



Lift Lines



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Wayne C. MacMath
President

Here's to a great holiday season. The Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club wishes everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With the recent events of September 11th our world has changed forever. The unfortunate part is that we must be more vigilant in our daily lives. We should not take anything or anyone for granted.

On the positive side, the catastrophe has made us look at ourselves, families and friends and be thankful for the time we have with each other. So over the holiday call an old friend or relative and let him know you're still thinking about him.

In a little more than two weeks Bucks Mount will have its first ski trip of the new year. I'm sure those going to Tignes are excited *and have been working out* in anticipation of those first powdery runs. Have a fantastic trip!

For those going to Sugarbush good news is about to come in the way of cold temperatures. The snow guns are going and hopefully Mother Nature will weave her white magic.

Death March pins have arrived so please read the rules carefully and good luck to all who attempt to earn one of these great looking pins. They will be displayed at the next meeting.

Think Snow!



Our 33rd 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 vouchers are

for weekdays (they can be upgraded for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 2001/2002 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 (by March 20).

Again this year we have free coupons for Camelback that will allow you a discount rate at the window.

\$100 Trip Giveaway

We've had two winners so far!!!

Sugarbush – Todd Polk
Okemo – Jimmy Waltz

They each received \$100 discount on the cost of their trip. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To be eligible you must have a paid deposit on the trip 60 days before departure.

REMAINING DRAWINGS:

SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 2nd meeting
SUGARLOAF – Jan. 16th 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. 2nd meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 16th meeting.

There are a few seats available on the bus for Sugarbush and Okemo with no waiting list. Call before rooms are released. Sunday River and Sugarloaf have lots of room. So treat yourself to the longer 3 ski day trip. Call Maureen 215-624-7751.

2002 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

- January 2 -----Pizza & Beer Night
(7:00 Pre Tignes Trip Meeting)
- January 16 -----Italian Sausage Night
- January 30 -----Nacho & Wings Night
- February 13 -----Sweets for the Sweet - Dessert Night
- February 27 -----Seafood Night
- March 20 -----Hors d'Oeuvre Night
(7:00 Pre Salt Lake City Trip Meeting)

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.

2002 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from the *Pizza Hut* in Fairless Hills Shopping Center and 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. Friday departure times for weekend trips vary: Okemo 5:00pm, Sugarbush 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Sugarloaf 10:00 am. 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 the total cost of each weekend trip and be in the raffle for a \$100 discount. Balance is due a minimum of 2 weeks prior to departure.**

Rates listed are per person, tax and gratuities included.

TIGNES, FRANCE	FULL	January 18 - 27
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\$1,657 Single \$1,411 Double \$1,341 Triple \$1,564 Quad
Our 5th 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. 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 in the ski-in, ski-out three-star plus Village Montana Hotel, the quads are actually a suite in the 4-star Suite de Montana. 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 city of Lyon, France, a gourmand's delight. A \$350 deposit is due now to hold your reservation.

SUGARBUSH, VT	OPENINGS ON BUS	January 18-20
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\$370 Double
Ski 2 days. This "walk to the lifts" location continues to be a hit! Three bedroom Castlerock Condo or one bedroom Village Gate studio. The true New England winding trail style skiing continues to be a favorite of the long time skiers. Two distinct interconnected mountains. 115 trails. 18 lifts (7 Quads). Dinner changed to the Sugarbush Inn this year. \$200 deposit per person.

OKEMO, VT	OPENINGS ON BUS	February 1-3
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\$398 Double \$365 Triple \$358 Quad
Ski 2 days. We chose our areas carefully. Okemo has been rated #1 in the East for snow quality and grooming by SKI Magazine. 100 trails. 14 lifts. Staying three miles from the mountain at the Cavendish Pointe Hotel in Ludlow. Spacious rooms, restaurant, lounge, pool table, video games, pool, hot tub. Shuttle service. \$200 deposit per person.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA	OPENINGS	February 8
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\$55 Per Person
Ski 1 day. Friday. Come enjoy having the mountain to ourselves amid the camaraderie of friends. Our favorite in PA, Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Meet the bus at 5:30 a.m. Park your car. Have juice and Danish. Then take a nap and let the bus take you. Sign up by Jan. 2 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME and WILDCAT, NH	OPENINGS	February 15 - 17
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\$400 Double \$393 Triple \$383 Quad
Ski 3 days. The perfect place for the busy President's Weekend. Days 1 & 2 at Sunday River's eight interconnected mountains. 127 trails. 18 lifts and the #1 rated lift system in the East. We know by experience that it won't seem crowded. Their excellent grooming and snowmaking also keep us coming back. Day #3. Relax the last day at the smaller scenic Wildcat Mountain. The Town and Country Motor Inn gives us attractive family rates. Buffet breakfast and pre-selection from six entrees for dinner. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit.

