



Lift Lines



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President

The annual rebirth of life in the spring has long since disappeared. The hot, sunny days of summer are but a glimmer in our memory. Fall with its warm days, cool nights and colorful falling leaves reminds us that what we live for is close at hand.

Yes, one year has passed and we are once again excited about the arrival of winter and all the treats it has in store for us. Frosty, hard to clean windshields, frozen locks, dead batteries, back breaking amounts of snow to shovel, driving your car sideways down the street, dirty brown slushy snow, things we wait for with baited breath.

But wait, every cloud has a silver lining, filled with pure white soft snow. Anticipation is sometimes as much fun as the realization. Everyone is already thinking about his or her first run of the new ski season. Whether it be in France, in Vermont, in California, or in Pennsylvania we ask ourselves what have we remembered or forgotten. We may have some doubts but after linking a few precious turns, anxiety disappears, smiles come to our faces and yes we have returned to what brings us all together, **SNOW!**

Anticipating a run of ten unbroken inches of white powder,...not being able to see or hear your skis,... following each other,... making fresh tracks in the glades... or pounding down a field of moguls... It was worth the wait. That's what brings us together again each year and now we are less than a month away.

The Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club is thankful to have such good people. We are grateful for the opportunity to be together to ski and share stories. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.



Our 32nd Year

Discount Lift Tickets

Save \$10 or more off your lift ticket for Blue Mountain, 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 2000/2001 ski season. Carol Evans (215) 443-0959 will have a supply of tickets at our meetings. We recommend that you order for the season and give it to Carol early. Unused tickets are refundable before the end of the season.

New this year, we expect to have free coupons for Camelback that will allow you a discount rate at the window.

\$100 Trip Giveaway

Win \$100 off the cost of one of your weekend trips!!! New this year- we will have a drawing before each weekend bus trip. The winner will receive a one hundred dollar discount on the cost of his/her trip. To be eligible for the drawing you must have a paid deposit on the trip 60 days before departure.

REMAINING DRAWINGS:

OKEMO – Jan. 3rd meeting

SUNDAY RIVER– Jan. 17th meeting

CANADA – Jan. 31st meeting

There is still room on the Sugarbush and Sunday River trips. If distance or scheduling keep you from attending meetings you may sign up by mail. Be sure to call Maureen first to assure a spot. **SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE TRIP DIRECTOR: PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR FINAL PAYMENTS ON TIME. "EARLY" IS EVEN NICER.**

FREE TRIP TO ELK

Win a free trip to Elk Mountain!!! Sign up by the Jan. 17th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 31st meeting.

2001 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

January 3----- Pizza & Beer Night meeting starts at 8:30
(7:00 Pre Tignes Trip Meeting)

January 17 ----- Hoagie Night

January 31 ----- Nacho & Wings Night

February 14 ----- Sweets for the Sweet - Dessert Night

February 28 ----- Seafood Night

March 21----- Hors d'Oeuvre 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.

2001 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 (**Sunday River trip at 4:00 pm & Quebec-Eastern Province trip at 2:00 pm**) from the *Pizza Hut*, Fairless Hills Shopping Centre. 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	FULL	January 12 - 21
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\$1,461 Single \$1,317 Double \$1,230 Triple \$1,205 Quad

Our 4th year returning (it's the Sunday River trip of Europe!) to L'Espace Killy – the combined resorts of Tignes and Val d'Isère, with over 100 lifts and 25,000 acres spreading across 6 valleys. We will be staying in 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.

confidence for the 12th year for Washington's Birthday weekend. Spend the last day enjoying stunning views of Mt. Washington from scenic Wildcat Mt. The 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	OPENINGS	February 23
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\$55 Per Person

Ski 1 day. No more cries of "Are we there yet?" Try this economical day trip. We've chosen our favorite in PA! Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Come enjoy uncrowded Friday slopes and the camaraderie of friends.

