



Lift Lines



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President

Are you ready for some skiing and snowboarding? The Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club is ready for you.

We just returned from Steamboat, Colorado. We had 29 hearty skiers and riders who landed at Hayden airport, 25 minutes from the town of Steamboat Springs. They had been receiving regular snow and were 100% open. Snow and more snow was falling as we were attempting to land the second time. Skiing was wonderful. Snow was soft, moguls small, and temperatures in the twenties.

New England has been receiving significant snowfall, also. With the cold temps, the sno guns are at full operation. We still have room on all of our weekend trips, plus Elk so...call in your reservations now. The trip prices for Okemo and Sunday River have been lowered because bus prices were renegotiated when fuel prices fell. We only have 25 so far, signed up for Killington, so that price will remain the same.

We also have a new bus departure location this year thanks to Lisa. It is in the lot of the new Middletown Township Police Headquarters, off Flowers Mill Road behind the Shoppes at Flowers Mill and Genuardi's. Look it up ahead of time so you don't get lost on the day of the trip.

Each week we have had a \$40 drawing

at our meetings celebrating our 40th Anniversary. You must be present to win for this one. The winners so far are: Bob Messina, Ed Paulsworth, Harry Kissig, Marisa Ehinger, Mike

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Our 40th 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. Kim Varney was our first winner, for Okemo.

DRAWING DATES:

SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 21st meeting

KILLINGTON – Feb. 4th meeting

There are still some seats left on the Elk, Sunday River and Killington 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.

FREE TRIP TO ELK

Win a free **trip** to Elk Mountain! Sign up by the January 7th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the January 21st meeting.

2009 Club Meetings

January 7th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 21st
Stromboli Night

February 4th
Seafood Night

February 18th
Italian Night

March 4th
40th Party Barbecue Night (7pm)

March 18th
Mystery Potluck

**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

We have not received requests for tickets this year, so the club will not pre-purchase a supply.

You can still call Ken Foster at the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council (EPSC) at (215) 882-1413. He will mail the tickets if you send him a pre-addressed and stamped envelope. See prices on the EPSC web site.

2009 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from 5 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA 19047. This is the Middletown Township Police Building, which is two lights north of Maple Avenue (Rt. 213), off of North Flowers Mill Road. (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, Sunday River/Wildcat 4:00 pm and Killington 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, VERMONT

January 16 - 18

\$384 Double \$353 Triple

Ski 2 days. We are looking forward to going back for the sixth 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 will keep up the festive holiday garlands and trees for us this year. We plan to enjoy the excellent terrain and grooming at Okemo both days. The chef will prepare one dinner and two breakfasts buffets for us. A \$200 deposit per person holds your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA (OPENINGS)

February 6

\$85 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. 7 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE (OPENINGS)

February 13 - 16

\$499 Double \$489 Triple \$479 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 20th 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 \$250 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

KILLINGTON, VERMONT (OPENINGS)

February 27 - March 1

\$436 Double \$421 Triple \$406 Quad

Ski 2 days. We have been hearing requests to ski Killington, so we are excited about the trip we have put together. We will be staying at the recently refurbished [Ramada Inn](#) in Rutland. Dinner will be nearby at the Stockade. Killington offers the most extensive variety of terrain in the East. Use your map on the two days to experience Snowshed, Ramshead, K1, Skyeship and Bear Mountain. \$220 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

Hang Time by Stu Campbell/Ski Magazine January 2000

Even in the era of high-speed lifts, you'll spend more than half your ski day suspended in the air. Here are seven tips for making the most of the time:

1. If you're new to an area, use the lift ride to orient yourself. Study the overall shape of the mountain and placement of lifts and trails. Figure out which trails get sun in the morning so that you can find soft snow early. Are the runs you're looking at in the fall line or tilted sidehills? Are they wide or narrow?
2. In addition to studying the runs below the lift, look through the trees for nearby runs where people are not skiing. Snow is almost always better off the beaten path.
3. Assess the conditions. An elevated vantage point lets you spot ice, crud, rocks, bumps and other terrain to avoid. It also lets you see the best snow and pick lines that suit your style. Watching other skiers is another good way to get a read on conditions. Where are people skiing well? Where do they struggle?
4. Search for good role models to emulate, such as instructors, racers, smooth bump skiers and graceful freeskiers. Watch how they plant their poles, attack terrain and shape turns. Where do they check speed? Where do they let their skis run? How do they use their upper bodies and hands?
5. On a powder day, scout for lines no one has touched. Next ride up, you can admire your tracks. On a stormy day, identify sheltered places. They are warmest and retain snow well.
6. Use lift time to talk to people. If you're in a lesson, pick your instructor's brain. Talk to locals who can offer priceless insight about where to go and what to avoid.
7. Finally, remember that a run that looks flat from the lift is much steeper when you ski it.

