



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski Club

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Wayne C. MacMath
President

Now that you've had a chance to rest your legs from last years tremendous ski season and work on your tan, it's time to think about next year's schedule. The Bucks Mount Ski Club sincerely hopes you have a great summer whether it be hiking, golfing, traveling or curling up with a good book.

This might be the time to go through your ski equipment and think about replacing those old boards, or poles, or boots. This is also a great time for ski tuning. The prices are usually low in the summer. Sometimes you can get a good deal on last year's equipment.

The Club's trip director has been working extremely hard to get all our trips in order for the upcoming season. We are sure you will like the exciting line up presented later in the letter.

Please remember to exercise vigorously for 20 minutes at least 3 times a week. Your level of fitness helps to determine the amount of fun you experience on the slopes.

Have a great summer!

Hike the Water Gap

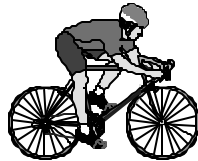


Join the Club on a hike to the Delaware Water Gap on Saturday October 19th (rain date Sunday October 20th). A caravan of cars will leave the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills at 8:00 am. Wear hiking boots or something similar, dress in layers, bring a lunch, and something to drink (i.e., WATER). Call Barb Zurlo if you are interested at (215) 860-8363.



Our 29th Year

Bike Ride



Dust off those bikes, and join the club on a bike ride along the canal from Rocky Hill (outside of Princeton), NJ to Griggstown on Saturday September 13th (rain date Sunday September 14th). A caravan of cars will leave the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills at 8:00 am. Call Karl Flesch at (215) 493-0676 if you are interested in

Treasurer's Report

The Bucks Mount Ski Club enjoyed another successful season during 1996-97, even though we suffered our first net loss (\$53) in six seasons. The loss was caused by two unusual events: our 1996 banquet was held near the end of our accounting year and therefore in order to close our books, the cost and income from that event was carried on the books in this fiscal year with a loss of \$386; the one time purchase of club pins and shirts for \$1,196, with \$540 worth of shirts sold to date. When the remaining inventory of shirts are sold (See SALE elsewhere in the news letter), income will be recognized in future accounting periods.

All trips were well planned and very well attended. The Trip Director continues to work extremely hard planning, budgeting and properly pricing these trips for your enjoyment. The President worked with the "powder gods" to provide excellent ski conditions. Thanks for the memories and all those Kodak® moments!

1997/1998 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

September 24	Pizza & Beer Night
October 8	More Wine, Less Cheese Night
October 22	Death By Chocolate Night
November 5	Fondue Night
November 12	Meet at Langhorne Ski Shop
November 19	Dessert Night
December 10	Cookie Night
January 7	Pizza & Beer Night
January 28	Ice Cream Night
February 11	Hoagie Night
February 25	Hor d'Oeuvres Night
March 18	Hot Dog Night

Meetings start at 8:30 pm at the Jesse Soby American Legion Post
Richardson & Bellevue Avenues, Langhorne, PA
Members and non-members are all welcome to attend.

The MacMath Family

Meet the MacMaths, the Bucks Mount Ski Club's first family of skiers. Wayne MacMath (President) and his wife Maureen (Vice President and Trip Coordinator) are two of the reasons that make the club so successful and special today. Their unending dedication and perfection can be seen in all of the club's meetings, ski trips, and social events. Their two children Rachel (age 15) and Lauren (age 12) are always lending a helping hand and can be found helping on the club's weekend bus trips.



Rachel, Lauren, Wayne and Maureen MacMath

Maureen joined the club with a friend when she was in college. The club was around 2 years old, and meetings had just been moved to the American Legion from the Ridge Crest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Skiers would meet on Sundays at the Blue Fountain Diner on Route 1 and then carpool to Timberhill, which had only t-bars. "It was before they groomed t-bar lift lines. They were usually a frightening washboard of dips. Fifty percent was a good rate of successful arrival at the top." In those early days, the club's overnight trips were dormitory style, with 4 people staying in a room, split by guys and girls. Dinners were spaghetti, family style.