SUGARBUSH, VT	OPENINGS ON BUS	January 19-21
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\$348 Double

Ski 2 days. Return to the 3 bedroom Castlerock Condos or 1 bedroom Village Gate studios. This "walk to the lifts" location was a hit last year! Try the mile long Slide Brook Express to experience unparalleled terrain at the Lincoln Peak and Mt. Ellen areas. 18 lifts. 7 quads. Breakfast and dinner at *Chez Henri*. A \$170 deposit holds your reservation.

MTS. ORFORD and SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VT	FULL	March 8-11
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\$333 Double \$303 Triple \$283 Quad

Ski 3 days. Enjoy the great price because of the current Canadian rate of exchange. The Eastern Provinces of Quebec offer French atmosphere and 1st class hospitality at Auberge Estrimont. The chef was a hit last year, our first trip! All 3 areas are known for the gladed terrain and favorable "snow belt" location. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.

OKEMO, VT	FULL	February 2-4
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\$315 Double \$295 Triple/Quad

Ski 2 days. Always dependable, Okemo has the highest percentage of snowmaking in VT and the #1 rating for snow quality and grooming by SKI magazine. They boast nearly 100 trails. We look forward to returning to Trudy Dostal's Austrian style lodge. The meals are exceptional and the hospitality is warm. Relax in the cozy lounge or make use of the jacuzzis, indoor pool, ping-pong or pool tables. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.

LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA	OPENINGS	April 12-20
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Alpine Meadows, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Squaw Valley USA

\$829 (airfare, van, lodging) , discounted lifts (TBA)

With more than 100 lifts and nearly 500 ski runs, Lake Tahoe will afford more choices than any other ski destination in the country! Rental vans will give us the freedom to ski as many places around the lake as we'd like. With 8 nights and 7 full days to ski there will even be time for a non-skiing day trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME and WILDCAT, NH	OPENINGS	February 16 - 19
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\$391 Double \$384 Triple \$374 Quad

Ski 3 days. Spend 2 days exploring the 126 trails and glades on 8 interconnected mountains. With the largest snowmaking system and #1 rated lift system in the East, we are returning with

Share breakfast with other skiers in the full size townhouses. At the end of the day have a "home" to come back to: kitchen, couches and all. Relax in the outdoor hot tub or pools. "Eat in" or make plans to sample the multitude of restaurants. A \$250 deposit holds your reservation.



One Ski, Two Skis

Have you heard? There is a rumor flying about that the name of the Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club will be changed to the **Volant Ski Club**. Besides the old name being too long to be stitched on our new shirts, the new name being more definitive, says it all!

My very first contact with Volant skis was through Kathy Lott-Woltman's. She had what I considered strange looking, shiny metallic silver skis that weighed a ton. She was introduced to the Volant skis on the club's 1994 trip to Salt Lake City by Tom Plebani (Langhorne Ski Shop) who brought a pair of Volants to demo on the trip. After the trip, she just had to have a pair of those Volants.

Bill "Sully" Sullivan was the first person I know to get the Volant PowerKave. This is the ski that is now most prevalent in the Club and has won *Ski Magazine's* gold medal award.

Volants still did not impress me until January 1997. Early January I had gone skiing for a weekend at Killington. My Hart skis were stolen after I went into the lodge at Snowshed to put on my boots. It was time for new skis, so the loss was not too bad. However I was panicking about what to do for replacements, with my trip to Tignes, France less than 12 days away. Shaped skis were just starting to make it big that year. At Killington I had demoed the Elan which I thought of as "clown shoes". I did not like at all the way they skied. I trusted my decision on what to buy with Langhorne's Bill Kaplan. Right away he recommended the Volant

PowerKave.

It was not until Tignes that I was able to give the skis a try. Right away I was impressed with the overall stability of the ski and its ease in turning. The ski even did better in powder by seeming to float on top. On crud, the skis busted through everything, like a tank. My chance to show them off to the club came on a trip to Whiteface. I was able to handle with ease the variable conditions while skiing down from the top. They have become a definite asset to my improved skiing over the years since.

