



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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Wayne C. MacMath

President

The ski and snowboard season has begun. New England has received nature's bounty early this season and thus far it has held up. Areas are reporting full operation.

All the ski areas in the West are 100% open, including Whitefish, Montana, where Bucks Mount just visited. While we had some difficulty getting there, upon arrival we were greeted with many inches of powder each day! The area has some great terrain worth revisiting.

Many in the group went sno-cat skiing and enjoyed 3 – 4 feet of powder. **Powder clause fulfilled.**

The gang of nineteen led by Karl is anxiously waiting for their trip to France. Karl informs me everything is set and they have been receiving some great snowfalls. *Bon journee.*

If you have not put a deposit on any of our trips you are running out of time. Okemo-Stratton (Yes, we ordered Stratton vouchers from ski council!) has a few seats remaining, but that trip is next weekend. Rita informs me that Elk has seats still available for February 1st. Don't miss this great trip.

Sunday River (the trip that won't die) is currently full and taking names for the waiting list. Finally- Stowe/Sugarbush has seats available but this too will hopefully fill up soon, so don't miss out.

The final trip is for the March/Easter break to Winter Park. We are looking into renting a fifth house, because of some additional members who would like to go.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and on the slopes.

Think Snow!
Wayne



Our 39th 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. Julie Maholic was our first winner, for Okemo.

DRAWING DATES:

SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 23rd meeting
STOWE/SUGARBUSH – Feb. 6th meeting

There are still some seats left on the Elk, Stowe and Winter Park trips. Waiting list is being kept for the Sunday River 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 9th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the January 23rd meeting.

2008 Club Meetings

January 9th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 23rd
Stromboli Night

February 6th
Seafood Night

February 20th
Italian Night

March 5th
Appetizer Night

**Meetings are held at 8:00 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 \$31. For tickets, call Jerry Cape at (215) 884-4214 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 Jerry for more information.

2008 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from 700 New Rodgers Rd. in Levittown 19056 at the Middletown Township Maintenance 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/Stratton 4:30 pm, Sunday River/Wildcat 4:00 pm and Stowe/Sugarbush 4:30 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 and STRATTON, VERMONT

January 18 - 20

\$380 Double \$349 Triple

Ski 2 days. We are looking forward to going back for the fifth time to the *Hartness House*, Vermont's historic inn, originally the home of James Hartness, inventor, astronomer and Governor of Vermont in 1920. Located in Springfield, VT minutes off I-91, we have always enjoyed the Victorian atmosphere of the original house. The sitting areas with windows 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 have changed our split trip this year and plan to ski Stratton Mountain on Saturday and Okemo on Sunday. The chef will prepare one dinner and two breakfasts buffets for us. A \$170 deposit per person holds your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA (OPENINGS)

February 1

\$78 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. 9 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE (WAITING LIST)

February 15 - 18

\$485 Double \$475 Triple \$466 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 lifts in the East, we are returning with confidence for the 19th year. Spend the last day enjoying stunning views of Mt. Washington from scenic Wildcat Mt. 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.

STOWE and SUGARBUSH, VERMONT (OPENINGS)

February 29 - March 2

\$390 Double \$376 Triple \$364 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* is happy to be our country inn host for the fourth year. They prepare a delicious buffet dinner and 2 full breakfasts. After skiing relax in the hot tub, indoor pool, fireside lounge and bar. \$180 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

WHITEFISH, MONTANA**December 26 - January 1****\$1,475 Per Person \$240 - 5 day adult lift ticket**

Do something memorable this year for your Christmas/ Holiday break! During this prime-time hard-to-get period, we have reserved 30 spaces with a great itinerary on United from Philadelphia, connecting through Denver to Glacier International. Vacation at the base of the mountain in the recently built *Morning Eagle Condominiums*. Luxury 3 bedroom/3 bath with deluxe amenities right in the building. Enjoy the camaraderie of a New Year's Eve party, group dinner and lots of après ski. Come alone or with your own small group. Trip is already over half full, so call 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**January 18 - 27****\$2,351 Double \$2,251 Triple**

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 218.70 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.

