



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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Wayne C. MacMath
President

What? Summer is over already! I hope by the time you read this newsletter your lawns have been restored to their original color. Anyone thirsty? Well, school bells are ringing. The leaves will be putting on their usual dazzling array of color, that is if there are any leaves left by October. Our thoughts turn to the wonderful sounds of the snow making equipment because it hasn't rained or snowed in 6 months. Of course the snow guns may be pumping air because there is no water in the pond. Pray for clouds, please!

Did you notice the change in the title of our newsletter? The group of members attending our annual planning meeting unanimously agreed to recognize snowboarders (Latin derivative: Grungus Maximus) as part of the *on the snow community*. Skiers and snowboarders have co-existed in our club for years now. We welcome anyone, skiers and

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Hike the Water Gap



Join the club for a hike in the Poconos on Saturday, October 23rd (rain date is Sunday, October 24th). Barbara Zurlo is planning a new place for us to get lost.

A caravan of cars will leave at 8:00 am from the Yardley Park & Ride Lot – take the Yardley-New Hope exit off I95, going north on Main Street to the traffic light at Woodside Road. Wear hiking boots or something similar, dress in layers, bring a lunch, and something to drink (i.e., WATER). Call Barb at (215) 860-8363 if you are interested.



Our 31st Year

Bike Ride



Come join the fun, as the Club bikes from Stockton, NJ to Frenchtown, NJ on Saturday, October 2nd (rain date is Sunday, October 3rd). Meet at Bull's

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Treasurer's Report

The 1998-99 ski season was a financial success for the Club. After incurring some small net losses for the past two seasons, we are in the black again! (Accountants get real excited when they can say that.) We can continue our meeting and eating frenzy, that we have come to know and love, at the American Legion Post. This pleasant fact can be attributed to the highly successful ski trips. In addition, the trip success will allow the club to keep its membership dues at the same amount, which have not increased in 12 years.

A few financial highlights are always required when giving a financial report (go figure - isn't accounting humor great!). Income for the past season was almost \$175,000, while expenses incurred were close to \$173,000. So you don't strain your brain, that's a \$2,000

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1999/2000 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

- September 22 ----- Pizza & Beer Night
- October 6 ----- Even More Wine, Less Cheese Night
- October 20 ----- Death By Chocolate Night
- November 3 ----- Fondue Night
- November 13 ----- Meet at Langhorne Ski Shop (6-10:30)
- November 17 ----- Dessert Night
- December 1 ----- Stromboli Night
- December 15 ----- Holiday Cookie Night
- January 5 ----- Pizza & Beer Night
- January 19 ----- Hoagie Night
- February 2 ----- Nachos & Wings Night
- February 16 ----- Italian Sausage Night
- March 1 ----- Hors d'Oeuvres Night
- March 22 ----- Sundae Night on Wednesday

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.

2000 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 (Quebec-Eastern Province trip at 2:00 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 color-coded 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 a minimum of 2 weeks prior to departure.**

Rates listed are per person, tax and gratuities included.

TIGNES, FRANCE

January 14 - 23

\$1,504 Single \$1,344 Double \$1,277 Triple \$1,184 Quad

Return to the extraordinary L'Espace Killy – the combined resorts of Tignes and Val d'Isère, with over 100 lifts and 25,000 acres spreading across 6 valleys. An endless choice of ski trails abounds for skiers of all abilities: from the high alpine glaciers to the village below the Tignes dam. We will be staying at the ski-in, ski-out three-star plus Village Montana Hotel. A huge breakfast buffet will be served daily and in the evening gourmet French dinners. Relax in the heated outdoor pool, jacuzzi and saunas. Our last night will be in the beautiful old, historic city of Geneva, Switzerland. A \$350 deposit is due now to hold your reservation.

SUGARBUSH, VT

January 21-23

\$342 Double

Ski 2 days. Six mountains of legendary terrain for everyone. Walk to lifts, shops and entertainment from our condos in the Sugarbush South Village. Relax in the Castlerock or Village Gate condos. Breakfast and dinner at *Chez Henri*. A \$170 deposit holds your reservation.

