



Lift Lines



Volume 7 Issue 1

Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

January 2003



Wayne C. MacMath

President

“Champagne Powder”, a term used to describe the feel and texture of the snow at Steamboat Springs. Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, twenty-six lucky members of the BMSSC will have experienced this phenomena. For the first time ever our Club will be taking a week long ski vacation over Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Steamboat Springs is a great town full of good restaurants, shopping and hot springs. If we are lucky we might get to ski with Billy Kidd, former Olympian and ski ambassador.

Shortly after returning from Colorado the Club will continue with other great ski vacations. Karl will be leading a group of twenty-eight to Tignes, France for our sixth annual European vacation. Another fantastic week of guided skiing and fine dining.

New England is off to a great start this year with regular snowfalls. Both snowmaking and nature’s best have come together to jump start the ski season. At Sugarbush we are staying slopeside and there are still spots available. Killington, Sunday River, and Canada look to be great trips and are expected to be full. Please contact Maureen if you can join us for a weekend.

As always, our day trip to Elk, captained by Rita Murtha has been steadily filling. Don’t miss out on the best day trip you’ve ever experienced. Elk has new snowmaking, better grooming and brand new bathrooms.

To cap off the season, Jackson is a great choice as we have never skied there as a group. Spots are still available. Experi-

(Continued on page 8)



Our 34th Year

\$100 Trip Giveaway

The winners so far:

Sugarbush – Bill Kolenda (Cathy Rees’ brother)

Killington – Ryan 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. 8th meeting

CANADA – Jan. 15th meeting

There is the most availability on the Sugarbush and Sunday River trips. Call before rooms are released.

Killington has a few seats left. Canada is now waiting list only.

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. (215) 624-7751.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE TRIP DIRECTOR: PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR FINAL PAYMENT ON TIME. (AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE DATE). (see chart on page 4). “EARLY “ IS EVEN NICER.

FREE TRIP TO ELK

Win a free trip to Elk Mountain! Sign up by the January 8th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the January 15th meeting.

2003 Club Meetings

January 8th

Pizza & Beer Night

January 15th

Italian Sausage Night

January 29th

Stromboli Night

February 5th

Seafood Night

February 19th

Dessert Night

March 5th

Hoagie Night

Meetings are held at 8:30 pm
On Wednesdays at the

Jesse Soby

American Legion Post

Richardson & Bellevue Avenues
Langhorne, PA 19047

Non-Members Welcome!

Discount Lift Tix

The tickets are in for 2003. 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 \$14 for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 2002/2003 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 5th meeting).

Again we have free coupons for Camelback that will allow you a discount rate at the window (save up to \$8).

2003 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from a new location: **700 NEW RODGERS ROAD (ROUTE 413) in Levittown this year (map and directions on our web site)**. Prices 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: Sugarbush 4:30 pm, Killington 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Canada 2:00 pm. 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 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.

SUGARBUSH, VERMONT	OPENINGS	January 17 - 19
---------------------------	-----------------	------------------------

\$395 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). Breakfasts at the panoramic slopeside *Mushroom Bar*. Dinner at the popular *Sugarbush Inn* again this year. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

KILLINGTON, VERMONT	OPENINGS	January 31 - February
----------------------------	-----------------	------------------------------

\$397 Double \$360 Triple \$343 Quad

Ski 2 days. Endless variety of seven mountains, 200 trails, 32 lifts, including two heated express gondolas. Staying 20 minutes away at the area's most luxurious *Cortina Inn*...comfort, service and ambience. Indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, exercise room, sleigh rides and courtesy slope shuttle. Two deluxe hot buffet breakfasts. Cook to order pasta buffet dinner in *Theo's Tavern*. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA	OPENINGS	February 7
-----------------------------------	-----------------	-------------------

\$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. 8 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE	OPENINGS	February 14 - 17
---	-----------------	-------------------------

\$404 Double \$397 Triple \$387 Quad

Ski 3 days. The perfect place for the busy President's Weekend. Spend two days exploring the 127 trails and glades on 8 interconnected mountains. With the largest snowmaking system and #1 rated lift system in the East, we are returning with confidence for the 14th year. Spend the last day enjoying stunning views of Mt. Washington from scenic Wildcat Mt. The *Town and Country Inn* hosts us with attractive family rates. Buffet breakfast and choice of six dinner entrees. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