SUGARLOAF, MAINE	OPENINGS	March 1-4
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\$498 Double \$478 Triple
Ski 3 days. Experience the true 2820-foot vertical for the first time with us. 126 trails served by 15 lifts (2 SuperQuads). The slope-side country-style Sugarloaf Inn is home to the renowned Season's Restaurant and the Shipyard BrewHaus. The Sugartree Studios are home to the Sports and Fitness Club. Daily Perfect Turn clinics and use of the pool and fitness areas are free. A \$250 deposit per person holds your reservation.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	OPENINGS	March 28-April 5
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***Alta, *Brighton, *Snowbird, *Solitude, The Canyons, Deer Valley, Park City**
\$868 (airfare, mini-van, lodging) discounted lift tickets available

Site of the 2002 Winter Olympics

Situated in Sandy, Utah our townhomes are at the canyon road base of the four * Cottonwood Resorts. Known for the greatest snow on earth, due to elevation and 500 inch annual snowfalls. Rental vans will give us the freedom to plan day trips to the Canyons (new) and the Deer Valley-Park City area. With 8 nights and 7 full days there is even time for sightseeing. Our condos this year have 5 bedrooms and hot tubs. A \$300 deposit per person will hold you reservation.



One Ski, Two Skis *by Karl Flesch*

Here it is almost the end of December and Mother Nature still thinks it is Fall. Recent record breaking highs have left the start of the infant ski season in a shambles. Killington, always the bell ringer, has opened and shut. I personally had to cancel my December 8 start of the season skiing in Killington. I was not about to make a 6 hour drive to central Vermont for shopping and sight seeing. Lucky for me, my only financial loss was a \$10 handling fee for my room reservation, which can be reclaimed if I book again in 6 months. Winter surely has to be here by then.

For sure, it better be cold and snowy in

January. Not only for the sake of our ski trips, but Ed Wade needs to stop coming to Ski Club meetings wearing Bermuda shorts. For god's sake, it is winter Ed, in spite of what the thermometer says. Also, let it be known that Carol Evans has plenty of discount lift tickets for the Pocono resorts, but only good if there is snow.

So that leads me with the power of positive thinking. We have all seen the signs to THINK SNOW. Lately that has not been working. I think we need to be a just a little more specific: THINK SNOW NOW and ON THE MOUNTAINS I SKI! Maybe, just maybe, that will work. I will let you know at the end of the season.

Membership

Membership for 2001-2002 stands at 180 adults as of the Dec. 12th meeting. It must be the great food!!! Attendance at the eight Fall meetings has ranged from 40 to 90 people. Menu seems to have a direct effect on the number, Pizza and Beer being the favorite. Stromboli Night was also a big hit. That's a phenomenal turnout considering we have many members who live too far to make Wednesday meetings, some out of state.

It also must be the great people!!! Lots of energy and laughter are part of each night. If you haven't been out lately, come and meet some of the people you'll be traveling with this year. The enthusiasm for skiing and snowboarding is contagious.

Bucks Mount club pins have been restocked. If you never got one just ask Chuck and Evi.

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 9/19.

Free Lift Tickets

A prize of one free lift ticket is offered to each of the two people who bring in the most new members by January 16th. Let us know on which trip you want to use the prize and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

Rita Murtha, Cathy Rees and Brian Grimmert are all in the lead so far. Tell Maureen if you might be close.

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Hike

The Bucks Mount annual hike was an unqualified success this year. According to all who hiked, it was one of the more difficult. There were long stretches of straight uphill, plenty of rock climbing, some beautiful vistas and perfect weather.

After a false start due largely to inadequate trail markings (hey, skiers don't read maps) we started up toward the Pulpit. I do mean up! There was no up and down, just up. At the top, we stopped for a snack, a lunch or a rest. We then forged forth over the rocks to the pulpit. Once there, the view was spectacular. After a break, rest, look-see over the cliff, we started the trek down. There are those (NOT me) who think that the trip down is so much better than up. At the bottom of the trail, in true Bucks Mount fashion, we snacked and quenched our thirst.

After the long trek, we located a restaurant in the small town nearby and had a nice meal. All in all, a lovely day.

~Judy Lott

Club T-Shirts

New long sleeve club tshirts are going quickly. Lauren MacMath's new lapel design with skier and snowboarder silhouettes on a mountain was well received. Everyone seemed to like the SKI & SNOWBOARD lettering down the one sleeve, also.

Shirts are in navy or stonewashed blue: sizes S, M, L, XL AND XXL. We had 8 dozen made initially.

