



What A Great Season It Was!

Thank you all for a great ski and ride season! What with winning the On Snow Winter Carnival, placing second in the Monday Night Racing, three successful bus trips, a fantastic fund raising Sup Stew & Chili Night, and perhaps the best attended Open House ever, this truly was a winter for the ages. So many people came out in support of our Club, including many new faces, that I am continually reminded what great friendships can be formed here. I would like to thank all the individuals who made my life as your president easier. I do not think it would be appropriate here to mention all the individuals by name for fear that Joel and Doreen will get mad at me for taking up too much space, plus I would still miss many. But, of course, our Club is still very busy over the summer. Monday night biking has already started and the golf league is gearing up. I look forward to staying in touch and seeing you over the summer.

Robert A. "Rusty" Cushman
President

NSC's Summer Picnic - July 13th



Bring a dish to share, bathing suit and towel, heated pool. BYOB

For more information contact Ted Rogala 860-621-0264

Sponsored Bike Rides

In addition to our NSC scheduled bike rides, the following businesses are sponsoring Thursday night rides.

Biker's Edge

Thursday nights 6:00 p.m.

Meet at Walgreen's parking lot on Route 6 & Jerome Avenue in Bristol, CT. A, B & C rides ranging from 25 to 40 miles. For information contact Biker's Edge at (860) 582-7770.

Suburban Sports

Thursday nights 6:00 p.m.

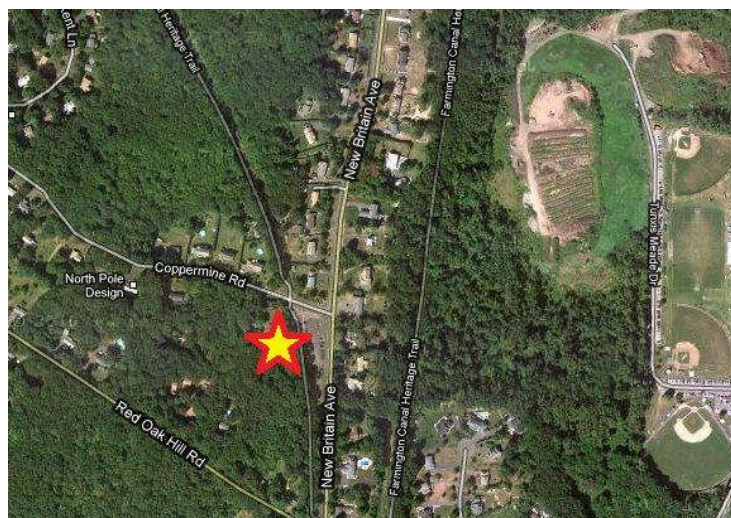
Join the staff of Suburban Sports as we lead a leisurely recreational ride from Farmington to Simsbury and possibly beyond. We are hoping this ride will be a weekly occurrence leading up to a more challenging weekly ride from the shop.

Our goal is to average 12-14 mph. We intend to ride North on the greenway for an hour then turn around to return. We hope to achieve a total distance of 24 - 28 miles.

For more info on the Farmington Valley Rail Trail <http://www.fvgreenway.org/pages/default.asp>

Starting Location is at the parking lot at the corner of Coppermine Road and New Britain Ave (see below) in Farmington.

Ride will kick off promptly at 6pm!





NSC Bike Ride – Schedule

Schedule subject to change - check NSC website for updates.
Rides leave promptly by 6:00 p.m.
Important: Sign-In before leaving and Sign-Out when Returning

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDERS

5/16: NSC Ride

Host John and Fran Paturel (860-628-9131)
53 Mariondale Dr, Plantsville
Directions: 84 to Marion Ave. Exit. Take a right on Marion Ave to right onto Mt. Vernon Road and immediate left on Roseanna Rd. 1st right onto Lagana Avenue 2nd left onto Mariondale Dr.
Picnic to follow. Bring a dish to share.

5/23: Group Ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Host: Bruce Laroche (860-604-5882)
Westfield Shopping Center, Meriden
Directions: 84 West to 691 East, exit 5. Take a left off the exit ramp entering shopping center entrance across the street from Target. Ride starts at first lot on the left.

5/30: NO RIDE - MEMORIAL DAY

6/6: NSC Ride

Hosts: Paul Smedley and Michelle Rioux
Avon Farmington - Start at rail trail parking lot on Thompson Rd., Avon.
Directions: Rt 4 Farmington-West right onto Town Farm Road to end. Left onto Old Farms Road. Next left onto Thompson Rd. Lot is on the left after rail trail. Short ride is on flat rail trail for beginners.
Picnic to follow: Bring a dish to share. 56 Kingsbridge, Avon.
From lot left onto Thompson right onto West Avon Rd. 3rd left onto Kingsbridge. Bring bathing suit/towels - hot tub.