Maureen's first big ski trip was to Wildcat and Attitash in New Hampshire (Sunday River was a sleepy, family area). There she claims she had great difficulty getting down the mountain, since she didn't quite know how to turn or stop. She remembers many bruises from skiing icy trails.

Maureen met Wayne while they were both teaching in Willingboro, NJ. Maureen got Wayne to join the club, and she taught Wayne how to ski. She

remembers the day she realized he had passed her in skiing ability. Shortly after that, he broke his leg.

Today, Wayne teaches physical education in Willingboro. Maureen is an elementary substitute teacher at Lauren's school in Philadelphia. Her involvement with the Club is a full time job, and leaves little time for teaching. Wayne coaches as many of the girl's teams as Maureen will allow. Rachel was a gymnast for years and now plays tennis, soccer, and track. Lauren plays soccer, basketball and softball.

Rachel was born in January. That April, Wayne and Maureen "drove to Colorado" with one other friend and their 10 month old baby while the silent grand parents thought they were a little too fanatical about skiing. Maureen got to ski in the morning while Rachel was asleep. Then she would take charge so Wayne could have his turn skiing.

Rachel's first experience on a mountain was at Lionshead at Vail. Maureen went for a long walk to see the fancy houses with the baby in her stroller. She took a wrong turn and realized the only way to get back to the room before dark and a snowfall came was to drag the stroller across the "way home trail" with hundreds of skiers heading straight down.

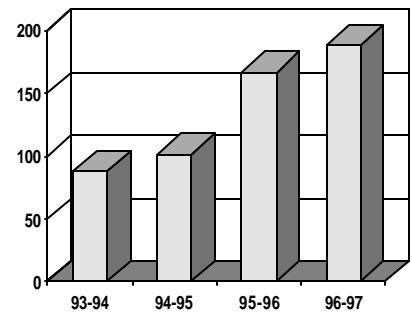
Lauren was due in July. Maureen was (continued on page 4)
(The MacMath Family)

Membership

Don't forget your membership renewal.

- \$15.00 single renewal
- \$20.00 single new membership
- \$25.00 family renewal
- \$35.00 family new membership

Fill out the enclosed membership form and make your check payable to the Bucks Mount Ski Club. Mail to: Vern Shaw, Treasurer, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053.



Please help us to reach our goal of 200 members by signing up a new member today. Each new member gets a free Bucks Mount Ski Club pin.

Trenton Thunder Game



On June 18th, 45 members watched the Trenton Thunder beat the Reading Phillies 8 to 4 while enjoying "all you can eat" hamburgers, hot dogs and beer in the picnic area. The thunder clouds held off until the game ended. We plan on returning again next season.

Officers for the 1997-1998 Season

President-----	Wayne MacMath-----	(215) 624-7751
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Overnight Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips include lift tickets, transportation on a lavatory equipped bus, videos and refreshments on the bus, driver tip, lodging, meals, and a box dinner on the return trip home. All weekend trips will depart at 5:00 pm from the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills Shopping Center. Most accommodations can be priced for double, triple or quad occupancy. Please indicate your choice on the waiver form when you sign up.

Children 18 years or younger may qualify for rate reductions when staying with their parents. Agreements with lodges vary, so check with Maureen to see what is most beneficial to your family.

PLEASE NOTE that you must be a member to go on overnight ski trips and you must fill out a waiver form with your initial deposit. If you make the required 50% deposit 60 days in advance of the trip, you may take a \$10 discount off of the total cost of each weekend trip. Balance is due 2 weeks prior to departure.