Since then the list of Volant owners has grown: Carol Evans, Brian Freeman, Elaine Gallagher, Neilan Hagen, Audrey Krenzel, Helen Lewis, Joe Linus, Judy Lott, Wayne & Maureen MacMath, Patty McHugh, Chuch Mitchell, Bill Noyovitz, Judy Parsons, Linda Ricciardi, Fred Terranova, Raul Valcarcel and Ellen Victor. Sorry if I missed anyone, as the list keeps growing!

As for me, I am now skiing on my second pair of PowerKarves. My first pair experienced some edge damage, were sent back to the factory in Colorado, and lucky for me, exchanged for a new pair; costing me only the price of shipping. Can't beat that deal!

One word of advice on Volants: make sure they are tuned correctly, on an angle or bevel. Otherwise the skis are uncontrollable. I know it first hand.

~Karl Flesch

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Membership

The 2000-2001 ski season is off and running. Our eight meetings this Fall have all been well attended by the regular membership and by many new and prospective members as well.

We thank everyone for spreading the word by putting out our flyers and brochures about the club. Membership stands at 182 and is still growing. The goal of 200 is in sight!

Applications for membership can be obtained through Vern Shaw, Treasurer; Rita Murtha, Secretary; or Maureen MacMath, Trip Director.

Renewal Rates*: \$15.00 single
\$25.00 family

New Member Rates: \$20.00 single
\$35.00 family

* This rate applied only until the first meeting, which was held on 9/20.



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 17th. Let us know on which trip you want to use the prize on and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

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Hike

On September 30th, twenty Happy Hikers and "Umbra" the hiking dog, left from the Yardley Park and Ride. The day was picture perfect as we headed up the Northeast Extension to our final destination, described (in Jerry Cape's hiking book) as "The Pinnacle and Pulpit Rock".

We parked our cars, briefly scanned the map (we don't need no stinking map) and took off up the trail. Hours later, having missed the Pulpit Rock, we arrived at the Pinnacle. As promised, the view was spectacular. Evi Paul had the best view, sunning herself on the outermost part of the ledge.

No dead animals this time, however, we did find a cave. The "secret" entrance was well marked, about 30 feet straight down and pitch black. If anyone had a flashlight, they weren't talking, so the cave was left to the bats and other hideous things that live in caves.

As there were no porta potties, several in the group were first timers, visiting Mother Nature's little powder room in the woods. I had to mention this, as I think they really felt like a true part of the woodsy crowd. I don't know if I can say pee in this newsletter, but their motto was the *Ski and Pee Club*.

After the hike, we all gathered around the large map that was so thoughtfully provided by the Park Service. Oh sure, now look at the map. Giving new meaning to the word hindsight, we discussed where we should have turned and how we missed that trail to Pulpit Rock!

Titans Hockey Game

On November 17th, a group of Bucks Mount-ers joined 7,000 other hockey fans to see the Trenton Titans defeat the Roanoke Express by a score of 3-1. This year the Titans put on a much more lively show with lots of action. There were at least five fights to please the crowd!

Throughout the evening we were entertained by the "Blues Brothers". Between the action and the music, we were hopping in our seats. The cheering section was led by our young members Bill Ridler, Jeffrey Murtha and Will Longworth.

Thanks to Karl Flesch for organizing a fun night out. The seats were great and a good time was had by all!

~Clare Longworth

Trenton Thunder Game

Mark your calendar now for the Trenton Thunder game on Wednesday, June 20th when the Thunder take on the New Britain Rockcats (Minnesota Twins).

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian Sausage, tossed salad, pasta salad, baked beans, pretzels, potato chips, cookies, watermelon and soft drinks. The all-you-can-eat meal begins 30 minutes prior to the game and ends one hour after the first pitch. The price is \$27 for adults, \$22 for children 6-14 and kids 5 and under are free if they sit on an adult's lap. Discounted beer coupons can be purchased ahead of time for \$2.75 each.

To reserve your seat, give Karl Flesch a call at (215) 493-0676.

Holiday Party

Thanks to Patty and Spud McHugh for hosting 35 people at our annual holiday celebration. We had a full dinner menu with meatballs, sausage, baked ziti, sliced turkey and great salads. Whether you played pool, sat by the fire or just enjoyed the Christmas tree #2 story, it was a pleasant evening.