6/13: Group Ride to Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Host: Deane Young (860-647-8884)
141 Center St, Manchester
Directions: Rt 84 east to Rt. 384 East, exit 3. Bear right off the exit ramp and go straight through downtown. AT the top of the hill, take a left onto Center St. House is on the right.
Gourmet Picnic to follow: Bring a chair. Picnic Rain or Shine.

6/20: TBD - If you are interested in hosting a ride, contact our ride coordinators.

6/27: Group Ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Hosts: Trish and Steve Mallow (860-693-9181)
Simsbury
Directions: Rt. 84 to exit 39, Farmington Center. Take right onto Rt. 10 North. Take left at first light onto Old Farms Rd. Meet at Fisher Meadows and park on your right. Pizza to follow.

7/4: NO RIDE- INDEPENDENCE DAY

7/11: NSC Ride

Hosts: Joel and Doreen Witkiewicz (860-582-0480)
Unionville - Bike trail lot Rt. 4
Directions: Rt 84 to Rt 4 West. Parking lot is on the right - after you go over the bridge of the Farmington River past Unionville Center.
Picnic to follow at 161 Carriage Road, Bristol.

7/18: NSC Ride

Host: Paul Yuskales
211 Fern Hill Road, Bristol
Directions: Rt 6 West - right onto Mix Street at Staples. At light go straight - Mix St become Maple St. Turn left onto Nelson's Farms Rd. Turn left onto Fern Hill Rd. House is on the right.
Picnic to follow.

7/25: Jim Mays Memorial Ride - Group Ride with Mt. Laurel

Host: Neal Fischer
Bloomfield
Directions: I-91 exit 35B, Rt 218W, go through 3 lights, 3rd blinking, turn right on Blue Hills Ave (Rt. 187), at 2nd light turn left onto Park Ave, go past Bloomfield High School, cross RR tracks and turn into NE Plaza on right.
Pizza to follow at Park Ave Pizza

8/1: NSC Ride

Hosts: Mike Kalleberg and Maryann Kelly (860-841-7651)
Wethersfield School Building
Directions: From SOUTH: Take 5 & 15 Berlin Tpk North to Ct-175 ramp towards Wethersfield. Turn right onto CT-175-Wells Rd. Turn right onto Willow St. School is on the right.
From NORTH: Take 5 & 15 Berlin Tpk South to Ct-175-Wells Rd. ramp towards Wethersfield. Turn right onto Willow St., school is on the right.

8/8: NSC Ride

Host: Joe Machowski (860-502-2500)
1122 Burnside Ave, East Hartford
Directions: From Hartford, take 84 East to exit 60. Turn left at end of exit which is Burnside Ave. Go approx 1 mile turn right into Buettner Florist.

8/15: Group Ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Host: George Lape (860-693-1866)
Talcott Plaza Farmington
Directions: Rt 84 to Exit 39. At light turn right onto Farmington Ave. At 4th light turn left into Talcott Plaza.
Meet in the back of the lot.

8/22: Group Ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Hosts: Clyde Proch and Scott Farrar (860-568-2656)
994 Forbes St, East Hartford
Directions: 84E to exit 58. Right to Silver Lane, left onto Silver Lane to Forbes St. Right onto Forbes St.
Picnic to follow: Bring a dish to share.

8/29: Group Ride with Mt. Laurel and Meriden Ski Clubs

Hosts: Ron Kapraszewski and Lisa Day
33 Village Gate Dr., Southington
84 or 691 exit 4. Take a right if Westbound, take a left if eastbound on 322. Take right at 1st traffic light onto Meriden Ave. Take first right onto Village Gate Dr.
Picnic to follow: Bring a dish to share. Pool - bring bathing suits/towel.

RIDE COORDINATORS: Ron Kapraszewski 860-621-6382 / kapra@cox.net or Lisa Day 860-628-7395 / LD09@hotmail.com

All rides are marked and maps and emergency numbers are provided. Routes vary with usually a short, medium and long route. Rides usually begin at 6 p.m., but try to arrive early to be ready as some riders start earlier. Usually pizza or a picnic is arranged for after the ride, which a cost set by the hosts.



Thank You to . . .

Newington Ski Club, and the past Louks Award recipients.



We are honored to have been awarded the 2011 Louks Award.

Doreen & Joel Witkiewicz

Thank you also to Bruce Laroche for coordinating the Tuckerman Ravine Hike/Ski and the March of Dimes walk. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to . . .