MTS. ORFORD & SUTTON, QUEBEC and JAY PEAK, VERMONT	FULL	February 27 - March 2
---	-------------	------------------------------

\$383 Double \$368 Triple \$353 Quad

Ski 3 days. Enjoy a great price because of the Canadian rate of exchange. The Eastern Townships of Quebec and the *Auberge Estrimont* offer us first class French hospitality. Indoor pool, whirlpool, exercise room and piano bar restaurant. Three breakfasts, two dinners, cash for two Canadian lunches. All three areas are known for their gladed terrain and favorable "snow belt" location. A \$200 deposit per person holds your reservation.

STEAMBOAT, COLORADO FULL December 27 - January 3

\$990 per person 6 day lift - \$292 5 day lift - \$250
 No Easter trip this year (too late). One time only New Year's vacation trip. Known for lack of crowds, Steamboat Springs was chosen because its lift capacity is greater than the lodging capacity. Located near the base of the mountain, *The Rockies* condominiums have a pool, hot tubs and private shuttle. We have 7 nights and 6 full days to ski one of North America's largest ski mountains (3,000 skiable acres) known for its champagne powder. This family friendly area offers kids 12 and under free skiing. \$300 deposit is due now to hold your reservation. Insurance is \$72.

TIGNES, FRANCE FULL January 17 - 26

\$1,930 Single \$1,630 Double \$1,560 Triple
 Our 6th year returning 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. Six days to ski on endless choices of trails for skiers of all abilities: from the high alpine glaciers to the village below the Tignes dam. We will be staying seven nights 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. The eighth night will be in the historic and interesting city of Lyon, France. It is a true culinary capital with many fine restaurants. \$350 deposit due now to hold your reservation.

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING OPENINGS March 14 - 21

\$1,150 per person 6 of 8 day lift - \$290 5 of 7 day lift - \$246
 Situated in the Teton Village area, our deluxe 5 and 6 bedroom private homes are near the base of the mountain on a convenient shuttle route. With expanded intermediate terrain accessible on the new high speed quad or 8 passenger gondola there is terrain to suit everyone on 2,500 acres. Experts can take a guided trip into the immense backcountry from the top of the aerial tram. Rental vans will give us freedom to go into the authentic western town of Jackson (12 miles) or to take a day trip to Grand Targhee or to an elk preserve. \$400 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$81 insurance.

Officers for the 2002-2003 Season

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| President----- | Wayne MacMath----- | (215) 624-7751 |
| V.P. Trips----- | Maureen MacMath----- | (215) 624-7751 |
| Social Committee----- | Ellen Chauncey----- | (215) 357-8548 |
| | Carol Evans----- | (215) 443-0959 |
| | Judy Lott----- | (215) 321-3485 |
| | Barbara Zurlo----- | (215) 860-8363 |
| Treasurer----- | Vern Shaw----- | (215) 322-4037 |
| Recording Secretary----- | Rita Murtha----- | (215) 355-0374 |
| Newsletter----- | Karl Flesch----- | (215) 493-0676 |
| | Helen Lewis----- | (215) 945-3794 |
| | Judy Lott----- | (215) 321-3485 |
| | Raul Valcarcel----- | (609) 396-9559 |
| Hospitality----- | Barbara Zurlo----- | (215) 860-8363 |
| Publicity----- | Karl Flesch----- | (215) 493-0676 |
| | Bill "Sully" Sullivan----- | (215) 757-6098 |

Membership

Our membership for 2002-2003 is 173 adults as of the November 20th meeting.

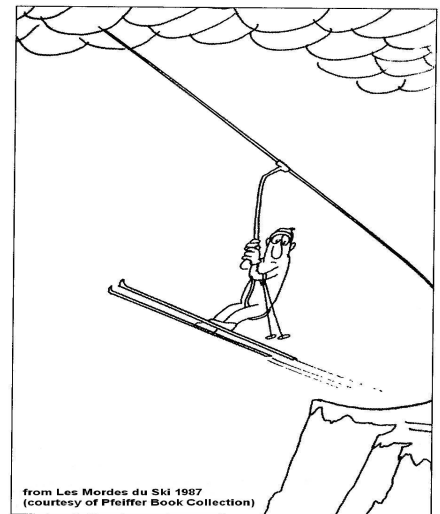
Current Member Rates: \$20.00 single
 \$35.00 family

If you haven't been out lately, come and **enjoy**. The enthusiasm for skiing/snowboarding is contagious. Lots of energy and laughter are part of each night.