OKEMO, VT

February 4-6

\$310 Double \$303 Triple/Quad

Ski 2 days. Named #1 in the East for grooming by *Snow Country* readers, Okemo boasts nearly 100 trails for skiing and riding. We are happy to return to Trudy Dostal's Austrian style lodge. We have always enjoyed her exceptional meals and warm hospitality. Relax in the cozy lounge or make use of the jacuzzis, indoor pool, ping-pong or pool tables. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME and WILDCAT, NH

February 18 - 21

\$384 Double \$376 Triple \$368 Quad

Ski 3 days. The first 2 days explore the 8 peak expanses of Sunday River. The third day relax at scenic Wildcat Mt. This is the 11th year for this Washington's Birthday favorite. Town and Country Motor Inn hosts us with spacious rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 deposit holds your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA

February 25

\$55 Per Person

Ski one day at Pennsylvania's best. Enjoy uncrowded Friday slopes and good company. Price includes bus, lift ticket, juice, Danish and snacks.

MTS. ORFORD and SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VT

March 9-12

\$298 Double \$268 Triple \$248 Quad

Ski 3 days. Enjoy the great price because of the current Canadian rate of exchange. Our hosts: *une hospitalite de grande classe* at the Auberge Estrimont. They are sending a 58 passenger bus down for us. We will leave at 2:00 pm on Thursday, head straight up Interstate 91 entering the Eastern Townships of Quebec. This location is favored with the most snowfall in the East. All 3 are as known for their glades. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.



Letters to the Editor

August 1999

Dear Editor:

Our kids got three loud speaker announcements about the can tabs from the principal. It was special recognition for the kids for bringing so many tabs. I would say we collected about a half of a 55-gallon drum of them for the Ronald McDonald House. A special thanks to tab miester Wayne MacMath who kept filling the big jugs.

As for saving Genaurdi register receipts, we collected over \$5,000 worth of receipts, representing a donation of over \$50 to the National Tuberosus Sclerosis group. We appreciate everything all of you do! The can tabs and Genaurdi receipts make a difference in so many lives!

Thanks
Jim & Joan Ridler

Please continue to save the tabs (from soda, beer, cat food, etc. cans) and Genaurdi register receipts. Bring them with you when you come to a meeting. ~The Editor

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Treasurer's Report

profit. As usual, our biggest income and expense items are the trips (What are we here for? Don't say eating!). Trip income was just shy of \$166,000 and expenses were slightly over \$163,000. Other income comes from membership dues, bank account interest and 50-50 money and totaled \$2,877. Other expenses include bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter and meetings (food and refreshments - our biggest expense, what a surprise!). These expenses were

\$3,253. The Club currently has \$15,000 in its treasury. This money allows the Club to fund lodging and bus deposits prior to members signing up for trips.

As always, I have boxes of receipts, canceled checks, bank statements and computer printouts if anyone would like to review the Club records. Call my secretary for an appointment.

Vern Shaw
 Treasurer

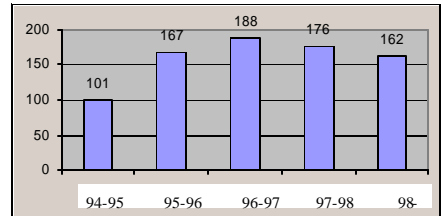
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Membership

Membership renewal for the 1999-2000 ski season is now open. Fill out the form included in the newsletter and mail it with your check. Get the renewal rate by paying on time. (This rate applies only until the first meeting on September 22nd).

Renewal Rates: \$15.00 single
 \$25.00 family
 New Member Rates: \$20.00 single
 \$35.00 family

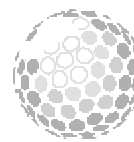


Please help us to reach our goal of 175 members by signing up a new member today. Each new member gets a free Bucks Mount Ski Club pin.

Free Lift Tickets

A prize of one free lift ticket to each of the two people who bring in the most new members by January 19th. Let us know which trip you want to use the prize on and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

Golf Outing



Once again the Club heads for the links for a fun day at Middleton Country Club on Sunday, September 26th. Tee-off time is 10:00 am. Cost is \$47.71 and includes green fees, golf cart, and 2 food tickets. Call Dick Hagen at (215) 245-6701 for reservations by September 15th. Winner (using the handicap system) will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Langhorne Ski Shop or a free lift ticket to be used on one of our trips.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

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Lunch Lines

When the temperature is 90+ and it's only August, are we thinking about trading in our Tevas for ski boots? Probably not. To create a little mood enhancement, crank up the AC, sit back, close your eyes and think white stuff. Maybe, Sunday River, ME. Do sign up for this trip, it's a "Classic".