Bob and Kristine Kaczmarczyk on their new business endeavor "Avon Country Deli" located in Riverdale Farms in Avon. May they have many years of success. Now open for business, stop in for breakfast or lunch Mon - Fri 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sat. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Us for A Bike Ride Over The Summer!!



March of Dimes Walk – Recap

On April 30th our club was represented by a group of approximately 12 individuals at the March of Dimes Walk for Babies in the New Britain location. It was a bright clear day and the turnout was impressive going by the "on line" sign up we had (I will be working with them to make this easier in the future). This is the charity the club has participated in the longest and we have over the years donated over \$100,000 to this very worthy cause in helping Babies survive premature delivery and along with helping problem pregnancies of the future Mom.

Thanks to all who helped in this endeavor and I especially thank the MOD donation and those individuals who walked.

Bruce Laroche

Tuckerman Ravine Hike/Ski – Recap

On April 16th a fun group of us traveled into the White Mountains to hike and/or ski Tuckerman Ravine. Some got a chance to hike and some skied (for a change, weather was improved from our previous tries).



The conditions were slightly frozen but it was as clear as a bell so it was an awesome experience. We were able to ski down completely to the parking lot!!!

Bruce Laroche



Golf League – Schedule

16 Weeks @ 4:15 p.m. at Goodwin Golf Course

May 5 - 12: Pick Teams - 2 Weeks of Practice
 May 19 - June 16: Round 1 - 5 Weeks of Match Play
 June 23: Position Night
 June 30 - July 28: Round 2 - 5 Weeks of Match Play
 August 4: Position Night
 August 11: Playoff/Field Day Round 1
 August 18: Playoff/Field Day Round 2

Schedule to be pushed up for rainouts
 Field Day may be played as a one day tournament

Payment Schedule

1st half payment of \$130 due by May 5, 2011
 2nd half payment of \$130 due by June 23, 2011

Make checks payable to:

Carol Vojtila
 P.O. Box 157
 Plainville, CT 06062-0157

Dinner Reservations: Goodwin Café

If any one is interested in being on the sub list, contact Carol Vojtila. She will need your name/phone # and a 9 hole handicap (or two 9 hold scorecards) for a course equivalent to Goodwin.

For Information Contact: Carol at 860-727-6722

Bloomin Metric Bike Ride

When: May 22, 2011

Where: Darien, CT

Start Time: 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. (all routes)

Distances: 25 miles - 75 kilometers - 100 kilometers

Registration: \$27 by 5/1; \$35 by 5/18. \$15 under 16

Non Refundable checks payable to:

Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club

For more information contact: Carol Sweeney 860-563-6178

This is the issues of “The Blizzard” for the 2010-2011 ski season. There will be one issue of “The Sandstorm” (our summer version of The Blizzard) sometime in July.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER

We will make every effort to add missed names as soon as we are notified. If you know someone who is not getting **THE BLIZZARD** and should be, or if anyone has any news, or event information to be included in **THE BLIZZARD**, please let us know. Send all NSC Newsletter communications to:

nscnewsletter@gmail.com



Mc Costis Scholarship Fund Raffle Update

Pete Noyes Scholarship

The Raffle was held March 19th, 2011 at Killarney’s In Ludlow, Vermont...Thanks to everyone that supported the raffle and especially all those that were present for the drawing.

We were able to raise \$ 1415.00 from the raffle and \$729.00 was allocated towards Pete’s scholarship. We did bring a couple of the raffle prizes home to Connecticut. I’m glad the quilt stayed in Connecticut.

The winners from the raffle were:

Handmade quilt made from Batiks by Joan Noyes
 Nancy Humlicek

Table Runner made by Ruthanne Howgate
 Claude Marie Barthelmes

\$15.00 Gift Certificate Sweet Surrender Bakery
 Leigh Griswold

\$25.00 Gift Certificate Brewfest
 Nancy Humlicek

\$10.00 Gift Certificate Wine & Cheese Depot
 Donna Cahill

\$10.00 Gift Certificate Wine & Cheese Depot
 Lorraine Hughes

\$10.00 Gift Certificate Wine & Cheese Depot
 Nancy Lever

The recipient for Pete the past two years went to Rainy Hill. She’s a junior in high school, and just turned 17, yet she competes against college students that are in their 20s. She has made it to the nationals for J2’s, making her the top 15 girls in the East. Academically she’s doing excellent. Hopefully she will get a college scholarship because of her skiing. She’s a great kid...Many of the kids that participated in the scholarship program are doing very well. Maybe someday we will see someone in the Olympics

You can check out the website with the latest updates <http://mccostisscholarshipfund.blogspot.com/2011/02peter-noyes-ski-scholarship>.

Thanks again for your support, it is very much appreciated

Joan Noyes