The special treat of the night is spread out on the side table by 8:30 pm. Wayne has quite a challenge, at about 9:00 pm., keeping everyone quiet long enough to get through the **short** meeting.

They can't wait to get back socializing. Our bartender, Frank, takes good care of us, being sure that the downstairs bar is stocked with our favorites. At the last meeting he was officially awarded a Death March Pin for his exhaustive efforts.

Members buy discount lift tickets from Carol and make tip payments at the front table all during the night. If you are new, come and meet some of the people you'll be traveling with.



Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

BM_SKICLUB@YAHOO.COM

**Http://
 www.bucksmountskiclub.org**



Lunch Lines

Jackson Hole, WY Eat & DrinkWell...

Snake River Grill has been open for 10 years and it's still considered the best place in town. Reserve a table near the double-sided stone fireplace in the timbered dining room and start with a pizza. Then sample tender local game, fresh ahi tuna (flown in daily from Florida and Hawaii) over wasabi mashed potatoes, or bacon-wrapped salmon. Leave room for the warm molten chocolate cake. 84 E. Broadway, Jackson 307/733-0557; dinner for two \$90.

Old Yellowstone Garage, despite its name, is a sophisticated Italian restaurant specializing in the owner's native *cucino piemontese*. That translate to flavorful dishes such as halibut in an olive, caper and roasted garlic sauce; grilled quails in a honey-balsamic glaze; and house-made black linguine with scallops and pesto. Sunday is pizza night—just \$15 for salad and all-you-can-eat slices from the wood burning oven. 175 Center St., Jackson; 307/734-6161; dinner for two \$50.

Rendezvous Bistro is where people keep returning for their raw bar and mussels simmered in spicy red curry-coconut broth. Find a seat at the always-busy bar; or book a more private leather banquette in the back. 380 S. Broadway, Jackson; 307/739-1100; dinner for two \$65.

Sweetwater Restaurant is housed in a renovated 1915 log cabin, where midday shoppers stop for simple sandwiches and soups. In the evening the atmosphere is less frantic and the food more complex—risotto with artichoke hearts, roasted peppers, and shrimp; rack of lamb in port-wine sauce; Idaho rainbow trout in toasted-almond butter. 80 S. King St., Jackson; 307/733-3553; lunch for two \$20; dinner for two \$70.

Pato is where to have a drink at the bar; in addition to the traditional *mojito*, the bartender mixes South American-themed cocktails like the Timoto (dark rum, Cointreau, mint, and orange juice) and the Terjito (mango-passion fruit juice, orange juice, tequila, and triple sec). Then move to the dining room, where the pan-Latin dishes are equally inventive. Try the fish tacos ro shrimp Cubano, sautéed in olive oil, garlic, lime, and red pepper. 680 E. Broadway, Jackson; 307/739-9191.

Masa Shushi is in an unexpected location (the second floor of the Best Western) but that doesn't prevent customers from finding

a way in or from coming back. While chef Masa presides over the sushi bar, his wife, Kay, works the room—occasionally stopping to join a table for a quick cup of sake. 3345 W. McCollister Dr., Teton Village; 307/732-2962; dinner for two \$80.

Vertical has mahogany and marble tables, dim lighting, a glass-encased fireplace—but is also hidden in the Best Western building and could just as easily be in San Francisco or Los Angeles. The menu could be described as Far East Meets Wild West, with dishes such as miso-marinated bass with soba noodles. 3345 W. McCollister Dr., Teton Village; 307/734-2375; dinner for two \$70.

AFTER DARK

Million Dollar Cowboy Bar where you can actually saddle up at the bar—stools are fitted with stirrups. A little camp, maybe, but the place is always hopping with a good mix of weekenders, ski bums, and honest-to-goodness cowboys bent on finding a two stepping partner. On Thursday night the bar offers free dance lessons. 25 N. Cache Rd., Jackson; 307/733-2207.