We need help though. We ordered too many XL and XXL because we judged by the sizing we had last time. The Haines Beefy T's run larger. If you can use one as a night shirt or Spring skiing outfit please come and check it out. Get one in each color to save for when you wear your first one out. At \$12, they are a bargain for such good quality shirts.

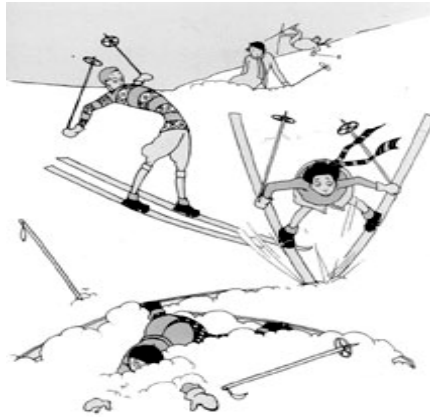
See Chuck or Evi at meetings or call 215-785-6257. At present there are still a few other sizes available. After this we'll take prepaid orders by size and color. We need a dozen to reorder.

Titans Hockey Game

On November 24, a group of 16 Bucks Mount hockey fans saw the Atlantic City Bullies bully the Trenton Titans, winning by a score of 3-2. It was a fun night for all at the Sovereign Bank Arena. The seats were great, as was the entertainment throughout the evening.

Some club members met at the Urban Word for dinner before the game. Thanks to our group leader, Karl Flesch, for organizing the night's events. We had a great time!

~Clare Longworth



Trenton Thunder Game



The 2002 Trenton Thunder outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at Waterfront Park. Come see the Thunder play the

Reading Phillies on Fireworks Night! The game will be viewed from the upper level of the picnic pavilion, where we will have an all-you-can-eat buffet and play Baseball Bingo.

The buffet starts at 6:35 pm and lasts for 1½ hours. The menu includes: Italian sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, baked beans, cookies, and a melon tray. Game time is 7:05 pm. The fireworks display will take place after the game.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free. For reservations, contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244 by April 30.

Bike Ride *by Lyn Huttemann*

WINNERS of the September 29th "Poker Rally" this year are Karl Flesch and Ashley Radel. Additionally, the Rita Murtha Memorial Pathway was dedicated this year. We all observed a moment of silence and reflection. We recalled from last year the graceful elegance of Rita's attempt at a 1½ gainer with a full twist into the bushes from the bicycle position. A BEAUTIFUL MOMENT.

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.

United Air

Children 12 and under fly FREE with parent. Any US (including Salt Lake City) or Canadian ski destination. Must book by Jan. 19. Call Maureen for phone number.

Final Payments Due

Final payments for ski trips are as follows:

- January 2 – Sugarbush & Utah
- January 16 – Okemo
- January 30 – Elk &
Sunday River (4:00 pm DEPARTURE)
- February 13 – Sugarloaf (10:00 am 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.

Skis & Bindings for Sale

Volkl Carver Plus 177cm. with **Marker M19** bindings - \$99

Volant Ti Super 178cm with **Marker M7.1 Logic** bindings asking - \$199

Call Fred Terranova at (609) 397-2354

Death March Rules

1. Rules can only be made by (me) the *Death March* leader.
2. Rules can only be change by (me) the *Death March* leader.
3. All rules are subject to change at any time.
4. Rules can be added at a moment's notice.
5. Protests can be filed at any time, but will probably not be taken seriously.
6. The *Death March* will begin each morning upon arrival at the mountain.
7. Each contestant must remain with the group.
8. Skiers may take different routes to the bottom of the chair but must meet at the top for the next run.
9. Skiers may take one run alone as long as they remain skiing.
10. One stop during the day may be made for nourishment.
11. One stop can be made for necessities, unless I have to go more than once.
12. Skiers must be still on the mountain when the lifts close. (A possible exception might be if the bus plans to leave the before the lifts close.)
13. *Death March* pins are not awarded for skiing in foreign countries unless I am there. (Foreign countries can not be expected to qualify due to the long, leisurely lunches.)
14. Once one has earned a *Death March* pin, it should be worn at all ski club functions.
15. Anyone wearing a *Death March* pin in a bar before the lifts close is subject to review and could risk losing his/her pin. (guilty by association)
16. Points will be awarded each time the pin is visible at a club function.
17. Pins are not transferable to family members. Upon death they must be returned to the *Death March* leader.
18. Begging and whining for possible exceptions will be viewed as weakness and dealt with harshly. NO PIN.
19. If you leave for injury during the day, NO PIN.
20. Two days (not necessarily consecutive) in the *Death March* are required to earn a pin.

EXCEPTION TO RULE 20: Those on the Lake Tahoe trip who skied seven days in a row need only one additional day to earn their pin.

