



Lift Lines



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Wayne C. MacMath

President

Holiday Greetings from the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club! The officers and committee people sincerely hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy New Year. It is our pleasure to serve such a fun loving, warm and friendly group of people. YOU ARE THE BEST! Please remember the true meaning of the holiday season, be thankful for what we have, help others less fortunate, and enjoy the time you have to spend with your family. Pray for the families in the service of our country who will be separated this holiday season.

May I reiterate what I have said before, thank you for the honor of allowing me to guide this great troupe of skiers through another season. Also, any President knows they can achieve nothing without the assistance of good officers. The "elected" officers and volunteers that make the club an effective organization are a wonderful group of people who work tirelessly to make our club a success. Thanks to you for caring so much about the BMSC.

As I look at the calendar there are only 16 days remaining before we hit the slopes at Crested Butte, our newest destination. The lifts are operating and snow has been piling up waiting for all 38 of us to arrive. Maureen has been busy, working overtime, making sure all the reservations are in order. Our group din-

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Our 37th Year

\$100 Trip Giveaway

Drawings will begin in January. You are automatically entered if you have a paid deposit on a trip 60 days before departure.

DRAWING DATES :

OKEMO & STOWE – Jan. 4th meeting
SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 18th meeting
CANADA – Feb. 1st meeting

There are still some seats left on the Sunday River and Canada trips. Waiting lists are being kept for the Okemo and Stowe 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. (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). *Paying a little ahead of time is even nicer for our bookkeeping.*

FREE TRIP TO ELK

Win a free trip to Elk Mountain! Sign up by the January 4th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the January 18th meeting.

2006 Club Meetings

January 4th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 18th
Stromboli Night

February 1st
Italian Sausage Night

February 15th
Wings & Dips Night

March 1st
Seafood Night

March 15th
St. Patty's Dessert 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 here for 2006. Save \$10 or more off the price of your lift tickets. We sell weekday tickets, most of which can be upgraded to weekend tickets at the ticket window (if there is an * by the price).

Bear Creek (\$20*), Big Two (\$26*), Blue Mountain (\$29*), Camel Back (\$30), Elk (\$30*) and Montage (\$27).

There is also a supply of discount coupons for Camelback, good anytime. Blue Mountain vouchers are good for two years, check the date on the voucher. Bill Rittler (215) 788-3276

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2006 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from 700 New Rodgers Rd. in Levittown 19056 at the Middletown Township Bldg., former police bldg. (directions and map on the web site). Prices include lift tickets, transportation on a lavatory equipped bus, videos and refreshments on the bus, driver's tip, lodging, meals, and a box dinner on the return trip home. Friday departure times for weekend trips vary: **Okemo 4:30 pm, Stowe 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Mt. Orford/Mt. Sutton/Jay Peak 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 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 bus 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.

OKEMO, VERMONT and MOUNT SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE (WAITING LIST) January 13 - 15

\$338 Double \$308 Triple \$302 Quad

Ski 2 days. Going back for the third time to the lovely *Hartness House*, Vermont's historic inn and observatory, the home of the governor of Vermont in 1920. We will be served a buffet dinner and 2 buffet breakfasts in the Victorian dining room and tours have been requested of the underground museum. The common areas of the mansion will be lavishly decorated for the winter holidays. We enjoyed Mt. Sunapee last time, so we will split the trip again to two areas. Mount Sunapee Saturday and Okemo Sunday. A \$150 deposit per person holds your reservation.

STOWE and SUGARBUSH, VERMONT (WAITING LIST) January 27 - 29

\$357 Double \$347 Triple \$333 Quad

Ski 2 days. A new twist this year. We will drive down to the expansive Sugarbush on Saturday. Sunday we will ski three minutes away at Stowe. The *Mountaineer Inn* proved to be most enjoyable last year so we are returning. Three minutes from the slopes, the Mountaineer Inn features the hospitality of the traditional Vermont country inn. Relax in the 20 person hot tub, the indoor pool, the fireside lounge. We have arranged for 2 full breakfasts and a buffet style dinner. \$150 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA (OPENINGS) February 3

\$70 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. 4 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and ATTITASH, NEW HAMPSHIRE (OPENINGS) February 17 - 20

\$458 Double \$450 Triple \$438 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 17th year. Take it a little easier the last day at Attitash Mountain and try the cruisers on Bear Mountain. The *Town and Country Inn* hosts us with attractive family rates. Buffet breakfast and choice of five dinner entrees. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

MT. ORFORD and MT. SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VERMONT (OPENINGS) March 9 - 12