Mangy Moose is where to have après-ski drinks and snacks. At night, there's live music—everything from bluegrass to techno—from homegrown bands to such bigger-name artists as Little Feat and Burning Spear. 3285 W. McCollister Dr., Teton Village; 307/733-4913.

Snake River Brewery & Restaurant—better known as the Brew Pub, if you want people to know what you are talking about. On weekends tables fill up as early as five o'clock, with backcountry skiers filing in for pitchers of microbrewed Zonker Stout and Snake River Lager, as well as pizzas, pastas, and steak sandwiches. 265 S. Millward St., Jackson; 307/739-2337.

Silver Dollar Bar & Grill has two thousand thirty-two genuine silver dollars inlaid into the bar. Friday and Saturday nights, a bluegrass band named Steam-powered Airplane entertains the crowd. *Wort Hotel*, 50 N. Glenwood St., Jackson; 307/733-2190.

Koshu Wine Bar has 900 bottles of wine. Buy one and drink it here for a \$5 corkage fee. The bartender can also shake up caiprinhas, apple martinis, and tangy gimlets. 200 W. Broadway, Jackson; 307/733-5283.

~Travel + Leisure, December 2002

Waiting List for Trips

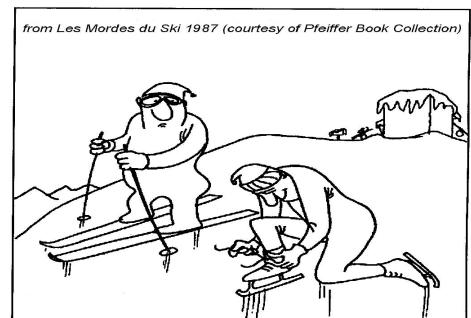
Note: If you find out a trip is full, call Maureen to get put on the waiting list. Depending on the type of vacancy, it is not unusual for her to go completely through a list looking for someone who can fill the spot.

Final Payments Due

Final payments for ski trips are as follows:

- January 3 – Sugarbush (please mail)
- January 15 – Killington
- January 29 – Elk,
Sunday River (4:00 pm
DEPARTURE),
Jackson Hole Lift
Tickets
- February 5 – Canada (2:00 pm
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.



from *Les Mordes du Ski 1987* (courtesy of Pfeiffer Book Collection)

End of Season Ski Club Discount

LANG'S SKI & SCUBA

1757 N. Olden Ave.
Trenton, N.J.
(609) 538-1970

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003
10AM – 9PM**

New equipment can be ready for Jackson Hole trip.

50% off original price of all new clothing, skis, boots & bindings

40% off original price of snowboards, boots and bindings

Trenton Thunder



The Trenton Thunder is now an affiliate of the New York Yankees! Our 2003 outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at

Waterfront Park. Come see the Thunder play the New Haven Ravens on Fireworks Night. The game will be viewed from the upper level of the picnic pavilion, where we will have our own all-you-can-eat buffet and cash bar.

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

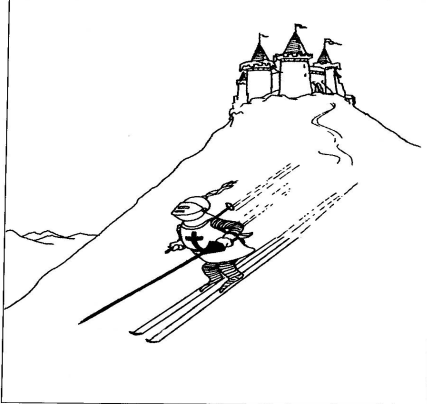
Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free. For reservations, contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244 by May 10.

New Death March Rules

1. Wearing your pin now reaps financial rewards. Free lift tickets or other ski club apparel can be earned simply by wearing your pin.
2. The number of points earned can depend on the event and circumstances. Always wear your pin!
3. Donation of a shirt from the Rebel group leader will result in the awarding of a pin to said leader.
4. Members of the rebel Anti-Death March Pin squad, are eligible to accrue points simply by wearing their shirts and showing kindness to the Death March Leader.
5. If you should misplace or lose your pin, a \$5.00 donation to the Special Winter Olympics Program will enable you to receive another pin.
6. Children wishing to earn a Death March Pin cannot get one by begging or whining, however skiing with the DML will yield a pin. Amount of time skiing with the DML to be determined that day according to snow conditions (powder—not a chance.)
7. Children in the process of earning a pin cannot ask for hot chocolate, bathroom breaks, or cry and ask for their Mommy. Please do not ask for lunch money. Snack given on the bus is to be eaten on the lift, not in the lodge.
8. Parents—DML is not responsible for lost articles of clothing, helmets or children.

