

Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski Club

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Wayne C. MacMath
President

Happy New Year! The Bucks Mount Ski Club and its officers sincerely hope that everyone had a warm, fun filled holiday season. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and wishes for a prosperous New Year.

New Years Resolutions:

- 1 I will pray for snow every night.
- 2 I will keep my skis sharpened at all times.
- 3 I will go on as many ski trips as possible.
- 4 I will go on one "Death March" this year.
- 5 I will be thankful for all the great friends I have at the ski club.
- 6 I will buy a Bucks Mount Ski Club T-shirt, Please!
- 7 I will resist trying to buy another new outfit this year, even if it is 50% off.
- 8 I will not be annoyed by snowboarders.

In terms of days skiing, number of new members, and number of trips; last year was our most successful ever. All of our trips were full and great conditions existed almost everywhere. The snow guarantee clause was satisfied.

This year's ski season is off to a great start as the areas are in full operation as of December. Let's continue last year's excitement by attending a meeting and signing up for a few trips.

At present there are spaces available on all trips except Mt. Snow and Tignes. Be part of the fun and excitement of skiing Pennsylvania, New England, France or Colorado.



Our 29th Year

Don't forget to continue your conditioning over the holidays and into the new year. Stretching each day will help keep your muscles loose and limber. At least three times a week for 30 minutes some type of aerobic workout is recommended.

Have a great ski season! Think snow!

Discount Lift Tickets

Discount lift tickets for Pennsylvania ski areas are now available at the meetings. See Carol Evans at the meeting or call her at (215) 752-4328. Prices for midweek day tickets for adults are as follows: Big Boulder/Jack Frost \$22, Blue Mountain \$24, Elk \$22 and Montage \$21. Tickets can be upgraded at the resort for weekend use. Unused tickets are refundable if returned by March 31st.

Membership

The 1997-98 ski season is off and running. Our seven meetings this Fall have been well attended by the regular membership and by many new and prospective members as well.

We thank everyone for spreading the word by putting out posters and flyers about the club. Membership now stands at 150 and is still growing.

Applications for membership can be obtained through Vern Shaw, Treasurer; Rita Murtha, Secretary; or Maureen MacMath, Trip Director.

\$15.00 single renewal
 \$20.00 single new membership
 \$25.00 family renewal
 \$35.00 family new membership

Thanks to Vern for keeping track of our membership and mailing lists.

1998 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

January 7----- Pizza & Beer Night 8:30 &
 7:15 Pre Meeting for Tignes Trip

January 28 ----- Ice Cream Night

February 11 ----- Hoagie Night/Spirit Night

February 25 ----- Hor d'Oeuvres Night

March 18----- Hot Dog Night

March 11----- German Night

Meetings start at 8:30 pm at the Jesse Soby American Legion Post
 Richardson & Bellevue Avenues, Langhorne, PA
 Members and non-members are all welcome to attend.

Here's to ya, Frank!



Meet Frank Sellers, the Bucks Mount Ski Club's official bar tender. He has been a member of the American Legion for 39 years and bar tends for two ski clubs and one other night every week. He lives nearby in

Langhorne Manor with his wife of 55 years, Sara Ann. They have one son and two grandchildren; a boy and a girl. He has been "retired and tired" for 21 years, retiring early from the Budd Company at the age of 56.

Frank is an army veteran of WW2 - ETO "European Theater Operations". He was drafted, just in time for the Battle of the Bulge. He saw action in France and Germany as a staff sergeant.

Frank has never skied, but he used to ice skate. He used to bowl, but gave it up. Every now and then he thinks about trying it again.

Thanks Frank for opening the building for our meetings and taking care of our imbibing needs.

Binding Warranties

Bindings are usually covered for two years from the date of purchase, although some manufacturers notably Marker, have recently extended their policies to four years. Clearly, this is a reflection of confidence in their products. Bindings have the most mechanical parts and, as such, tend to represent the lion's share of repairs and returns. Since bindings are a critical link to your skis, any defect that causes the bindings to pre-release is potentially dangerous. If parts seem loose or missing, get your bindings to an authorized dealer.