\$400 Double \$385 Triple \$370 Quad

Ski 3 days. Cross the border into the Eastern Provinces of Quebec. *Auberge Estrimont* will offer us first class hospitality. We have included 2 dinners and 3 breakfasts. Lounge by the fireplace and bar or try the indoor/outdoor heated pool and whirlpool. For skiing we will travel to Mount Sutton for the first day, then shuttle the 5 minutes over to Mount Orford on day two. We will depart the hotel and cross the border to Jay Peak for the last day. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO (FULL) December 26 - January 2**\$1,262 Per Person \$349—6 day adult lift ticket**

Ideally located to catch great ski conditions, the mountain stands where Colorado's best weather patterns hit head-on. Big, open and uncrowded, Crested Butte boasts a vertical drop of 2,700' served by 15 lifts. From gentle slopes to gnarly extremes, each person can find the right degree of comfort or challenge. Spend New Year's Holiday in the charming Victorian town, 3 miles away: "A quaint little drinking town with a skiing problem." They claim more restaurants per capita than any other town in the U.S. Our spacious three or four bedroom condos in the *Chateaux* face the ski area 600 yards down the hill. Relax after skiing in the outdoor heated pool or hot tub. Complimentary public transportation is available throughout the area. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance \$86.

TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE (FULL) January 13 - 22**2,162 Single \$1,931 Double \$1,838 Triple**

Our 9th 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 (lift ticket extra) 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. Our last night will be in the wonderful city of Lyon. \$350 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance: \$94.

BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA (OPENINGS) April 13-21**\$1,385 Per Person 6 day lift ticket INCLUDED**

Eight nights and seven days to ski and go sightseeing. Come and experience the dramatic scenery of the Canadian Rockies at this amazing price. Our flights are from Philadelphia to Calgary, connecting through Denver. We have the option of using our mini vans or town shuttles to go to the ski areas. We will ski Sunshine Village (3,800 acres/107 named runs) and Lake Louise (4,200 acres/113 runs). The modern *Hidden Ridge Resort* features a large outdoor hot tub and a covered barbeque area. You can take a stroll along one of the hiking trails that start outside your door. Get brochures and plan a day of sightseeing using the included mini-vans to explore the Johnson Canyon, the Bow River Valley, Icefields Parkway or just drive up to the Fairmont Chateau for lunch over-looking the famous scenic Lake Louise. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance \$76

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Discount Lift Tickets	Bill Rittler	(215) 788-3276

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:

December 30 – Okemo (please mail)
January 4 – Banff
January 11 – Stowe
January 18 – Elk
February 1 – Sunday River
February 15 – Canada

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.

E-Mail Alert—We just updated the BMSC e-mail list. If you did not receive a reminder that this newsletter was ready, please let us know at bm_skiclub@yahoo.com

End of Season Ski Club Discount Night**LANG'S SKI & SCUBA**

1757 N. Olden Ave.

Trenton, N.J.

(609) 538-1970

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006
10AM – 8PM**

50% off original price of all new clothing, skis, boots & bindings. 40% off original price of snowboards, boots and bindings. Tune up specials: skis \$29.99 and snowboards \$24.99.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

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Discount Lift Tix

will have a supply of tickets at our meetings. We recommend that you order ahead of time if you want to be sure to get what you want.

Tickets are available for Killington, Pico, Okemo, Sugarbush, Stratton, Mount Snow and Jay Peak but they must be ordered well in advance of when you need them. There is no supply on hand. Returned vouchers for Vermont will receive credit for next season.

Unused tickets for PA ski areas are refundable, but you must get them to us on or before the March 15th meeting. We will refund by check once we receive reimbursement from Eastern PA Ski Council.

Annual Ski Club Banquet

The annual banquet will be held this year on Saturday May 20th at 7:00 pm at the *Yardley Country Club* located in Yardley, PA. Directions can be found on our web site.

Menu choices are:

London Broil—with wild mushroom, pepper and onion in a demi-glace

Pork Mignon—with raspberry walnut sauce

Herb Roasted Salmon—with a caper-dill wine butter

Included with the above are: bruschetta, spinach salad (fresh spinach garnished with onions, walnuts and egg served with warm bacon dressing), asparagus, double stuffed potato, bread & butter, coffee, tea and fruit tart for dessert. There will be a cash bar.

The cost is \$33.00 per person. Space is limited, so sign up early. Contact Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 before May 13th.