~Wayne MacMath

from Les Mordes du Ski 1987 (courtesy of Pfeiffer Book Collection)



Meeting Directions

Meetings are held at 8:30 pm.

We meet at the Jesse Soby American Legion in Langhorne, which is at Richardson and Bellevue Avenues, ½ block south of the traffic light at the Langhorne Hotel (the intersection at Maple (213) and Bellevue. Go south to the stop sign. Make a right on Richardson. The Post is the 3rd 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.



Letters to the Editor

December 2002

Dear Editor:

While we were whining about the change in *Death March Pin* rules, I heard a little squeak. The squeak got louder until I heard "*Lunch Pin, Lunch Pin*". I heard that we have some major lunch jockeys whose prime reason for skiing is the chow. I know that for them, a major reason for choosing the trips was what do they have to eat instead of how many inches of snow do they have. I mean look at the number of layers of whipped cream on the cake versus number of lifts to the summit. Did anyone mention chocolate mousse? Who could resist a Vermont cheddar and tomato soup and crispy dilled rye toast? A glass of ever-so-soft Chardonnay chilled to perfection? You came here to ski?

A *Lunch Pin* or *Dining Pin* is warranted. It seems that there should be proportionately as many rules to obtaining a *Lunch Pin* except that most of the rules are opposite to the Death March. The pin is transferable upon death. You can get one without even eating lunch. So if you are up for a little fun and want to earn "the only pin that matters" in the Club why not start the Lunch Pin. Whoever squeaked, should squeak louder and maybe we need to rename the Club the *Ski, Snowboard and Lunch Eaters Club* while we are at it? Lunch anyone? From an active member who will never earn a Death March Pin and congratulates the diners among us.

~anonymous

New Bus Departure

700 New Rodgers Road (Route 413),
Levittown, PA 19056.

This is the Middleton Township Building (former police headquarters). It is on Route 413 between Business Route 1 and Trenton Road. Map available at meetings and on web site.

Ski Boots: Free to a good home

Women's Nordica, rear entry, heated, white, size 6 1/2, good shape

Men's Raichle, rear entry, white/red, size 10, good shape

Call or e-mail Bill Rees 215-322-4171 or bill_rees@msn.com

Ski Movies

Here are some classic ski movies to watch:

Sun Valley Serenade, 1941

Set in Sun Valley, Idaho and starring Sonja Henie.

Head for the Hills, 1968

John Jay's classic travels from Vail to the Atlas Mountains in Marrakech. Great jokes and information.

Downhill Racer, 1969

Robert Redford plays a rebellious U.S. Ski Team racer.

The Blizzard of Aahhs, 1988

A Greg Stump classic. Mohawk-haired Glen Plake does extreme skiing though flying powder.

Fire on the Mountain, 1996

An award-winning documentary about the World War II ski troops of the famous 10th Mountain Division.

Something About McConkey, 2000

An MSP production. Extreme skier Shane McConkey, who gets the credit for putting the comedy back in ski films, parachutes off skyscrapers.

~US Airways *Attaché*, November 2002

New Web Site

www.bucksmountskiclub.org

Karl is rebuilding a site for us after the Bucks County Courier discontinued their free site. We are purchasing the use of a site now where we can use our name as our address.



Holiday Party

As usual we ate well. The annual holiday party began at 7:00pm. The kitchen table overflowed with appetizers....If you are ever looking for good recipes...come sample then find out who made it. At 8:30 p.m. all fifty of us were allowed to attack the main course in the dining room. Turkey, ham, ziti, and chicken crepes (mmmm..) By the time dessert was announced there were whispers about the apricot and pistachio torte.

Fine wine was provided by the club, but Jim Murtha was gracious enough to bring more up from his wine cellar when the supply was exhausted. The beer drinkers were noticeably absent. The influence of the wine tasting course was evident.

