

Maryland 'Indoor' Club

With 3 indoor events in the month of December, you'd think we are more like a "Maryland Indoor Club" than an outdoor one. But, with the group being as small as it is right now, and it getting downright cold outside, we figured we'd get the best turn out from members at indoor events over the 2002-2003 winter. So, in the month of December, we had a music event, Social Hour, and indoor ice skating - all for about \$15 or less per person!

Jammin' Java & Live Music

Organized by Skip Daly

On Wednesday, December 4th, the night before the first big snow fell of the season, a couple of members headed South of the Border (to Virginia) for some live music and socializing at Jammin' Java in Vienna.

Todd Sheaffer, of Railroad Earth, put on an hour and a half long set of solo/acoustic guitar music, just after Matthew Kahler put together a 45-minute set of solo/acoustic guitar/bongo music. Todd's folky music reminded me a bit of Dylan + The Jayhawks, but he



December 4th live music in Vienna, VA was organized by Skip Daly. December 14th indoor ice skating was organized by Mark Zawodny. Photos: Amy Pickwick

certainly had his own style.

Jammin' Java is a great little place to watch some live music - they've got a great menu, with food selections, coffee, and beer. The sound in the place was surprisingly good.

Indoor Ice Skating

Organized by Mark Zawodny

On Saturday, December 14th, we had a decent turn out for our first annual ice skating event. Out of the 9 of us, I think maybe 2 really knew what they were doing, the rest of us picked it up as we went. The biggest fear, at first, was that someone was going to fall. But, none of us newbies fell, and the more laps we did, the better we got; the further away from the wall and the greater our speed. After about an hour and a half of skating, our legs felt like Jell-O, so we called it a night.

Remember, if you miss an event, you can always read about it later in our online event archive! There you'll find silly information, random photos, and attendance lists!

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-Amy Pickwick



News You Can Use

Social Hour is Moving!

You wanted it - you got it! We've now made our monthly Social Hour event more accessible to both our Baltimore and DC area members by locating it just 3 miles West of I-95 in Columbia, MD! Rocky Run Tap & Grill is where we'll be meeting up at 7:15 PM on January 14th.

At last month's Social Hour, some of our members participated in a holiday gift exchange, where the gifts varied from a cocktail shaker, to a candle lamp, to Hickory Farms & Campbell's soup packs (yum!)

Don't forget - at our January Social Hour, we'll also be announcing the poll results from our January Tuesday Night Movies poll, found in the member area of our web site.

Go to January's Movie Night FREE

There is still time to sign up and pay for January's Tuesday Night Movies event before or on January 13th to be automatically entered to win a full refund of your ticket price for the January 28th event! Only one winner will be randomly selected. And, remember no refund requests will be honored beyond January 13th, except for the winner!

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December Contest Winners!

1) For the month of December, the MOC member (excluding officers) that showed up to the most MOC sponsored events won a new MOC T-shirt!

Winner's Circle: Out of our tied winners, both mutually agreed that Dawn Ibbott would take home the prize. There will not be a random drawing at Social Hour to determine the winner. To see what the t-shirt prize looks like in person, stop by our January Social Hour event where the prize will be handed over!

2) For the month of December, the MOC member (excluding officers) who referred the most new members to the club wins a sticker of their choice from our online store.

Winner's Circle: There was a tie for this contest. But, in this contest, there was no tie breaker. Skip Daly, Leerin Shields, and Laura Mason will all win a sticker of their choice from our online store! For stickers, and so much more, check out our online store today.