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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 21 – Elk
January 21 – Sunday River
February 11 – Killington

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.

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 book-keeping.*



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Pinned Down by Jay Cowan/Ski Magazine November 1999



A good ski pin collection can look like anything from high art to elementary-school trash. Or the symptom of an obsessive/compulsive disorder. Whatever motivates them, you'll find "pinheads" haunting most major ski races. And big gatherings like the Olympics are

occasions for true frenzy. Collectors and dealers set up tents. Stray nearby and you can be sucked into a mosh-pit of traders, often clad head-to-toe in pins and behaving like porkbelly commodity brokers.

And like commodities, pins are sold with an eye toward future value. "There are more than 250 official 2002 Winter Olympic pins in the market place already," says David Hyman, executive vice president of Aminco, a pin manufacturer. "By the time it's done, there will be 600 to 800 pins, most selling for \$7 apiece." One of the most expensive 2002 Olympic pins on the market is a 1997 model from the original Salt Lake City bid. It first sold for \$12 and can cost \$200 now. But that's more representative of Olympic memorabilia mania than ski-pin collecting. There is no true market for non-Olympic ski pins, and most collectors do it for fun or to commemorate where they've been. Whether you wear a hat full of pins or you only own a couple, chances are you have some stuck (literally) somewhere. What are they worth? Probably nothing more than memories. And that's the point.

I've been collecting ski pins since I was a kid growing up in Aspen. I admire the aesthetics of a framed display, and the art of each individual pin. I like their shine, their smooth,

cool surfaces, their varied forms and shapes. I spent last year coveting a collection for sale in Aspen. The seller wanted \$2,500; they weren't worth that to me. Because for all of my tendency to be seduced like a pack-rat by every glittery pin I see, the essence of collecting lies in the places and times the pins represent.

My best pin is a tarnished silver pair of crossed skis—beautifully detailed, clearly old. I can't see it without imagining a black-and-white photograph I have of my mother, skiing in the Forties, wearing the pin on her brown cable-knit sweater. Looking at an oval pin from 1993 Austrian Special Olympics, I can still smell the slushy streets of Schladming. One from the Haknenkamm takes me back to the clamor of the race, the costumes, the people with their faces painted like the Austrian flag and their noses pierced with Hermann Maier pins.

Even though I'd never sell them, I wonder what some of my prizes are worth. There's a clock-tower-shaped pin for the 1978 FIS World Championships that were never held in Jackson Hole, Wyo. I also have a pair of big, political-style buttons from the 1950 World Alpine Championships in Aspen, rare representatives of one of the seminal events in American skiing.

It's best to heed the words of Hyman: "Some people think of pins as an investment, but they're not." Whereas political buttons are widely bought and sold, ski pins are more likely to be hoarded in a jar or an old ski hat. The bottom line is that pins are cheap, easy to collect and a ready flashback to anyplace you've ever skied. What more do you need from a collectable?

Membership

Our membership for 2008-2009 is 155 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 five 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 2008-2009.

Trenton Thunder



Our 2009 outing is scheduled for Friday, June 26 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 6:35pm 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 25.

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President's Letter

Kline, Ed Wade, Debra Schafer and Gary Schulz. Congratulations!

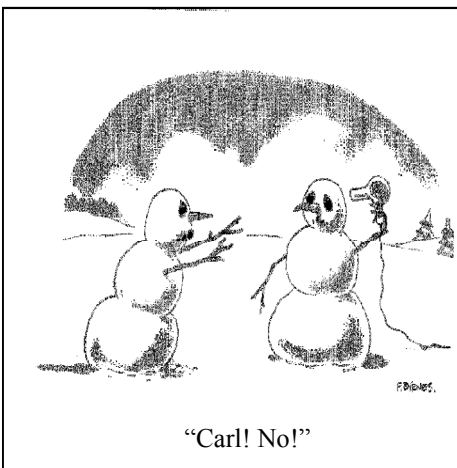
The new 40th anniversary BMSC shirts look fantastic! Members enjoyed showing off their new black golf or T-shirts in Steamboat and at the January 7th meeting. The new logo is perfect. Thanks Evi and Chuck for a great job! We ordered 60 and still have a few extras available.

To continue the celebration we are having a Barbecue Night on March 4th starting at 7:00pm. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to attend so we can order enough food. Wear as much Bucks Mount Ski Club stuff as you have ...old shirts, new shirts, hoodies, hats, underwear, jackets, ski pins, etc. Whatever you have, let's make this a great night! Call Maureen, Judy, Karl, Ellen or Noreen. Help with salads and desserts would be appreciated. Help us celebrate 40 years of friendship and good skiing.