WINTER PARK, COLORADO (OPENINGS)**March 15 - 23****\$1,319 Per Person \$243 6 day lift ticket**

Eight nights and seven days to ski and play! Winter Park gets the most snow of any major Colorado resort and offers a real mountain town. Come and join us on our first club trip to this destination. Our flights are non-stop from Philadelphia to Denver on United Airlines. We will pick up our mini-vans at the airport and have the option of using them or the shuttle to get around. The luxury *Lakota at Winter Park* homes are a short distance from the base area. We can party at one of the houses or go to all the action on Main Street. There is fabulous terrain for every type of skier or rider at Winter Park, Mary Jane and Vasquez Cirque. Deposit due now \$700 to hold your reservation. Insurance \$103.

Officers for the 2007-2008 Season

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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 9 – Winter Park (\$243)**January 23 – Elk****January 23 – Sunday River****February 13 – Stowe**

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 7, 2008
10AM – 8PM (Trenton Store Only)**

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 10th 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

Chicken Marsala—with mushrooms in a Marsala wine 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), buttered baby carrots, buttered parsley red bliss potatoes, bread & butter, coffee, tea and fruit pie for dessert. There will be a cash bar.

The cost is \$36.00 per person. Space is limited, so sign up early. Contact Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 before May 3rd.

Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 15th Bucks Mount held its annual Holiday party. This year Jerry and Evelyn Throne volunteered to have the party at their lovely home in Langhorne.

Evelyn shared with us that Jerry was a whirlwind in anticipation of our arrival, running around the house hanging greens and other decorations. We happily started on appetizers brought by club members and then dined on ham, chicken, pineapple stuffing, pasta, breads and vegetables. ...and of course some great desserts.

During the evening we were serenaded by and sang Christmas carols along with Evelyn's piano teacher and her daughter.

Thanks go to our holiday sommelier, Jim Murtha, who carefully selected our wines for the evening.

Thanks again go to Jerry and Evelyn for your gracious hospitality.

Death March Update



As predicted the Death March began on time in Montana. The three winners deserved their pins; although, some of the rules were bent and twisted and changed at the whim of the Death March Leader (DML.) The three winners are:

Gene Fergus #146
Michael Baker #147
Noreen Linus #148

You know wearing your pin reaps rewards. In Montana we gave out six DM certificates and checks to those who have worn their pin faithfully and responsibly (Ed). No more pin swapping.

These winners include:

Rachel MacMath #3
Joe Linus #8
Phil Grisi #21
Evi Mitchell #59
Ed Paulsworth #45
Evelyn Throne #92

Congratulations to everyone! There are still a few more pins available for those willing to step up to the plate. Contender or pretender?

Membership

Our membership for 2007-2008 is 166 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 four 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 2007-2008. In the running so far is Jim Ridler.

Trenton Thunder



Our 2008 outing is scheduled for Friday, June 20 at Waterfront Park. Come see the AA affiliate of the New York Yankees play the Binghamton Mets. 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 6:35pm and lasts for 1½ hours. The menu includes: Italian sausage, burgers, hotdogs, salads, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, cookies, and soda. Game time is 7:05pm.

Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$22 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free. For reservations, contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244 by May 18.

Bike Ride 2007

Bike shorts, bike shirt, bike gloves, bike shoes, bike helmet----\$345.67

Bike, car rack, soft seat, odometer, repair kit, tubes, tire pump, bike bell----\$1234.56

Spectacular Fall colors; clean, fresh, chilly air; great get-the-legs-in-shape exercise; brilliant conversation; nice, tasty picnic; clean restrooms; the Poker Rally Nazi; a chance to win \$35; and lovely parting raffle gifts---ALL FOR FREE and PRICELESS

This year, 36 riders participated which is our largest turnout ever. All skill levels were represented.

