



Lift Lines



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Wayne C. MacMath

President

It is difficult to believe another year has transpired. We can look back and remember all the good things that happened this past year. Good days skiing, wonderful relaxing vacations and the new people we met throughout the course of last year. I'm so thankful for all the friendly, caring people we have in Bucks Mount Ski Club. It's a pleasure to meet and to ski with all of you and to be the leader of this club.

Concerning the future, the outlook for the club looks bright. The thirty-five people who went to Park City, Utah had a great time. Ask one of them about New Year's Eve. Breckenridge over Easter-Spring Break has up to fifty people asking to go. Maureen is still figuring that out. Despite the warm weather here on the east coast our one-day trip to Elk and the other weekend trips are filling up nicely. Regardless of the conditions our group will find some other way to enjoy each other's company, whether it be in the bar après the lifts close or after dinner with a drink and a warm cozy fireplace.

By the time you read this letter many of us will have experienced the joys of fresh powder in Utah. Hopefully throughout this ski season everyone will have the opportunity for "freshies."

Just a little heads up...the departure lot for our bus trips looks different...the building is gone! Another building is planned, but we are still parking on the same Middletown Township property at 700 New Rodgers Road.

From the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club hope your holidays were wonderful and have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

~Wayne C. MacMath



Our 38th 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. 10th meeting
SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 24th meeting
CANADA – Feb. 7th meeting

There are still some seats left on the Stowe, Elk, Sunday River, Canada and Breckenridge trips. Waiting list is being kept for the Okemo trip.

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 10th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the January 24th meeting.

2007 Club Meetings

January 10th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 24th
Stromboli Night

February 7th
Italian Sausage Night

February 28th
Seafood Night

March 14th
Hors d'Oeuvre 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 Club has discount lift tickets to Blue Mountain (weekday) for \$29. For tickets, call Bill or Kim Craven at (215) 741-4442 or see him at our meetings.

Other tickets to the Pocono and New England resorts can be ordered thru Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council. See our web site or call Bill for more information.

2007 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. Indicate your choice on the waiver form.

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 receive a \$10 discount off of the total cost of each weekend trip and are entered 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 12 - 14

\$352 Double \$322 Triple \$312 Quad

Ski 2 days. Going back for the fourth time to the warm, friendly *Hartness House*, Vermont's historic inn, the home of the governor of Vermont in 1920. The sitting areas with window seats, couches, fireplaces and bar offer comfortable areas for us to gather. The innkeepers keep up the festive holiday garlands and trees for us to enjoy in January. We will again plan a split trip skiing: Mount Sunapee on Saturday and Okemo on Sunday. We will be served 2 buffet breakfasts and buffet dinner on Saturday in the Victorian dining room. A \$150 deposit per person holds your reservation.

STOWE and SUGARBUSH, VERMONT (ALMOST FULL) January 26 - 28

\$374 Double \$364 Triple \$350 Quad

Ski 2 days. We will experience two ski areas in the one weekend. Saturday we will travel to Sugarbush North. The two mile interconnect chair will allow us to cross over to Sugarbush South. Sunday we will take the shorter 3-minute trip to Stowe. The Mountaineer Inn is happy to be our country inn host for the third year. They prepare a delicious buffet dinner and 2 full breakfasts. After skiing relax in the hot tub, indoor pool, fireside lounge and bar. \$150 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA (OPENINGS) February 2

\$76 Per Person

Ski 1 day. Friday. The camaraderie of friends makes this trip special. We enjoy uncrowded weekday slopes and have fun in whatever weather nature provides for the day. Our favorite in PA, Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Meet the bus at 5:30 a.m. Park your car. Have juice, have a Danish; then let the bus driver do the work. You can go back to sleep until we arrive. Sign up by Jan. 10 and be in the drawing for a free trip

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and ATTITASH, NEW HAMPSHIRE (OPENINGS) February 16 - 19

\$475 Double \$465 Triple \$455 Quad

Ski 3 days. Get away from the crowd for the busy President's Weekend; head north with us. Spend two days trying out the trails and glades on 8 interconnected mountains at Sunday River. We are returning with confidence for the 18th year because Sunday River has the largest snowmaking system and #1 rated lift system in the East. Monday we will take it easier at Attitash and then head home from there. The *Town and Country Inn* hosts us with spacious rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. Three large buffet breakfasts and two sit down meals from choice of three dinner entrees each night. A \$200 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

MT. ORFORD and MT. SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VERMONT (OPENINGS) March 8 - 11

\$439 Double \$415 Triple \$400 Quad

Ski 3 days. This is a fun spring trip. Cross the border into the Eastern Provinces of Quebec. Check out the renovations of *Auberge Estrimont* as they go condo. We have included 2 gourmet sit down dinners and 3 breakfasts. Lounge in the bar or try the new rock falls indoor/outdoor heated pool and whirlpool. For skiing we will travel to Mount Sutton for the first day, and 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.