Waiting List for Trips

Note: If you find out a trip is full, call Maureen to get put on the waiting list. Depending on the type of vacancy, it is not unusual for her to go completely through a list looking for someone who can fill the spot.

Final Payments Due

Final payments for ski trips are as follows:

January 3 – Sugarbush
January 17 – Okemo & Lake Tahoe
January 31 – Elk &
Sunday River (4:00 DEPARTURE)
February 14 – Canada (2:00 DEPARTURE)

Please make your check payable to the "Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club" and give your payment to Wayne MacMath at the meeting or mail it to him at: 3435 Oakmont St., Philadelphia, PA 19136.

Golf Clubs for Sale – \$225

Maxfli: VHL mid size irons

2-SW (10 clubs)

True Temper Graphite Shafts (firm/stiff)

Golf Pride grips

Call Bill Craven at (215) 741-4442

On Board – Snowboarding 101

Say you want to try snowboarding. Where do you start?

1. Take a “never ever” lesson package. It’s a good value with lift ticket, lesson and rental equipment included.
2. Rent before you buy.
3. Select a “soft snow” day.

Snowboard rental equipment is as ill fitting as ski rental equipment. Snowboarding equipment that fits your body and your ability will make a big difference in learning.

Find a knowledgeable salesperson and have them fit you with boots and a board. Ask how long they have been riding. But first, you need to decide on what kind of snowboarding you want to do. Does the half pipe interest you? If yes, you want to ride on “freestyle” equipment. Do you crave to defy gravity and carve those deep soulful curves on corduroy? Then you want “alpine carving” equipment. In between these two extremes is the all mountain rider on “freeride” equipment. Until you know who you are, I recommend a freeride equipment set-up. Confidently tell the salesperson you are (or want to be) an all mountain freerider and want equipment to match. Boots and board fit a rider in three important ways. You need to select equipment with each of these three factors matching your physique.

LENGTH. The length of your board is determined primarily by your weight. It’s best to stay within the weight range published by the manufacturer. For average build freeriders, the length falls somewhere between the chin and the eyebrows. Go towards the shorter end of this range if you think you’ll try the halfpipe, longer if you think you’ll tend towards alpine carving.

FLEX and SIDECUT. These factors are just like skis. Stiffer and less sidecut for higher speeds and heavier riders, softer and more sidecut for lower speed turns and lighter riders. Freeriders should stay in the midrange of flex and sidecut. Tell the salesman you want a good compromise between ease of turning and holding an edge at high speed. If you get a blank stare, get another salesperson.

WAIST WIDTH. The width factor has no analogy in skis. The width of a board must be fitted to foot length. Your toe and heel should be just over the toe side and heel side metal edges with very little overhang or underhang. No more than a half inch either way. Waist width fitting interacts with your stance angle because you can always select a stance angle such that your foot fits the board. But the resulting stance angle may not be comfortable for you. I recommend that you stand on a board

in what feels to you like a comfortable and solid position. Then have the salesperson approximate your foot angles, and use those angles to select a board width for you.

A WORD ABOUT BINDINGS. Most bindings are strap bindings. Recently, step-in bindings have become available. Like a ski binding, a step in binding offers convenience. There is a lot of confusion out there over step-in bindings. There are now dozens of incompatible step-in designs. And the largest snowboard company, Burton, only recently entered the step-in market. Until the field settles down and the best designs win out in the marketplace, I recommend learning with proven, time-tested strap type bindings. Besides, the newest strap bindings have greatly improved “slap” ratchet hardware for quick connect and easy disconnect. These new straps are only a little more trouble than step-ins, but much less likely to cause pain and/or impair performance.

Now go back out there and take another lesson. You’ll find it a lot easier now.