OKEMO/STRATTON, VT **January 9 - 12**

\$394 Double \$364 Triple \$354 Quad

Trudy Dostal is ready to welcome us again to her Austrian style lodge. We have always enjoyed her exceptional meals and warm hospitality. We will relax in the inviting lounge/bar areas or make use of the hot tub, indoor pool, Ping-Pong or pool tables. We are planning 2 days skiing at Okemo (rated #1 snow quality) and 1 day at

TIGNES, FRANCE **January 16 - 25**

\$1,545 Single \$1,365 Double \$1,290 Triple \$1,255 Quad

This year the Bucks Mount Ski Club is offering a trip to Tignes, France in January. This is the club's first European ski trip and it promises to be a wonderful trip with a guarantee of plenty of snow covering all 25,000 acres spread across 6 valleys. The trip will be led by Karl Flesch, who has skied the resort 5 out of the past 6 years.

MOUNT SNOW, VT **January 30 - February 1**

\$295 Double \$270 Triple

Staying at a bed and breakfast style mountain inn. Ideally located at the base of Mount Snow. Charming decor, short walk to lifts and entertainment, cozy lounges and game room with fireside BYOB bar. Meals to be remembered. Free night time entertainment shuttle. Ski Mount Snow and Haystack on your 2 day lift ticket.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME & ATTITASH OR WILDCAT, NH **February 13 - 17**

\$368 Double \$360 Triple \$348 Quad

Known for their excellent snow making and grooming, we are back again to this perennial favorite. Spacious Town and Country Motor Inn. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. Ski 2 days at Sunday River. If conditions are right, on Monday the bus will drop people off at Wildcat and Attitash, to give you a choice.

SUGARBUSH/STOWE, VT **March 6 - 9**

\$379 Double \$344 Triple \$327 Quad

For the first time, staying at the Holiday Inn in Waterbury, VT. Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and bar. Ride to the new Sugarbush North and South for 2 days and Stowe for 1 day.

BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE, CO **April 9 - 17**

\$889 Adults \$556 Children utilizing sofa bed

Breckenridge/Keystone - Includes 6 day multi area lift ticket this year, airfare to Denver, van for the week (5 per vehicle), 8 nights lodging (ski-in/ski-out). Two properties this year to fit your needs (both with hot tubs). One condo style, 2 bed room lofts; the other a 7 bedroom private home. Call Maureen ASAP.

Day Ski Trips

HUNTER MT, NY **February 6**

\$63 Per Person

In the mid-Atlantic area Hunter holds the reputation for the best snow quality and state of the art lifts. Price includes bus, lift ticket, juice, Danish and snacks.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA **February 27**

\$55 Per Person

The bus was full last year for the annual favorite. PA's best. Enjoy uncrowded slopes. Price includes bus, lift ticket, juice, Danish and snacks.

Discount Lift Tickets

Discount lift tickets are available for Blue Mountain; Jack Frost and Big Boulder; and Montage. Save \$10 or more. The tickets can be purchased instantly from Carol Evans at any of our meetings. The tickets are for weekdays (they can be upgraded for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 1997/98 ski season.

Free Lift Tickets

A prize of one free lift ticket to each of the three people who bring in the most new members by December 31st. Let us know which trip you want to use the prize on and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

Aspen Alert

Maureen has \$50 vouchers good on United for those whose flights were canceled. A refund for the book value of \$20 each way has been applied for also. Hopefully, this will be in cash, so the Club can reimburse you. At this time the vouchers are not good on bulk or international fare. If you would like it mailed to you immediately, call Maureen. Otherwise the Club will hold them until we get an answer on the appeal that they be useable on bulk airfare.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

able to ski until February using all kinds of borrowed ski clothes from other members as she slowly gained pounds. When Lauren was 9 months old, Maureen put her in a Snugli for the Easter sunrise service at Stowe. Lauren felt right at home and fell asleep while her mom skied. It was officially their first time skiing as a family. Both girls began to ski seriously at the age of 4.

Maureen and Wayne have a lot of fun helping people plan their ski vacations. "It is a lot of work, but for a positive rewarding experience." Room arrangements can be particularly challenging. Maureen claims she knows if you snore or if you are an early bird and get up at 5:30 am to shower. "Being able to socialize on the bus beats driving in the car any day." She says the camaraderie that develops from going with the Club adds to the enjoyment of skiing. Skiers from different backgrounds, ages, and occupations willingly show up for Wayne's "death march!"