~Wayne MacMath



Lunch Lines by David Brindley of *Bon Appétit*

Cheese holds an exalted place in France, forming a culinary holy trinity along with bread and wine. For the uninitiated, here's a guide to this utterly French - and delectable custom of the cheese course.

Served after the main course, the cheese course is a nice segue to dessert or, in lieu of a sweet, a sumptuous finale to enjoy with the last sips of wine. Though it might be tempting, you probably should not try every cheese on the cart. Depending on your appetite and whether dessert will follow, four to six different cheeses will suffice.

Cheese is one of the only things in life that can be judged by its cover and learning to read the rinds is the first step in choosing the best cheeses. In general, the rougher a rind looks, the more interesting the cheese. If the rind is too pristine, the cheese is factory made and is probably boring. Also seek out a variety of flavors from mild to pungent. Choose cheeses with varying

textures and rinds and you'll likely vary the intensity of flavors.

Start with a mild goat cheese, or chèvre, which is made in a variety of shapes, from bells to buttons to pyramids, like the Pouligny-Saint-Pierre, which is nicknamed the Eiffel Tower. Un-aged chèvres have a white exterior with a moist, somewhat crumbly interior. As they age, the rind darkens to a mottled beige, the center becomes firmer and the flavor is more pronounced. Chèvres also come covered in fresh herbs, which infuse the cheeses with extra flavor.

Next, for a more pronounced, sharper flavor, choose a firmer cheese made from cow's milk, typically with a hard rind and a light yellow interior. A good choice would be the mild, straw colored Tomme de Savoie.

Then you definitely want to have a washed-rind cheese, something that's smelly and strong, with a soft texture.

Typically square-shaped with a reddish rind when aged. A very powerful Maroilles or a somewhat milder Pont l'Évêque will probably be on the cart. Or opt for a more familiar unwashed-rind Camembert or Brie, recognizable by a milky-white exterior and a creamy, ivory interior.

Finally, round out the plate with the most pungent of cheeses: bleu. With a crumbly texture and characteristic bluish-green veins, blue cheese stands out in a crowd. Roquefort is particularly strong; if you prefer less bang in your bite, choose a gentler Saint Agur or Bleu d'Auvergne.

As you select each cheese, the waiter will slice a small wedge and serve it on a plate. And as for the rind, feel free to eat it or use a fork and knife to trim it away - it's completely a matter of personal taste. Finish up the wine that's left over from the main course, or ask the sommelier to recommend an appropriate half bottle. You'll soon understand why the cheese course is such a beloved institution.

Snow Flakes...

Pam & Eric Lahoda are expecting their first baby in the Spring.

"Sweater for the wife or socks for me...I'll take the socks..." Bob Krimitz on winning his prize at Langhorne Ski & Sport.

"Wash & Fold". That was how it was described when Lyn Huttemann and Evi Paul were trying to make neat the pile of the ski club's new long sleeve t-shirts.

Vern Shaw (Treasurer), missing from recent meetings. Reason given: he is in Florida recruiting new members for the ski club!

Holiday Party

We have topped the charts now with our own gourmet dining for 35. We had menu items from the Gourmet Magazine. Such talent in this club!!! Helen Lewis' pear, almond, roasted beet salad with water cress and red wine dressing was the favorite. Roast turkey with whole cranberry and nut sauce, chicken in light mushroom sauce, scallop potatoes with ham, baked ziti, and marinated green beans wrapped in prosciutto and provolone and an oriental salad made up our main course. Desserts were delicious. Unfortunately one was apparently so delicious that by the time the people in the living room heard about Bryan and Judy's Peking cranberry tart ring it was history. Shame on the kitchen group!!! At least we had lots of other desserts and appetizers to finish up.

Wine provided from our club wine cellar flowed freely. Hot spiced cider was a treat to get us in the apres ski mood. The high school and home from college group enjoyed the basement and pool table as they welcomed Nicole home from England.

Thanks again to Patti and Spud for their generous hospitality.

News Flash

We now have a new custom step stool to balance the *ice bucket* kept next to the door on our bus. It has a signed fishhead autograph. You can catch him on the Okemo trip.

Ski Club Discount Night

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2002
10AM – 9PM**

New equipment can be ready for Sugarloaf or Utah trips.
50% off original price of all new clothing, skis, boots & bindings
40% off original price of snowboards, boots and bindings

Meeting Directions

Meetings are held at 8:30 PM.

We meet at the Jesse Soby American Legion Post in Langhorne, which is at Richardson & Bellevue Avenues, ½ block south of the traffic light at the Langhorne Hotel (the intersection at Maple (213) & Bellevue). Go south to the stop sign. Make a right on Richardson. The Post is the 3^d building on the right. It is set back and has a lighted American flag on the lawn. Enter the first floor from the side door.



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