Now we're skiing, keep those eyes closed. Now we're having fun. Now we're hungry. The whole point of this column, by the way, is of course food, namely lunch! Not big piggy lunches, just a "nice" lunch.

Sunday River has several "nice" lunch places. Head on over to the Jordan Bowl and ski down to "Sliders" in the Jordan Grand Hotel. If you like soup, try the Smoked Tomato Bisque or the great standby, New England Clam Chowder. Salads range from a classic Caesar to the Farmer's Mountain Salad, featuring smoked roasted turkey with sun-dried cranberries, smoked gouda, hot maple syrup and smoked bacon dressing. Sandwiches start with Burgers, Reubens and for the hungry skier, an open-faced Thanksgiving sandwich, with turkey and cornbread stuffing, pan gravy and cranberry sauce. Oh, I can't forget the Winter Ratatouille Roll-Up. Now if you've spent the morning rearranging the cartilage in your knees, in the bumps, treat yourself to a piece of Cappuccino Silk Pie.

We ski two days at Sunday River, so you might want to ski over to "Legends", at the Grand Summit Hotel. The menu has some great appetizers: Mozzarella Sticks, Fried Clams, and something yummy, to share, called Dana's Platter. A combo of wings, sticks, fried clams and smoked sausage snake bites (not real snake, just a cutesy name). There are salads, such as Caesar, Turkey Waldorf and a Chef's Salad. Sandwiches include: Burgers with all kinds of toppings, Vegetarian Tortilla and if you really want to go all out, the Lobster Roll is "really fine".

Ok, open your eyes, it's still August, but don't you feel just a little pumped up for ski season? Go do some "ski fitness stuff" and get in shape for the first trip.

~Barbara Zurlo

Annual Banquet

Bucks Mount's annual banquet was held in May at *Pippo's* in Southampton. We had about 30 people but one forgot to attend so the waitress gave us her meal. Audrey, come to the September meeting to claim one Chicken Marsala.

The Italian style restaurant was lavishly decorated and had several bars. The company was good of course. Many of us headed downstairs after to enjoy the sounds of what? Frank Sinatra! We were the youngest ones there. Well it's all relative isn't it? (See *Geriatric Jamboree* article.)

Thanks to Barbara for arranging a fun night.

Trenton Thunder Game

In June 77 baseball fans had a perfect night to watch the Trenton Thunder play the Altoona Curves while enjoying the "all you can eat" hamburgers, hot dogs and beer in the picnic area. We plan on returning again next season.

Pool Party

As usual Vern and Mary Shaw provided us with wonderful weather (94 degrees) and great hospitality, even if their lawn was rather brown. The pool was in constant use while loungers discussed their choices for the upcoming trips. Of course the food was delicious. Thanks for the special recipes. Thanks to Dick and Wayne for hanging in there over the hot grill. Thanks again to Vern and Mary for hosting us.

Day at Avalon Beach

In July members enjoyed a perfect summer's day at Avalon. Afterwards it was wine & cheese, followed by pizza at Linda Ricciardi's townhouse. Thanks Linda for the wonderful hospitality.

Halloween Bash



Get into the spirit of things by coming to the Halloween Bash to be held on Saturday, October 30th at 7:00 pm at Lisa and Jim Waltz's house. Costumes are encouraged (hey, everyone has at least a ski mask!) and there will be a prize for the best costume. Sign up to bring something good to eat or call Lisa at (215) 757-8808. See you there.

Christmas Party



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 11th at 7:00 pm. Rita and Jim Murtha have generously offered to host the party again. (We must have been good last year.) Sign up to bring something good to eat.

Millennium Crash!



Celebrate the end of the Nineties and the beginning of the Naughties! The Club will be holding a New Years Eve Party on December 31st. Plans are still in the making, but contact a member of the Social Committee if you are interested in attending. Don't miss this one!