~Allan Jacobson

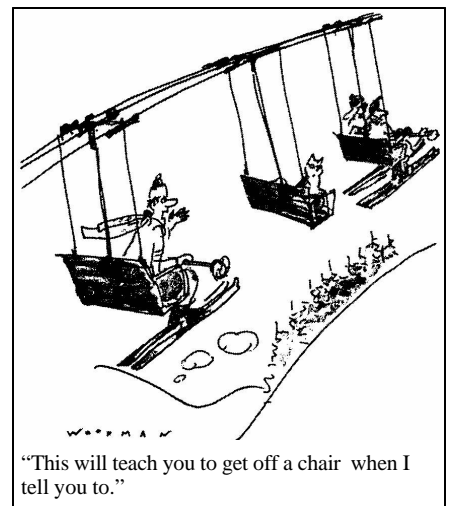
The Myth about “Wind Chill”

If you plan to ski naked, then you should pay attention to the “wind-chill factor” that weather forecasters alarmingly refer to whenever it is cold and windy.

However, if you plan to ski with clothes on, then the wind chill factor is only partially relevant. Wind chill is the combined effect of wind and temperature on exposed flesh, expressed as an equivalent of

temperature in still air.

Wind CAN wick warmth from loose knit clothing and wind or the movement of air from skiing will also affect your exposed face. To negate the effect of wind, wear outer garments with windproof fabric, and wear a face mask with a scarf, neck gaiter and goggles.



The 12 Days of Skiing...

ON THE FIRST DAY OF SKIING
BUCKS MOUNT SKI &
SNOWBOARD CLUB GAVE TO

- 1 Foot of powder
- 2 Unbent ski poles
- 3 Empty mogul trails
- 4 Sets of hand warmers
- 5 Golden rings (Olympic)
- 6 Brand new outfits (Mary)
- 7 Hours of clear skies
- 8 Out of 45 members skiing (rest in lodge eating & drinking)
- 9 Pair of Volants
- 10 In the hot tub
- 11 Lifts a running
- 12 People on time for the Death March

Chinese Dinner Night

For the 5th year in a row, the ski club is planning an evening at the Chinese Cultural Center, 125 N. 10th Street, in Philadelphia. Every year, in celebration of the Chinese New Year, the Chinese Cultural Center brings over a group of chefs from a different region in China to cook their specialties. We hope to get a 3 tables for a Saturday evening in early spring. The cost would be approximately \$30 and \$15 will hold your reservation. Seating is limited and will go fast, so call Barbara Zurlo at (215) 860-8363 NOW.

Snow Flakes...

Congratulations to Debra and Bob Krimetz on the birth of their son Robert Joseph Krimetz, born 8/29/00.

Thanks to our Club's own wine sommelier, Raul Valcarcel, there is no longer any whining while wining.

The winner of the \$100 Trip Giveaway for Sugarbush was Ryan Waltz.

Keep saving TABS and Genaurdi Register Tapes, and bring them to a meeting. All go for a good cause.

Need directions?...Maps to the Club meetings at Jesse Soby American Legion and the Pizza Hut trip departure site can be found on the Club's WEB site.

Going to Tignes? Karl's 50th birthday party will be on Sunday. A French gâteau (no carrot cake with butter cream icing) is requested!

Check out the new ski equipment and clothing store: **Extreme Sports**, located at Oxford Oaks Shopping Center, at Big Oak and Oxford Valley Roads.

Bringing a dish to the Club? Write down the recipe and send it to Joan Ridler, c/o Ski Chow, 927 Walsh Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047. Watch for the Club's own recipe book in the near future.

Thinking ahead, does anyone have any suggestions as to where to hold the Club's Spring Banquet? Call Judy Lott (215) 321-3485.

Plans are "in the works" for winter t-shirts. See Chuck or Evi if you have ideas.

BMSSC photo album on the WEB. See Karl if you have photos you would like published. Also, there is a message board where you can have a dialog on your favorite ski topics.



The Winter of One's Life

Another Opening
But No Show –
And All That Snow

“The knees go first.”

That observation from a veteran of the ring, rang in my ears this year as I began contemplating the ski season.

Reports of the first Rocky Mountain blizzards and the parting of leaf-peepers from New England, where I live, still get my adrenaline flowing. For five decades the earliest signs of a change in the weather sent me scurrying to tune my skis. I'd clomp around the house in my boots as I did deep-knee bends and prepared for the inaugural ski runs of the year – which in New Hampshire are a Thanksgiving tradition. The slopes are usually covered by straw, man-made ice and gravel. It's more symbolic than fun.