www.cafeshops.com/mdoutdoor

Upcoming Events

Fri, Jan 10 @ 8 PM

Red, White, & White Night
Residential Location TBA
College Park, MD



Tue, Jan 14 @ 7:15 PM

Social Hour
Rocky Run Tap & Grill
Columbia, MD



Fri, Jan 24 @ 9 PM

Games, Grub, and Good Times!
Dave & Buster's
Bethesda, MD

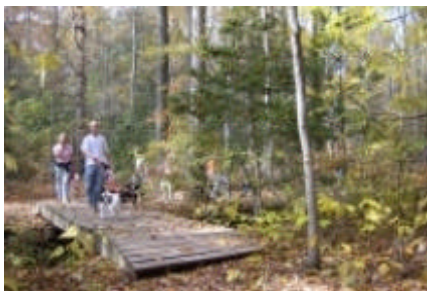


Tue, Jan 28 @ 8 PM

Tuesday Night Movies
Muvico, Arundel Mills Mall
Hanover, MD

Sun, Feb 2 @ 10 AM

Easy Loop Day Hike
Cedarville State Forest
Waldorf, MD



For more info on upcoming events, please visit the "Events" tab on our web site.

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What's Your Resolution?

Most of us have them, those little promises that we make to ourselves when the clock rolls over at midnight to start the New Year. Some of the most common resolutions include:

- + Eat Better/Get in Shape
- + Quit a Habit (Smoking)
- + Save Money/Better Finances
- + Make More Money
- + Increase Productivity
- + Relax More
- + Get More Sleep
- + Go Back to School
- + Learn Something New
- + Smile More/Be More Polite
- + Make New Friends
- + Be Happy
- + Get Organized

So, what exactly can we do to increase our chances of actually keeping the commitment?

- Don't Try Everything at Once (Limit to one or two goals for the year).
- Word Your Resolution Carefully (Make it something you want to do, not a "must do" so you are more likely to follow through with it).
- Make a Plan (Research, then pick techniques best for you, and try a new technique each month until you find one you like).
- Write it Down (Stick reminders in places where you will see them).

Organize an Event

It's simple, fun to do, and gives you great leadership experience that you can use on your resume.

There is a step-by-step guide to help members pull off a successful and safe event in the Member's Area of the web site. Reach this page by logging into the Member's Area from any page on the MOC web site, then continuing to the "Organizer Info" link on the left.

If it sounds like something for you, please let us know.

events@marylandoutdoorclub.org

What's New in MD?

Maybe you have or haven't heard about some of the new and exciting additions coming to Maryland in the near future. Either way, here are some of the true rumors about what's coming soon:

Bahama Breeze

A Bahama Breeze restaurant is under construction in Towson, MD currently - scheduled to open July 2003. They have the best Caribbean food you can get, for it being a chain, and their drink menu is packed with tons of drinks to make you feel like you are in the Bahamas!

www.bahamabreeze.com

Medieval Times

Experience the adventure and romance of the Middle Ages in a new 1,000 occupancy dinner theater. You'll dine on a four-course feast, while surrounded by the pageantry of the 11th century. Coming Spring 2003 to Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover, MD.

www.medievaltimes.com

IKEA

Another IKEA is opening in Maryland, this time its in College Park, just off of the DC Beltway, about 1/8 mile North on Rt. 1. It's set to open in the Spring of 2003.

www.ikea.com

And, Recently Here...

Discovery Channel Ducks

Go on an 80-minute expedition on both land and water all in the same vehicle! Discover untold secrets of Charm City aboard a WWII DUKW. You'll go from Fells Point to Federal Hill, Constellation to Camden Yards! It's a great way to learn more about Baltimore, at any age.

www.baltimoreducks.com



January 2003

January Birthdays!

Some of our members are turning another year older! The MOC wishes them all a happy and safe birthday!

1/1 Kristy Goode
1/1 Innova Tion
1/3 Laura Mason
1/9 Don Lee
1/10 Lizette Ayala
1/10 Jim Maas
1/11 Robin Shelton
1/12 Jeff Newsome
1/13 Jessica Gottlieb
1/14 Johnny Jones
1/17 Camille B
1/17 Kelly Poma
1/19 Marc Laibson
1/22 Andrew Yarrish

Happy New Year!