Annual Banquet



Bucks Mount's annual banquet was held on May 31st at the Cock n' Bull Restaurant. In all 28 people attended and enjoyed a great meal, plus participated in the solving of the murder mystery. Thanks to Ellen Chauncey for once again arranging a

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(Treasurer's Report)

The success of the Club depends on the support of its membership. The past season again saw an increase in membership from 167 to 186. The increase was evident from the number of people making early reservations for all the ski trips and attendance at Club meetings.

The Social Committee provided us with fine cuisine at every meeting, in keeping with our slogan, "No Meeting Without Eating." A special thanks goes to our Editor of the newsletter and his "staff" for the upgrade and professional looking

Christmas Party



Mark your calendar now for Saturday December 13th. Judy Lott has offered to hold it again at her house. More detail will be announced at the meetings.

Pool Party



The annual pool party was held on Saturday July 27th. Over 50 members were in attendance enjoying the perfect weather; having a refreshing swim; eating wonderful salads, picnic food, and dessert; and talking about skiing. Thanks to our gracious hosts Mary and Vern Shaw; to Chuck Mitchell and Dick Hagan, who were the cooks on the grill; and to all who brought their delicious recipes.

Help The Needy



Thanks to all the members for last years donations (filling 3 large boxes) which were given to the Salvation Army on Appletree Drive in Levittown. This year we are again collecting non perishable food, personal hygiene products and paper products. There will be a container at every meeting for your donations. A volunteer is needed this year to store and deliver the items donated at the meetings.

publication that keeps us informed of coming events and trips.

As always, the Club's financial records are open for inspection by any members of the Club. The records are maintained by the Treasurer. If any member wishes to examine these records, please make an appointment with the Treasurer. Allow eight to ten hours to properly review the records and please bring your own lunch and proper identification. Computer knowledge is a necessity.

Vern Shaw, Treasurer

Snow Flakes...

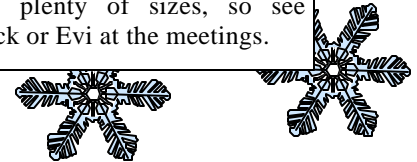
Congratulations to the following on their engagements:

Patty Polk and Spud McHugh
Kathy Lott and Steve Woltman
Michael Mattie and Lisa Schweiss

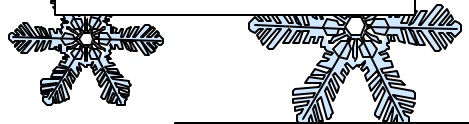


SALE! SALE! SALE!

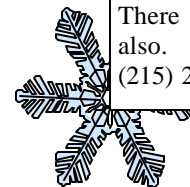
T-shirts with the Bucks Mount Ski Club logo are on sale, for \$7 (they were originally \$9). We have plenty of sizes, so see Chuck or Evi at the meetings.



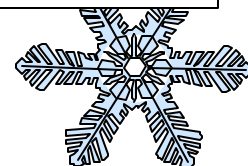
Does **Helen Lewis** ski with a target on her back? We found out too late for the last newsletter that somebody collided with her at Aspen and she injured her knee. Not



Free beginner lessons at Spring Mountain given by ASIA starting Mondays in January. Lift ticket is \$12. There is a **racing clinic** also. Call Bill Neville at (215) 256-9733.



National Ski Expo at Plymouth Meeting Mall, Friday - Sunday October 24-26. Ski swap, Warren Miller films and ski information.



On Board!

I am not really writing this because it's corny adult humor. I am actually sitting here watching my mom take notes and try to figure out what I'm talking about. Trust me. She has no clue.

She's just a wannabe, like everyone else on the bus who is asking these questions that they could easily answer for themselves if they just had the guts to try it. I realize most of you are pretty old, so I won't hold anything against you. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

1. How come you see more snowboarders sitting on their butts than actually riding?

First of all, they are working a lot harder than all of you cruisers. The reason they're usually sitting instead of standing is because it is a lot more comfortable to sit down and let your butt

get cold then to stand up and let your muscles cramp up. Both feet are either facing uphill or downhill, so you have to flex your muscles hard to hold edge.