Trenton Thunder



Our 2006 outing is scheduled for Friday, June 23 at Waterfront Park. Come see the AA affiliate of the New York Yankees play the Connecticut Defenders. 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. Arrive early for free Thunder team cards.

The buffet starts at 6:35 pm and lasts for 1½ hours. The menu includes: Italian sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, melon tray, soda and water. Game time is 7:05pm.

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 20.

Membership

Our membership for 2005-2006 is 188 adults as of December 16th.

Membership Rate: \$25.00 single
 \$40.00 family

If you live close enough to make it, come out and socialize at some of the six meetings that are left. We have free food that ranges from pizza to wings to our popular seafood night.

Get in the running for a free lift ticket, good for one day on one of your trips this year. Win by bringing in the most new members for 2005-2006. In the running so far is Ellen Victor.

Ten Years Ago in *Lift Lines*

Wayne was very health conscious suggesting that we get in shape for skiing. One suggestion was to bend down to put our shoes on by hand to promote flexibility! Barb Zurlo even conducted a FITNESS hike.

Our Holiday Party was at Judy Lott's new home.

Our club merchandisers Chuck & Evi

Death March Update

As the Death March enters its 5th season, let me just say I am proud of everyone who has succeeded in getting his/her pin. Watching each person challenge him/herself to new terrain, with varying snow conditions, and as a result upgrade their skill level, is exciting. Thanks for allowing me to lead you around each mountain, in many cases, into the unknown.

To date we have 102 DMP winners. In four years that averages out to 25½ winners per year. The half came about last year during the weekend of the Opportunists at Okemo. This has been deemed unacceptable behavior - taking advantage of weakness in the DML. As a result of this unscrupulous behavior, rules will be strictly enforced during the 2006 ski season. Look forward to more moguls and glades. Bring your helmet. If you don't have one, get one.

Due to the truce with Henry, *long sleeve shirt people* are eligible for prizes. Wearing your black "beer mug" embroidered shirt will earn points. If you can get 10 or more people at once to wear their Apres Ski Death March shirt to a meeting, the DML will double the points. Pin wearers should not put their pin on "*said shirt*". The point totals for Anti DM members are also posted on the web site. Don't even ask! The points from each cannot be combined.

Don't forget to announce your intentions ahead of time to compete for a pin. This may be done on the bus, on the plane, or at a meeting. Are you up to the challenge? Are you a contender or a pretender?

were offering t-shirts and newly minted ski pins with our logo.

Ski trips were to Ski Windham, Elk, Okemo/Stratton, staying at Trudy Dostal's, Whiteface, Sunday River/Attatash (only \$357 double), Sugarbush, and Aspen.

The complete January 1997, Volume 1 Issue 1 can be found on our web site.

Ten Year Anniversary Issue of *Lift Lines*

Yes, it is hard to believe that this is the ten year anniversary issue (31st edition) of *Lift Lines*! In January 1997, following Jill Neffle, I published the very first *Lift Lines*. Cute snow related names for the newsletter, such as 'Blizzard' and 'Snow Fall' were proposed, however it was Maureen who chose the title *Lift Lines*.

It has been both fun and a challenge publishing the newsletter. I have had some great articles contributed. Barb Zurlo wrote many restaurant reviews for our slope side lunches. Larry Ortmann, a verbose writer (his story is one long paragraph!), gave us excellent recaps of his skiing and eating adventures. I was even able to get Jason "Jaspoon" Krenzle to write articles on snowboarding, promoting at that time an upcoming sport for the Club. These are only a few of the many contributors. Please keep them coming in the future for all to enjoy and make my job easier!

Putting out the newsletter is a complicated task. Thank God for modern technology! Both Maureen and I start by looking at the previous year's edition and updating that accordingly. At this time I contact people for updates on articles, such as for this newsletter, Judy Lott for our 2006 Banquet. So there is a lot of prodding and begging for information. Wayne's letter, the prominent first article in the newsletter is

usually the last to be given to me.

Once I have all the articles, it becomes a puzzle, trying to fit everything in nicely on the pages. I collect winter/snow cartoons and ski related articles throughout the year to be used for filler. However, there is always a cartoon on the last page. Once complete, the newsletter is sent to Maureen for proof reading. You can tell she is a teacher; she catches 99.9% of my errors. However, occasionally a few errors do slip by and get published.

