, but if it is not used during that time it will revert to the club treasury.

How it Works

1. Contact the lodge reservationist by any acceptable means and provide the information for your desired reservation.
2. The reservationist will confirm that space is available, and quote the cost for the reservation. Both the "net" cost (what the club must receive) and the *PayPal* cost (what you must pay if you choose to use *PayPal*) will be quoted.
3. Make your payment in any form listed above, including via *PayPal*, and the reservation will be booked. (See below for details on making *PayPal* payments.) If the space is still available, you will receive a confirmation of the booking and the combination to the lodge door lock.

Note that if another reservation was made and paid for prior to your payment, and that reservation eliminates the space you requested, your reservation will not be booked, and you will be notified of the conflict. If the payment was made via *PayPal*, your payment will not be refunded, but will be credited to you for use during the current fiscal year, as described above.

How to use *PayPal*

How to use *PayPal*

1. Use your internet browser (*Internet Explorer*, *Netscape*, *Firefox*, etc.) to navigate to <https://www.paypal.com> and then click on the "Send Money" tab.

2. Fill in the "To:" field with either book (Be sure to book the appropriate lodge that you are applying your payment for so that the funds go into the correct lodge account):

book.brattleboro@sterlingskiclub.org or

book.glenellen@sterlingskiclub.org

3. Fill in the "From:" field with your email address (use one listed in the Sterling membership database).
4. Fill in the "Amount:" field with the *PayPal* cost the reservationist quoted you.
5. Select "Service/Other" in the "For:?" field.
6. Click on "Continue" and follow the directions. Add a comment to the payment describing the reservation(s) to which the funds should be applied, i.e. who will be staying and on which nights.

PayPal will charge your credit/debit card or withdraw the funds from your bank account (as you specify), transfer them into the appropriate lodge account, and (when that transaction is successfully completed) send the reservationist an email, including your comments along with the date and time of your payment.

Further Information

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following:

Brattleboro Reservations: brattleboro@sterlingskiclub.org

Glen Ellen Reservations: glenellen@sterlingskiclub.org

Website Administrator: admin@sterlingskiclub.org

The PayPal accounts are set up, and you may begin using them immediately.