2. What is that little thing in the middle of your board between your feet?

It's a stomp pad. When you get off the lift, you need a place to put your back foot, because you have it out of your bindings. You can't put your foot directly on the board because it is slippery.

3. Why do riders face different ways?

Most people have their right foot in the back. Most lefties have their left foot in the back. That's called riding goofy-footed. Neither way is better. It's just what's comfortable for you. If you do ride the opposite way you are used to, it's called riding "fakie".

4. If I am over 40 and thinking of trying snowboarding, what would you tell me?

Start at the end of your ski week. When you are done for the day, you won't even feel like skiing anymore, because: you can't lift your arms without pain; you can't lift anything heavier than your fork; you walk - well you don't really walk - you waddle; you can't get up from the couch; and your butt feels like one big bruise; but...you really should try it. Each day is a little less painful and by your 3rd/4th day you can pick your way down intermediate slopes...but don't go near ice or moguls - 'cuz that's another story!

-Rachel MacMath

Ski Sense and Safety Test - compiled by the National Ski Patrol System

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| <p>1. While skiing on a very cold day, you notice a graywhite patch on your friend's face.</p> <p>A. Rub area vigorously.</p> <p>B. Apply a warm hand to the area and go inside to warm up.</p> <p>C. Keep skiing, it's only frost.</p> | <p>attempting to pass, you should...</p> <p>A. tell them to get out of your way.</p> <p>B. call out "on your right" or "on your left."</p> <p>C. just ski past as quickly as possible.</p> | <p>A. will aid your skiing in relation to your ability, height and weight.</p> <p>B. will help you look cool on the hill.</p> <p>C. will make it easier to carry your skis.</p> |
| <p>2. You happen onto a skiing accident scene, you should...</p> <p>A. leave the victim and go for help.</p> <p>B. a rescue skier will be here shortly, so keep skiing.</p> <p>C. notice location, stop another skier, have the accident reported to the nearest lift operator or a rescue skier.</p> | <p>6. You are skiing across a slope and meet another skier head on, both skiers should...</p> <p>A. keep to the right</p> <p>B. holler "look out."</p> <p>C. one keep right, one keep left.</p> | <p>10. Proper clothing used in relation to the weather...</p> <p>A. can prevent hypothermia.</p> <p>B. can prevent heat exhaustion.</p> <p>C. can make you more comfortable.</p> <p>D. all of the above.</p> |
| <p>3. If you fall in deep soft snow while skiing, you should...</p> <p>A. fill in the sitzmark.</p> <p>B. mark it with a bamboo pole.</p> <p>C. leave it for the packing machine.</p> | <p>7. Physical conditioning prior to the ski season will help...</p> <p>A. preventing injuries.</p> <p>B. add to the pleasure of the sport.</p> <p>C. make you feel better in general.</p> <p>D. all of the above.</p> | <p>11. Keeping up with your skiing group is good...</p> <p>A. because you shouldn't ski alone.</p> <p>B. your buddies may have more wine.</p> <p>C. unless you are not in their proficiency class.</p> <p>D. A & C</p> |
| <p>4. If you drink alcohol while skiing on a cold day, you will...</p> <p>A. get colder.</p> <p>B. get warmer.</p> <p>C. alcohol will have no effect.</p> | <p>8. Checking your bindings for maintenance and repairs...</p> <p>A. keeps you stylish</p> <p>B. will make equipment less likely to fail.</p> <p>C. lessen the likelihood of injury.</p> <p>D. B & C</p> | |
| <p>5. While overtaking another skier and</p> | <p>9. Professional advice on proper ski length and equipment...</p> | |

Answers:

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| 1. B | 4. A | 7. D | 10. D |
| 2. C | 5. B | 8. D | 11. D |
| 3. A | 6. A | 9. A | |

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