Rita, Jeffrey and Jim had beautifully prepared the house. **Two** Christmas trees...just for us???? The antique jukebox provided our music. Why did Jerry have to get his quarter back??? Who jammed the machine with two quarters? Did wine have anything to do with this or should we blame it on the kids? Anyway thanks to the Murtha family for their generous hospitality.

~Maureen MacMath

Stockton to Frenchtown (and back)

What a day for a bike ride. Custom made for a bike riding ski club. This year's ride was great! Twenty-eight participants made the 18-mile round trip on a beautiful September day. All age groups and abilities were well represented.

The poker rally is a great incentive to finish the trip. Sealed envelopes containing poker cards are picked up along the bike route. At the end of the ride, each participant reveals his/her cards in front of the entire group. There is one wild card drawn. Two \$25 Cash prizes are awarded. One for the best poker hand for the group 16 and under. The other for the group over 16. Extreme measures are taken to insure that there is total security with each poker hand.

The winners this year—Kelsey Waltz and Edwin Pearl.

After the ride, we all gathered for a picnic in the Bull Point Picnic Area. Hot dogs, chips, potato salad, macaroni salad, cookies, soda, and ice tea were on the menu. All of this food and the \$25 cash awards were provided by the Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club.

Thanks to the organization for sponsoring this event. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

~Lyn Huttemann

Hike in the Clouds

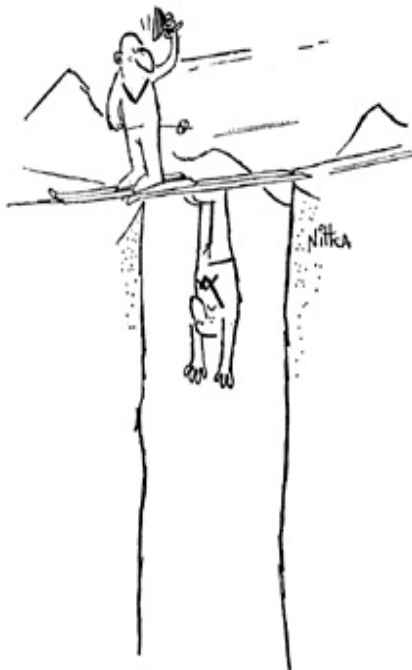
On October 12th under the expert guidance of Barbara Zurlo, an adventurous group did the annual hike. This year, the woods behind Camelback Ski Resort were chosen. Weather was a bit iffy—we started being enveloped in a cloud and it rained for most of the time. Foot paths became torrents of running water, which we had to ford on numerous occasions.

In the usual BMSSC fashion (is Barbara to blame?) we lost our way and kept on walking down until we hit I80 and the nearby outlet stores. A few of us thought that perhaps we should abort our rain-drenched hike and go shopping, but a deep ravine and fences brought us to our senses.

We hiked up for a soggy lunch under the covers of trees that brought us little relief from the rain. Shortly thereafter we returned to our dry, warm and toasty cars.

Needless to say, each hike is memorable in its own way. Remember the Blair Witch and the dead beaver? This hike will be remembered as our “hike in the clouds.”

~Raul Valcarcel



Men Are From Jackson, Women Vail SKI December 2001

Lift rides are for discussing skiing, not personal stuff. Any questions? By Hal Clifford

When two guys get on a chairlift, often as not you can smell the testosterone. I give my companion the once-over and jerk my stubble-covered chin toward his feet. “You like those Dyna-Smash XO Scream Double Wammy boards? Good in the crud?”

“They’re OK,” he’ll say. “This is my second pair this season. Broke both sticks Saturday launching into Death Hole Gully.” Then there is silence as we both pretend to enjoy the view.

If the other guy is a visitor, I’ll modestly admit that, yes, I do live here. Oh, no, I don’t get in more than 60 days a year—still have to work, don’t we? Ha-ha-ha.

What guys don’t talk about is as significant as what we do. Off limits: relationships, how cold we are, how hot we are, what’s that smell, how hungry we are, where to eat.

We do discuss gear, insofar as how it performs under stress—how’s the wind in the helmet when you are ripping? We discuss snow, weather, lifelines, where the rocks are. We’re happy to comment upon—and rate—wipeouts we observe.

Occasionally we’ll marvel at the pain tolerance of some fashion-driven woman who, unwilling to crush her coif, is skiing in 10-degree weather without a hat.