Ski St. Anton, Austria

There is a trip sponsored by Alphorn Tours to St. Anton, March 17th - 26th, 2000. The trip includes: r/t air on Lufthansa from Newark to Munich, motor coach transfers, 7 nights at the four-star Hotel Arlberg with European breakfasts and gourmet dinners, welcome party, and 1 night in Munich, with breakfast. The cost is \$1,395 per person, double occupancy. Not included are international departure taxes, ~\$60 and a 6-day lift ticket, ~\$184. If you are interested, call Frank Dattilo at (215) 881-6065.



One Ski, Two Skis

“What is so great about skiing, in all that cold weather?” people often ask. I too often thought that in my early days of skiing at Tanglewood, a small resort in the Poconos where I took up the sport. However, after much perseverance and many bruises later, I could not get enough of it. Nor can I think of a better way to enjoy the winter cold.

For me the thrill is the challenge: pushing myself to do do better, to perfect my technique, to conquer that double black, or to be able to master the deepest of powder. None of them easy feats. Skiers who do not take lessons reach a certain level or plateau, where in order to progress beyond that, lessons are needed.

I myself was guilty of not having enough lessons. Sure, I took some lessons my first 2 years of skiing. Once I had the balance for skiing, my lessons stopped: “hey, I could get down the hill without falling”. I thought I was doing good, however, I found it hard to progress from the blues to the blacks. Sure I could ski down a black trail under the right conditions, but I sat back on my skis in fear. My technique was not pretty, and it was not preparing me for the harder skiing I wished so hard to do.

So after 15 years of skiing without lessons, I was a student again. The killer was rating myself (advanced skier, I thought) before the lesson, and then being rated by my instructor as intermediate after my performance. Before I could progress ahead I had to break all my bad habits. I had to learn: to lean forward; keep my weight on the downhill ski during turns, how to hold and plant my poles according to the degree of difficulty of the slope; and my favorite, the “up motion” when turning. That’s just some of the basics, before I could progress to ski moguls and powder.

Now it has been 5 years since I started taking lessons again and every year I make it a point to take some more. After all, even the highest paid professional athlete has a trainer. Costly? You bet it is. However I now get more enjoyment skiing, knowing that I have the confidence to handle the blacks and some double blacks. As for skiing couloirs, I still need some training. So make it a point this year to take a ski lesson and get more enjoyment out of the sport.

~Karl Flesch

National Ski & Snowboard Expo

Come help staff a publicity table. Talk up local clubs. Help with consignments. Bring some of your own things to try to sell.

Girls Night planned for after the show. Join us at Franklin Mills for food and drinks.

Friday, October 15th (4 to 9:30).
Saturday, October 16th (10 to 9:30),
Sunday, October 17th (11 to 6). The show has been moved to Neshaminy Mall from Plymouth Meeting for the second year. It is so close now, stop

over to check out the super deals. Lift, tubing and learn to ski passes. Over 100 resort and retail exhibits. Warren Miller Film Festival.

Check out the Mega Ski Swap sponsored by Eastern PA Ski Council. New and used clothing and equipment. Children’s things especially popular.

See Judy Lott to sign up at the meeting to help.

Snow Flakes...

Speedy recovery (quicker than a melting snowball in August) to Judy Lott after her recent surgery.

Best wishes to Pam Nicholson and Eric Lahoda on their September 4th wedding.

Clean out your closets - take your old skis (must be DIN), old outfits, etc., to the consignment sale (10/15-17) at Neshaminy Mall. You might even find some bargains yourself!

Lost & found at the picnic: 1 beach chair and 1 T-shirt (from Hawaii?). Call Vern at (215) 322-4037 to claim them.

Check it out:
www.easternpaskicouncil.com
Snowdrifts will be available on the WEB after September 16th.

Hats



Come to the September meeting to help us choose a Ski Club hat. We will try to have an assortment of baseball hats to model. Volunteers needed for modeling. After the fashion show, we vote. The selection committee reserves the final say, but all opinions will be considered. See Chuck Mitchell and Evi Paul if you have ideas.

Bucks Mounts Banquet, or The Geriatric Jamboree (you decide)



So you think your polyester leisure suit is out of style? Well, think again! This years Ski Club Banquet, held at P i p p o ' s in Southampton, was just the occasion to resurrect that old classic.