But this year, I've changed over the decades, but so has skiing – and neither for the better. As the sport grew in popularity after WW2 – with more resorts, package tours and lifts – the industry faced the problem of moving lots of people up mountains quickly. Rope tows were replaced by double chairs, then quadruple chairs – and in some places with cable cars.

But the harsh fact is that on weekends, when most of us ski, the lift lines impose long stretches of waiting time. That usually adds up to 20 or 30 minutes wasted just getting to the mountain top, and only three minutes on the slopes getting down again. You end up with less than an hour of skiing during a long day on the slopes.

If I were starting to learn the sport today (as opposed to 50 years ago), I would forswear alpine skis and strap on a snowboard. The technique is essentially what one strives for on skis: keeping those knees together, banking turns and staying low – which explains why youngsters excel at this. You must also be prepared to use your backside again and again to stop or

just to rest. There are no poles to lean on.

No doubt about it: Snowboarding is exhilarating, as I can testify from my own brief experience with it.

Not that I fully approve of course. If you are on the slopes with conventional skis, you'd better watch out. I've seen exuberant (read reckless) boarders take out unsuspecting skiers. Indeed, I've been clipped, bumped and bruised by boarders myself – the last time while just standing and chatting near the base lodge.

As a result of the competition (read, antagonism) between skiers and snowboarders, some areas now reserve special trails just for boarders. But even so, the alpine skier must be on alert whenever he hears or sees a boarder swoosh by. What is more, that swooshing, done to a different rhythm of turns than skiing, drastically carves up the snow, creating ruts that are a hazard for ski tips. Contending with this conflict, and seeing how snowboarders now account for a big part of their receipts, many ski areas assign some of their trails exclusively to snowboard acrobats.

So the slopes are very different now. But so am I. Those knees! The past two seasons I've felt a weariness that I've never before experienced. Last year, for the first time, I just stopped midway through a run. And I am not running moguls anymore.

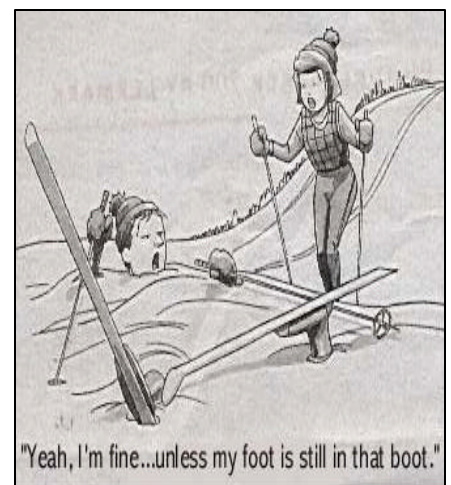
Musing on hanging up my skis, I can reflect on the thrills and spills the sport has brought me. Among the best memories are those mornings on the crest of New Mexico's Santa Fe Ski Basin overlooking the Sandia peaks and the Rockies, hitting “play” on my Sony Walkman, then setting off, in the company of George Benson's “Breezin,” on a three-mile cruise through glades of aspen and poplars. And then there was the day I finally

skied the wall at Tuckerman's Ravine in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. And I'll never forget that morning at Utah's Deer Valley with Stein Eriksen, the great Olympic champion. He may have only been kind to me, but I kept up with him for an entire morning.

Among the less rosy memories was the late afternoon turn in St. Anton, in the Austrian Alps, when, skiing alone, I slipped off the marked trail and was lost on the backside of the mountain. It was dark before I lucked upon a farmer who drove me back to my ski lodge. And, of course, there are the injuries: dislocations, bruises, fractures – though during the last few years of non-competitive skiing I've gone whole seasons without a tumble.

I'm not giving up on snow sports – just shifting to cross-country touring and the recently discovered joys of snow-shoeing. And whatever the state of my knees or the sport itself, I know my adrenaline will always spike when I hear the report of clear skies and fresh powder.