Once the editing is complete, I post the new *Lift Lines* on the web site and e-mail everyone that it is now available. I also update the individual web pages, such as the page for Trenton Thunder with the info found in *Lift Lines*. A .pdf copy of the newsletter is sent to Copy Max for copying, collating and stapling. Vern supplies me with the mailing labels and I remove those who only want the newsletter on-line (saves us money and effort, so please elect if you will print it yourself!). Then I call my steadfast crew together (Judy Lott, Raul Valcarcel, and Helen Lewis) to label, stamp, fold in three and staple. Of course I have to feed them, since there is no meeting without eating! Next day the boxes of newsletters are taken to the post office. I am done for another 4 months!!!

~Karl Flesch, editor

Photo Contest

Don't forget to bring in some photos for the bulletin board which will be back at meetings for the Winter. You must have some good ones already. Don't wait until you get new ones for this season only. Look over your ski pictures and bring a few, funny or beautiful. Top prize will be a lift ticket for one of your trips.

Trenton Titans Hockey Game

Twenty-one members and guests attended our annual Titans game on November 18. The Titans lost 2-1 to the Wheeling Nailers, but we got our money's worth. The game went into Sudden Death Overtime and we saw a Shoot Out. The Stanley Cup, Calder Cup, and Kelly Cup trophies were on display for everyone to see and touch.

~Clare Longworth

Save Those TABS

Please continue to save the can tabs for charity. This year they are going to help persons on dialysis and the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia

Chinese Night

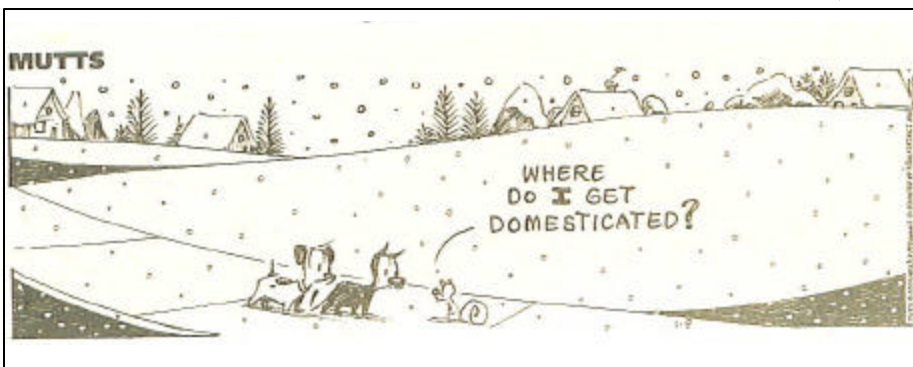
Planned for a Saturday in the spring. Listen at the meetings or check the website for final plans.

Attention 4th Graders

Fourth graders can ski or board for free this winter at 21 ski areas in Pennsylvania. You need to pre-register by filling out the forms found at

<http://skipa.com/4thgrademain.htm>

Your Snowpass will provide you with over 66 days of FREE skiing and boarding.



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President's Letter

ner at the *Buffalo Grille* is arranged and the menu looks outstanding.

Karl and his group of 10 are primed and ready to go to France. They are excited, anticipating acres of powder and great food at the *Village Montana*. Have a great trip!

Since July, club members have been depositing money on various trips. You are about to experience some of the best skiing New England has to offer. Three of the trips are nearing capacity, and Sunday River is still wide open. Rita's Elk trip is drawing some attention, but we are canceling the third bus. If you are considering skiing this season, don't wait any longer and be disappointed.

Our season finale at Sunshine and Lake Louise in Banff National Park has numerous sign ups. This is our second new destination. Sign up now before we have to start releasing airline seats and lodging. Don't miss this one.

Finally, recently we realized at the Ski Club Appreciation Night at Langhorne Ski Shop that we were remiss in not having a club song. So our poet laureate/hoodies saleswoman, Evi Paul, stepped up to give us something to rap about. Sorry Chuck! Like all great artists, Evi became

inspired in the middle of the night and thus we are the beneficiaries of:

THE BUCKS MOUNT CHANT

by Evi Paul

(to be chanted like rap)

Bucks Mount, Bucks Mount, we are bold!

We ski on the ice,

we ski in the cold.

We ski in the deep,

we ski with no sleep,

and according to Wayne,

we gotta ski in the rain.

**We do all of this in order to win
the prestigious and coveted Death March pin.**

We have no meeting without eating;

wine and cheese, all kinds of goodies.

Selling t-shirts, hats and the infamous hoodies.

**We range in age from the young to old Bucks Mount,
Bucks, Mount, WE ARE GOLD!**

What a great idea! Thanks Evi!

Have a great season everyone. See you on the slopes.

Wayne

2006 Events

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May 20

Annual Ski Club Banquet

June 23

Trenton Thunder Game

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