PARK CITY, UTAH (FULL) December 26 - January 2**\$1,325 Per Person \$350 - 6 day adult lift ticket**

Do something memorable this year for your Christmas/ Holiday break! We have reserved 40 spaces with ideal non-stop flights on Delta and a great lodging property during this prime-time hard-to-get period. Vacation in Bear Hollow Village, lovely 4 bedroom/ 31/2bath town homes, each with private hot tub on the deck. Enjoy the camaraderie as we coordinate excursions in our rental vans. A New Year's Eve party, group dinner and lots of après ski are in the works. Come alone or with your own small group. Trip is already half full, so call before we fill up to see what we can work out for you. Check out the links on our club website. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$96 insurance.

TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE (CANCELED) January 12 - 21**\$2,385 Single \$2,094 Double (-\$78 if over 12 sign up!)**

Our 10th 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 197.50 euros 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. Last night in Lyon. \$700 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance: \$138.

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO (OPENINGS) March 31 - April 8**\$1,354 Per Person 7 day lift ticket INCLUDED**

Eight nights and seven days to ski and play! Come and see why Breckenridge is everyone's favorite town. Our flights are non-stop to Denver on United Airlines. We will pick up our mini-vans at the airport and have the option of using them or the town shuttles to get around. The deluxe One Breckenridge Place Townhomes are only 200 yards from the lift. We can party on the decks in our outdoor private hot tubs or walk to all the action on Main Street. Our seven-day, Vail Resort lift tickets are actually good at five different ski areas. We will line up some days, if you'd like to ski and après ski with others. There is fabulous terrain for every type of skier or rider at Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. Deposit due now \$600 to hold your reservation. Insurance \$82.

Officers for the 2006-2007 Season

President	Wayne MacMath	(215) 624-7751
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Discount Lift Tickets	Bill Craven	(215) 741-4442

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 29 – Okemo (please mail)
January 10 – Breckenridge (\$154)
January 10 – Stowe
January 24 – Elk
January 24 – Sunday River
February 21– 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 1, 2007
10AM – 8PM**

50% off original price of all new clothing, skis, boots & bindings. 40% off original price of snowboards, boots and bindings. 50% off all snowboard accessories. 30% off car racks (boxes 10% off).

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

e-mail
BM_SKICLUB@YAHOO.COM

Website
www.bucksmountskiclub.org

Annual Ski Club Banquet

The annual banquet will be held this year on Saturday May 5th 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), broccoli, oven-roasted red bliss potatoes, bread & butter, coffee, tea and chocolate layer cake for dessert. There will be a cash bar.

The cost is \$35.00 per person. Space is limited, so sign up early. Contact Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 before April 29th.

Death March Update



...Well.... the Death March tradition continues.... During our recent trip to Park City, Utah, the DML

had petitioners request the opportunity to experience the "march." They dutifully stayed out on the mountains with Wayne well after the "rest of us" were ordering pitchers in the bar. Pins were conferred on the following people near the end of the trip:

- #134 Scott Logan
- #135 Courtney Nowill
- #136 Michael Briglia (junior status)
- #137 Makenzie Briglia (junior status)
- #138 Craig Lewin

Congratulations! Awesome job!

Trenton Thunder



Our 2007 outing is scheduled for Friday, June 15th at Waterfront Park. Come see the AA affiliate of the New York Yankees play the Reading Phillies. 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 12.

Hike

If you missed the Hike this year, you missed the best one yet. On September 30, 2006, 16 people, including 2 1/2 year old Amelia & 9 year olds Kelsey & Gina, met at the Pocono Environmental Ed. Ctr. for our hike. It was a nice moderate hike until we came to "The Wall" This part of the trail sort of went straight down a cliff. There was a rather iffy looking rope to aid in your decent, backwards, Ranger Style. Everyone developed their own method of navigation. Some were quite entertaining, no names, but you know who you are. Jim Waltz has pictures, for a price. We all ended up at Lisa & Jim's RV for what our ski club is noted for, eating & drinking beer & wine & just plain having a good time.

~Barbara Zurlo

Ten Years Ago in Lift Lines: January 1998

The annual Christmas Party featured Michael (Mattie) and the Chipmunks (Dick Hagen and Chuck Mitchell) on Karoke at Judy Lott's house.

Rita and Jim moved into their new home on Fox Hollow Drive.

Our previous bartender, the late Frank Sellers was featured in an article. A WWII veteran, he saw action in France and Germany.

The Club's first trip to Europe and Tignes was held January 16-25 for \$1,365 double.

Bill Rees wrote an article on "Over 50 and Snowboarding". He had some novel ideas on keeping dry!

"Spirit Night" was to be held in February. Club members were asked to wear articles of clothing that said "Bucks Mount Ski Club".

Western trip was to Breckenridge, April 9-17 for \$889 per person, including lift ticket.

Membership

Our membership for 2006-2007 is 173 adults as of December 25th.

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 2006-2007. In the running so far are: Joe Hutteman, Kathy & Paul Horwatt, Rachel MacMath and Chuck Mitchell.