~Charles Preston, *The Wall Street Journal*, 11/24/00



Bucks Mount Ski Club's 5th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally

Our 5th annual bike ride was a great success. Attendees: Harry Kissig, Barbara Zurlo, Todd Polk, April Devine, Judy Lott, Karl Flesch, Ellen Chauncey, Ashley Radel, Debbie Krimetz, Bob Krimetz, Allan Jacobson, Karen Parnes, Marietta Wade, Patty Lewin, Rita Murtha, Jeffrey Murtha, Jim Murtha, Lyn Huttemann and Joe Huttemann. The River Horse Brewery in Lambertville was celebrating Oktoberfest on this day. Several of the participants took advantage of the party and had a great German lunch.

The weather was perfect for what became a ride of OLYMPIC importance. The gold medal (plus \$25 CASH prize) for the Poker Hand, under 16, was awarded to Ashley. The gold medal winner (plus a \$25 CASH prize) for the Poker Hand, over 16 division was Patty.

The gold medal for ENDURANCE was awarded to Judy. After receiving a huge round of applause, she was quoted as saying, "My butt is killing me."

The gold medal for RIDING WHILE INJURED was awarded to Harry. He braved the entire ride with a sore shoulder.

The gold medal for STAMINA was awarded to Marietta. Recovering from recent surgery, she said her knee could use a good workout.

The "We can't believe you are here because you just had a baby" gold medal went to Debbie Krimetz. Her husband Bob thought he deserved some credit.

GOOD JOB BOB.

The "Best Dressed Couple" gold medal was a tie. It was awarded to Todd and April; Allan and Karen.

The "You can depend on me to have a great time" gold medal went to Barbara. She has attended all five of these bike rides.

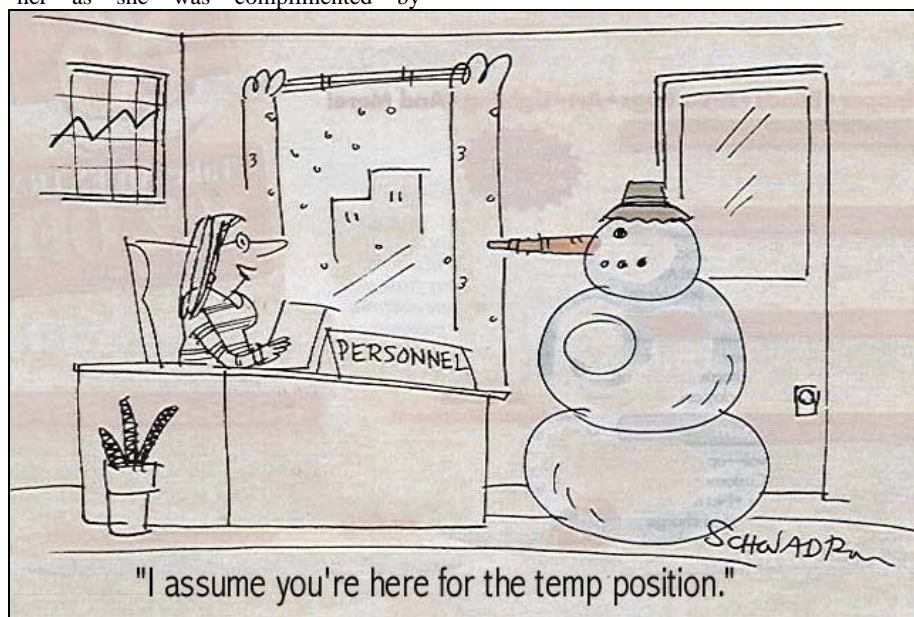
The most important achievement of the day was the gold medal in the DIVING event. For an outstanding performance of a full gainer with a full twist and two somersaults, Rita graciously accepted her award. Twigs, leaves and gravel adorned her as she was complimented by

everyone for her poise and composure.

Additional prizes, provided by the Middletown Police Department were very much appreciated by the winners.

Everyone did some exercise, enjoyed beautiful weather, won some nice prizes and just had a good time. It was a great way to spend a Fall day. We look forward to having many more participants next year.

~Lyn Huttemann



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