The Poker Rally \$35 winners
Ken Lovett ---- way over 16 category
Brandon Cahill --- under 16 category

Plan to join the fun next October. It is all **FREE**

~Lyn and Joe Huttemann

Photo Contest

Send in your BEST ski related photos to be added to the Club's Web site. You must have some good ones already. 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. Photos must be from this season only.

Trenton Devils Hockey Game

Twenty six Club members and guests attended our annual Trenton Devils game on November 30th. We were lucky to see one of the best games so far this season. Scoring 3 goals in the first period, the new T-Devils came out firing to defeat the Wheeling Nailers 3-1.

~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

Save the date: planned for Saturday, April 19. 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 20 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 63 days of FREE skiing and boarding.

Ten Years Ago in Lift Lines: January 1998

Always fit, our President Wayne recommended stretching each day to keep your muscles loose and limber. At least three times a week for 30 minutes some type of aerobic workout is recommended.

Two busses went to Sunday River for \$368 double occupancy.

Carol Evans was selling discount lift tickets to Blue Mountain for \$24.

Brrrr, January 28 was Ice Cream Night.

Cathy Rees was a big shopper at the club discount night held at the new location for the Langhorne Ski Shop.

The Club was trying to fill 3 tables for their second year in a row trip to the Chinese Cultural Center in Philadelphia to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

After the Hike

On October 13, twenty-four Bucks Mt. hikers left from the PEEC in the Poconos for our annual "Get in shape for the upcoming ski season" hike in the woods.

Descending a cliff on a rope was, once again one of the highlights. Another highlight was, of course the Apres Hike Cookout at the KOA Campground. Many thanks to Lisa & Jim, Jenny & Mike and Kathy & Steve for all of their help and use of their RV's.

~Barbara Zurlo



So, how'd you break your arm?

Even if you aren't a skier, you'll be able to appreciate the humor of the slopes as written in this account by a New Orleans paper.

A friend just got back from a holiday ski trip to Utah with the kind of story that warms the cockles of anybody's heart.

Conditions were perfect, 12 below, no feeling in the toes, basic numbness all over, the "tell me when we're having fun" kind of day. One of the women in the group complained to her husband that she was in dire need of a restroom. He told her not to worry, that he was sure there was relief waiting at the top of the lift in the form of a powder room for female skiers in distress.

He was wrong, of course, and the pain did not go away. If you've ever had nature hit its panic button in you, then you know that a temperature of 12 below zero doesn't help matters.

So, with time running out, the woman weighed her options. Her husband, picking up on the intensity of her pain, suggested

that since she was wearing an all white ski outfit, she should go off in the woods. No one would even notice, he assured her. The white would provide more than adequate camouflage.

So she headed for the tree line, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing. If you've ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and a wrong way to set your skis so you don't move.

Yup, you got it. She had them positioned the wrong way. Steep slopes are not forgiving, even during embarrassing moments. Without warning, the woman found herself skiing backward, out of control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them and onto another slope.

Her derriere and her reverse side were still bare, her pants down around her knees, and she was picking up speed all the while. She continued on backwards, totally out of control, creating an unusual vista for the other skiers. The woman skied, if you define that

verb loosely, back under the lift, and finally collided violently with a pylon.

The bad news was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski pants. At long last her husband arrived, putting an end to her nudie show, then went to the base of the mountain and summoned the ski patrol, who transported her to a hospital.

In the emergency room she was regrouping when a man with an obviously broken leg was put in the bed next to hers.

"So how'd you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk.

"It was the damndest thing you ever saw," he said, "I was riding up this ski lift, and suddenly I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backward out of control down the mountain with her bare bottom hanging out of her clothes and her pants down around her knees. I leaned over to get a better look, and I guess I didn't realize how far I'd moved. I fell out off the lift. So, how'd you break your arm?"

2008 Events

March 7

Lang's End of Season Discount Night
(Trenton Store Only)

April 19

Moroccan Night

May 10

Annual Ski Club Banquet

June 20

Trenton Thunder Game

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