Bike Ride 2006

*Just hear the bike bells ringaling jing jing jingaling too.
Come on it's lovely weather for a BIKE RIDE together with you.*

*Outside the leaves are falling and friends are calling YOO HOO.
Come on it's lovely weather for a BIKE RIDE together with you.*

*Hurry up! Hurry up! Let's go. Let's get on our way.
To pick up our poker cards to play.*

*Hurry up! Hurry up! it's grand just holding your POKER hand.
We're riding along with the thoughts of a poker payoff to spend.*

OK, so we're not poets.

Bucks Mount Ski Club Bike Ride/Poker Rally 2006 was the year for *firsts*:

First late start in the 10-year history of the ride---We liked it---We took a vote---Next year, 11 a.m. start.

First time Wayne and Maureen joined the ride---he cried "my butt is killing me"!!!
sad really paybacks are hell.

First time Jeffrey Murtha won the Poker hand (16 and under)—against some very fierce competition too, we might add.

First time Jim Murtha won the POKER hand (17 and way over) ---seems like the fix was in.

First time our precious Rita didn't take a dive.

First appearance of Chuck and Evie---a bike is a bike, right? Obviously stylin' and not into bike-riding lycra, they donned their leathaa chaps. *Oh baby.*

First time our meeting place was moved to the back picnic area---and will remain there---we didn't take a vote; we just decided.

First time John Cahill did the one-handed grill'n, he was chill'n, fill'n in for Joe.

On the other hand, first time in the LAST position, Wayne and Maureen were the last to show up at the picnic. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?????

Former Olympic medal hopeful in the bicycling event, Bob Opper was joined by Ken Lovett, Marietta Wade, and Patti Cahill as the fastest participants.

Returning this year for a fun-filled day of exercise, food, and prizes Karl Flesch, Raul Valcarcel, Todd Polk, Ray Nagy, Jim Ridler, Jerry Cape, Ellen Chauncey, Rita Murtha, Jim Murtha, Jeff Murtha, and Christina Gregory made this a great event.

Cited for insufficient air (in her tires), Marcia Comly was almost disqualified for premature envelope opening. We have RULES you know!!!

New attendees included Billy Lane, John Brook, and Tom Schapley. WOW these guys are GREAT bikers. George Chase, along with his faithful German ShortHair Pointer, completed most of the ride. Good exercise!

Lastly, there were seven riders who were unable to participate because of the time change---Rick and Gina Seibel, Diane and John Monteverdi, John and Patti Lewin, and Ed Paulsworth. Remember to check your email in case there is a change on the day of next year's ride.

We hope everyone can ride with us next year!!!!

~Lyn and Joe Huttemann

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

Seventeen Club members and guests attended our annual Trenton Titans game on November 4th. We enjoyed an exciting game, as the Titans battled to the last seconds to defeat the Reading Royals 3-2.

~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.

Moroccan 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.

No Mountain? No Problem

Few people are aware of this, but there's some pretty good skiing to be had in Princeton, NJ. Actually, it's not that great, but as the time – I was maybe 10 – it seemed OK to me. We'd had one of those snowstorms all kids dream about, the kind that closes the schools, keeps traffic off the roads and fosters the impression that, just for one day, the child-oppressing norms of society have been suspended. Want to play in the street? Go ahead. Drive headlong into piles of snow? Have a go at it. Pelt the dorky neighbor kid with snowballs? Wear your mittens, dear. I did all these things, of course. Then I decided I was going to go skiing. That there wasn't an actual *ski area* in town never entered my thinking.

I rallied my friend Andrew, we ferreted our equipment out of our respective

garages, then set out for the local sledding hill – a vast lawn that fell away gently from the base of one of Princeton University's many Gothic buildings. After gearing up, we took to the broad snowy slope. This was my first attempt at skiing ungroomed snow, and I learned a few things – most notably that a 15-degree pitch entombed under two feet of wet New Jersey "powder" is pretty much unskiable. We poled furiously to gain momentum. And stood dead still. This was no fun.

Halfway through the long trudge home, salvation presented itself in the form of a parking lot, recently plowed and ringed with the tallest snow banks either of us had ever seen – huge, towering mountains of snow. Five minutes later, we'd fashioned a small jump at the base of the tallest and were merrily sailing down the side, squeezing in a

jump-turn or tow before catching a full eight inches of hard-won air. It took us maybe an hour to metabolize their remains of our morning hot chocolate and head for home – tired, glowing and plotting our next adventure on snow.

That's one of the great things about skiing: The size – and location – of the hill isn't necessarily directly proportional to the size of the thrill. You can have a blast skiing any small resort or anywhere else you might happen to find yourself. You may need to work at it – and if you're a 10-year old boy with more energy than sense, you may need to ask your folks for new skis after scraping the bottoms off yours in a parking lot – but hey, turns are turns.

*Kendall Hamilton
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May 5

Annual Ski Club Banquet

June 15

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