Bottom line: On the lift guys talk about The Thing Itself—skiing. We might diverge into a discussion about Broncos’ prospects this weekend. But when we unload, we’ve learned something that is going to make our day—or season—more productive: where the bumps are soft, whether patrol is going to drop the rope on the backside, how those new Deathgrabber SuperComp Bindings pre-release during mogul runs.

Sure, I know women who can ski and ride twice as hard, twice as fast and twice as long as I can. And they can hold their own on a chairlift. They’re the exception that proves the rule.

As for the rest of ski life—who makes the best Piña Colada in town, who’s the cutest ski instructor and when can we go in for lunch—I’ll leave that for my wife. I’m off to drop into Death Hole Gully. Just stick that first turn and you can clear the cliff band, man, no problem.

A ski day isn’t just about skiing. Why not get a little personal? By Lou Bendrick

When women get together on the chairlift, as often as not, you can smell the coconuts. Most of us carry SPF 50, paba-free UVA, B, C and D protection.

“Here you go,” I’ll say, offering my two-gallon pump jug to the lady from Topeka who forgot hers. Then there’s a long period of silence while we both genuinely enjoy the view.

We might share our thoughts on gear, but we’ll quickly move on to more interesting subjects: the precociousness of our children, whom Tom Cruise is dating or say, our husband’s sexual shortcomings. If one’s chairlift mate is an old friend, the conversation might even get personal.

We ladies do discuss clothing insofar as how it fails us. Our derrières are often icy, despite being wrapped in the Kevlar long-johns that our husbands swear by. The only surefire cure for the cold, we wise women know, is double-espresso macadamia-nut brownies.

Back on the lift, we might marvel at the pain tolerance of some middle-aged man with a sunburned bald spot on Death Hole Gully. This hero, having put all of his faith into his latest pair of Super Pricey Sucker Boards, is about to make his orthopedist a richer man. He’ll no doubt turn to his poor wife for glucosamine and sympathy later that evening.

Bottom line: A ski day is not just about skiing itself. Sure, it’s about finding the fall line, making some gorgeous, sexy turns or having a breakthrough in the bumps. But it’s also about the way the soft, perfect snow sparkles under the sun (have some more Coppertone, girlfriend), catching up with gal pals, quality time with family (even hubby), bonding with the lady from Topeka and the macadamia-nut brownies.

The chicks on sticks I ski with don’t ski punishingly hard and dangerously fast or waste time competing with men who do. And we wear hats, coifs be damned.

Piña Colada? Bartender, I’ll take my scotch neat, my knees intact and my turns smooth and wide. Oh, and some Advil for my sunburned, achy friend here.

(Continued from page 1)
President's Message

ence the Grand Tetons, Grand Targhee or try a backcountry wildlife snowmobile adventure.

There are still quite a few Death March Pins to be earned. So get your body in shape and join the group for a few days of challenging your limits. Special consideration will be given for children (U-14) to earn such a pin. Timid women can apply for DMP consideration, but you **will** actually have to ski.

Looking forward to seeing and skiing or riding with everyone in the upcoming season. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Let It Snow!

Wayne MacMath
 President

Hockey Game

On November 22, a group of Bucks Mount hockey fans saw the Trenton Titans defeat Roanoke by a score of 6-5. It was a close game and a fun night at the Sovereign Bank Arena. The kids cheering section was led by Jeffrey Murtha and Will Longworth. They had a great time entertaining all of us.

~Clare Longworth

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 15th. Let us know which trip you want to use the prize and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

In the lead so far:

- Sheila Gwinner (8)
- Cathy Rees (4)
- Gary Gagliardi (3)
- Joe Huttemann (3)

Additions or corrections, call Maureen.

Jim Borgman
 Cincinnati Inquirer



Florida or Bust!

2003 Social Events

March 6th
 Lang's Discount Night

June 12th
 Trenton Thunder Game

May-June
 Annual Banquet-TBA

Lift Lines



Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club
 P.O. Box 424
 Levittown, PA 19058
 Club Hot Line (215) 364-4790
 BM_SKICLUB@YAHOO.COM

Inside This Issue

- . 2003 Ski Trips: Still some space available
Steamboat, Tignes & Jackson Hole
- . Death March Rules update