The Banquet began as most banquets do with cocktails and small talk in the bar. We then proceeded to the banquet room where we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner of either Chicken, Pork or Salmon. I must say that all the entrees looked delicious. The service was very attentive and accommodating.

Now wait, don't stop reading yet! This is directed to all of you that decided to go to the shore or the mountains or wherever it is that club members go off season. The few brave souls that stuck around after dinner have seen the Holy Grail! We have found the elephants graveyard, so to speak. Those of us that went downstairs to the Dance Club have found ... wait for

it... the June Taylor Dancers! Yes, they are alive and well and dancing at Pippo's! Hey Ed Walton, I found someone to share your early bird dinner with!

To say the very least, our little Club was rather the juveniles at the Dance. I now know what a snowboarder feels like trying to get on the poma lift without unstrapping his/her bindings: real uncomfortable.

To make matters worse, our group chose to sit in a booth along the wall. Oh, that's safe you say, inconspicuous. Not when the booths are decorated like a pleated, open clamshell that was extremely reminiscent of a baby's bassinet.

All in all, we had a good time and I am very relieved that when my time comes, I'll have a place to go to yell "Freebird" and to dance like John Travolta. Yippee!

~Lisa Waltz

Suited for Success



Suited for Success in Bristol is looking for appropriate interviewing clothes (jackets, shirts, ties, dresses, skirts, blouses, shoes, costume jewelry). All items must be in good condition and clothing must be cleaned and hung on hangers.

Help someone who is in need of an appropriate wardrobe for an interview for their next successful job. Call Kathy Lott Woltman at (215) 788-6036, so she can pick the articles up at a meeting.

Ski Club Appreciation

Head on over to Langhorne Ski Shop on Saturday, November 13th from 6:00 - 10:30 pm. Members get a 10% discount on merchandise, including sale items. Ski tune-ups will be \$19.95. There will be wine and cheese too. Ski fashion show starts at 9:00 pm.

WEEKEND SIGN UPS

This year waiver forms will again be color-coded... not to be confused with the "white" membership and general release form. Past designer bright colors might need to be modified to accommodate members who are finding themselves visually challenged. Come to the front table at the meetings (checkbook in hand) to find what you need!

From the Archives

PICO PEAK (March 15-17, 1991)

The medical report on this trip listed Drew Jordan with 4 broken ribs (Upper KA has been renamed the "Jordan Memorial Highway and the point of accident is now known as "Dead Man's Curve"! Drew was quoted as saying he just wanted to do some off-trail skiing. Now what is wrong with this picture – Helen Lewis breaks her ski bindings and the ski patrol gives her a ride on the sled, Drew breaks 4 ribs and he has to ski down to the lodge! The latest song heard in the mountain was "Sully in the Gully".



Word Scramble

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Message From Wayne

riders alike to come and enjoy the winter weather together.

With a few exceptions (Alta, Taos, Deer Valley) all ski areas are now open to snowboarders. Snowboarders comprise 15-20% of the people using the lifts. Ski areas in response have created terrain parks and half pipes.

Whether you ski or snowboard the **Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club** is looking forward to meeting you. Become part of a club. It's cheaper. You don't have to make any travel plans. You meet many new, interesting and well traveled people.

Be in shape! The Death March will resume in January. **THINK SNOW!**

Discount Lift Tickets

Save \$10 or more off your lift ticket for Blue Mountain, Montage, Elk, Jack Frost and Big Boulder by purchasing discount lift tickets. The tickets are for weekdays (they can be upgraded for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 1999/2000 ski season. Carol Evans (215) 443-0959 will have a supply of tickets at our meetings. Unused tickets are refundable before the end of the season.

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Bike Ride

Island State Park on Rt. 29, north of Stockton at 9:00 am. There will be 2 routes: **EASY** – along the canal or roadway – approximately 18 miles (**GREEN**) or **MORE DIFFICULT** – an added loop with a few hills – approximately 25 miles (**BLUE**). It

will be a "Poker Rally" with each winning hand from the kids and the adults receiving a \$20 gift certificate at Langhorne Ski Shop. Afterwards, lunch is optional at Meils in Stockton. Call Lyn Huttemann at (215) 757-2693 if you are interested in pedaling along.



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