Finally join us at our annual spring banquet at the Mediterranean Grill in the Shoppes at Flowers Mill. Watch for a Saturday date in late April.

I'm looking forward to another great season on the slopes skiing and being with the best ski club. Who makes it that way? *All of our great members.* Thanks for allowing me to lead the way.

Happy New Year!
Think Snow!
Wayne



Attention 4th & 5th Graders

Fourth and fifth 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 at

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

Your Snowpass will provide you with over 63 days of FREE skiing and boarding.

Bike Ride

It was a beautiful fall day for our annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The group of 14 enjoyed hoagies, snacks and good conversation at Bull Island Park after the ride. We even exchanged text messages with club members who were vacationing in Egypt.

Poker Rally winners were John Brook - adult category and Carolyn Neffle - junior category.

Holiday Party

Almost 50 people attended our holiday party on December 20. Greeting us inside the front door was a lovely tree decorated with ornaments collected from various ski areas.

The food was great! Appetizers and wine were served downstairs with ski movies appropriately projected onto the wall. Next we moved upstairs to the dining room for dinner of turkey, ham, chicken casserole and sausage with peppers. Dessert found us in the kitchen, no surprise. Many thanks to our hosts Noreen and Joe.

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.

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. 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.

End of Season Ski Club Discount Night

LANG'S SKI & SCUBA
1757 N. Olden Ave.
Trenton, N.J.
(609) 538-1970

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009
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).

Death March Update



Are you up for the challenge? Can you take two days of blistering, knee knocking, pulse-pounding skiing? Come and test your mettle. Can you go all day without the necessities of life? Are you good at avoiding trees, rocks and stumps? Then you can probably cut it. Come with us and ski some favorite trails: “Thin Cover”, “Danger Cliffs”, “Experts Only”, “Exposed Rocks”, “Snowmaking in Progress” and “Closed”.

Congratulations to the latest pin winners! The following members earned this coveted prize in Steamboat, Colorado:

Maureen Miller #159
Judy Yoh #160
Ben Conser #161

Ten Years Ago in *Lift Lines*: January 1999

Wayne's recent remark of "woman vacuuming in their ski boots" to prepare for the upcoming ski season prompted Audrey Krenzel to write a letter to the editor: "Not only did he (Wayne) exhibit crude insensitivity, but his suggestion was not even practical! I, for one, make it a rule to only vacuum once a month, whether my house needs it or not. Wayne, why don't you encourage MEN to vacuum in their ski boots, or are men only permitted to wear them while lifting heavy objects, engaging in home fix-it activities, or watching football???? Please, Wayne, this is 1999. Get a clue!" Signed Bootless in MontCo.

Photo of Raul Valcarcel's scarlet letter—a "W" to warn him not to ski out of bounds in Breckenridge. Where did he think he was, Tignes, France?

The winner of the Bucks Mount golf outing was Bill Neffle.

Lunch Lines offered reviews of some of the Club's favorite lunch spots: *Cuzzins Bar &*

Grill, The Shipyard Brew Haus (all at Mount Snow), *La Fruitere* (Tignes) and *The Powder House* (Telluride).

Tales from the Grave - published Death March tales:

"The Death March" phrase showed up perhaps in the 90-91 season, after the Utah trip. I think it was used while we were on New England weekends to explain to people thinking about signing up for the 91 trip West how to conduct a ski vacation under the MacMath leadership. (The usual—up at dawn, to the vans by 7:30, on the "first" lift and ski all day, maybe stopping for lunch and being on the last lift too.) Is there any other way?" ~ *Nancy MacMeekin*

"It was the Club's 1997 trip to Aspen. I hooked up with the Death March towards the end of the ski week. On that trip, the so called "kids" (Rachel, Lauren, Jason and Lindsey) were experiencing their first freedom of skiing alone after "losing" the

adults. On their own, the kids would venture to some difficult double black diamond runs. On the last skiing day in Snowmass, the kids decided to show the adults what they discovered. They led us to the double black diamond run KT Gully Trail, the top of which was a narrow chute leaving little room to turn, with cliff wall and rocks abound. The kids skied off without thinking twice, while the adults just perched on the top in fear. Raul was the first to go, followed by myself. After many minutes of hesitation Randy followed, eventually catching up with the kids leading the way through the glades. All of the other adults declined, including Wayne, our erstwhile leader" ~ *Karl Flesch*

"I have never been on it. I avoid it at all cost." ~ *Jill Neffle*

Jason "Jaspoon" Krenzel published his top ten reasons you know you're a bad snowboarder:

"#1 When the elderly skiers such as Wayne MacMath start to crack jokes about you."

2009 Events

March 5

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

Date to be determined
Annual Ski Club Banquet

June 26

Trenton Thunder Game

www.bucksmountskiclub.org/Calendar2009.pdf

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