2002 turned out to be a pretty successful year for the Maryland Outdoor Club, as we gained nearly 150 members in our first 6 months of existence, and held a couple of events each month to get everyone into the swing of things. Turn out never really seemed to be too much of an issue with us being so new.

We look forward to spending more time with one another in 2003 with a more varied event list, both type of event- and location-wise. We wish all of our members a very safe and Happy New Year filled with lots of new friendships, time to relax and to have fun.

Tip of the Month

Instead of waiting until the summer arrives to plan your 2003 summer/fall vacation, why not plan it now?

Start by researching popular online travel web sites, skim through Budget Travel's monthly magazine, or just plan for the idea of a vacation until you decide where to go at the last minute.

Next, plan the details of the vacation, including how much you want to spend on food, fun, shopping, tipping, etc. and determine what the full cost of your vacation is (be generous). Open up a savings account just for your vacation fund and direct deposit a percentage of your paycheck each month. Do not get an ATM or Debit Card for this account!

Then, when summer rolls around, drain the account for cash/traveler's checks, and have a great vacation!

More \$ tips found on www.fool.com.

Monthly Statistics

As of January 1st:

158 - Total Members To Date
24 - December New Members
56% - Female Members
44% - Male Members
31.9 - Average Member Age

Ads & Classifieds

Advertise in the Monthly Explorer
Does your business want to advertise in the Monthly Explorer? Reach hundreds of potential customers each month with a free ad - in exchange for bartered items/goods. Contact us for details.

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Place a Monthly Explorer Classified
Classifieds can only be placed by MOC members. With classified space you can sell single item goods (depreciated merchandise) or place notices. Classifieds are \$5.00 per 25 words or less. The MOC has the right to refuse or edit any classified. Send your classified, and amount due to Maryland Outdoor Club, ATTN: Monthly Explorer Publication, P.O. Box 854, College Park, MD 20741.

Deadline: the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

Monthly Explorer

Submit reviews of events, articles, tips, etc. to the Newsletter Editor 30 days in advance of the next issue release (1st of each month). We'll review your work, and ad it to the newsletter if we feel it appropriate. You'll be given credit for the work although it becomes property of the club.

Write for the Monthly Explorer on an ongoing basis. Contact us for details.
explorer@marylandoutdoorclub.org

Get the Monthly Explorer Delivered

The MOC hands out a limited number of Monthly Explorer publications at our monthly Social Hour events, as well as posts an electronic copy to our web site. However, if you prefer to receive our publication by mail, please fill out the following form, cut it out, and return it to Maryland Outdoor Club, ATTN: Monthly Explorer Publication, P.O. Box 854, College Park, MD 20741 with \$6.00 (Payable to Mark Zawodny) to cover S&H for a year.

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Positions Open:

Vice President

Event Coordinator

Social Coordinator

Advertising & Promotions Coordinator

Safety & Equipment Rental Coordinator

Legal Coordinator

Preservation Coordinator

Newsletter Editor

Interested in a position? Please contact Amy by e-mail or come to Social Hour and talk with Amy directly. The duties are defined and we can show you what responsibilities you'll take on by becoming an officer. It's fun and is great on your resume!

Join the MOC

The Maryland Outdoor Club conducts all administrative tasks through our web site to cut down on processing time & costs. If you are interested in signing up for membership, you need to go to marylandoutdoorclub.org and click on any of the "Join Now" buttons you'll find throughout the site. Signing up is a relatively short process and will save you time later on when you sign up for events and don't need to re-enter all of your information.

The MOC does not sell or share your personal information with any third-party.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!!!

Save a Tree

If you are done with this issue, please consider throwing it in your paper recycle bin instead of into a trash can.

Contact Newsletter Editor

We are looking for a Newsletter Editor! Do you have Adobe PageMaker experience/software, editorial and writing experience, organizational skills, meet deadlines, and are looking for something fun and creative to do in your spare time? Please contact Amy if interested!

Until the position is filled, I'll continue to try my best...

All comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome.

-Amy Pickwick
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