This doesn't have to be the place where you bought it, though a shop that knows you is most likely to tilt the scales in your favor on matters that could go either way. But if you purchased skis during a vacation in Colorado, you can walk into any authorized shop that carries the same brand and ask for service. If the skis need to be replaced, the retailer is empowered by the manufacturer to do so on the spot.

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Jason & Lindsey Krenzel and Lauren & Rachel MacMath

Trenton Thunder



Once again, the Bucks Mount Ski Club will be going to see a ball game on Thursday June 18th.

The Trenton Thunder will be taking on the Hardware City Rock Cats from New Britain, Connecticut.

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, tossed salad, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, pretzels, potato chips, cookies, watermelon and soft drinks. The all-you-can-eat meal begins 30 minutes prior to the game time and ends one hour after the first pitch. The price is \$26 with beer and \$21 without beer. Children under 5 are free of charge if they sit on an adult's lap.

Seats are sure to go fast, so give Karl Flesch a call at (215) 493-0676 if you are interested in attending.

Meetings

Thanks to our great Social Committee, all of our meetings have been well attended and nary a soul went home hungry. "There's No Meeting Without Eating." Thanks go to Judy, Kathy, Ellen, Carol and Barbara.

For this years meeting schedule see the front page of the newsletter. Special night, February 11th - this is a hoagie night. It's also is "Spirit Night" for the ski club. Look in the attic, search your drawers, wear to the meeting as many articles of clothing you can find that say "Bucks Mount Ski Club": shirts, hats, pins, etc.,. Come out and have some fun.

Our annual meeting at Langhorne Ski shop's new location was again a huge success for both the club and ski shop. Langhorne received over fifty requests for ski and snowboard tune-ups. In addition, discounts were available for other ski shop items. Ask Cathy Rees, she probably had the biggest discount. In addition we had a brief meeting and the Langhorne Ski shop provided plenty of good snacks and great things to drink. Thanks Langhorne!

Help The Needy

This year we are again collecting non perishable food, personal hygiene products and paper products. There will be a container at every meeting for your donations. Items collected todate have been distributed for Christmas.

Officers for the 1997-1998 Season

President-----	Wayne MacMath-----	(215) 624-7751
V.P. Trips -----	Maureen MacMath -----	(215) 624-7751
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	Judy Lott -----	(215) 321-3485
	Kathy Lott -----	(215) 547-8776
	Barbara Zurlo -----	(215) 860-8363
Treasurer -----	Vern Shaw -----	(215) 322-4037
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Newsletter-----	Karl Flesch-----	(215) 493-0676
	Judy Lott -----	(215) 321-3485
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	Bill "Sully" Sullivan-----	(215) 757-6098

Overnight Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips 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. All weekend trips will depart at 5:00 pm from the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills Shopping Center. 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 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. Balance is due 2 weeks prior to departure. Call Maureen NOW at (215) 624-7751 to make your reservation.

OKEMO/STRATTON, VT	Seats Available	January 9 - 12
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\$394 Double \$364 Triple \$354 Quad

Trudy Dostal is ready to welcome us again to her Austrian style lodge. We have always enjoyed her exceptional meals and warm hospitality. We will relax in the inviting lounge/bar areas or make use of the hot tub, indoor pool, Ping-Pong or pool tables. We are planning 2 days skiing at Okemo (rated #1 snow quality) and 1 day at Stratton.

TIGNES, FRANCE	Full	January 16 - 25
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\$1,545 Single \$1,365 Double \$1,290 Triple \$1,255 Quad

This year the Bucks Mount Ski Club is offering a trip to Tignes, France in January. This is the club's first European ski trip and it promises to be a wonderful trip with a guarantee of plenty of snow covering all 25,000 acres spread across 6 valleys. The trip will be led by Karl Flesch, who has skied the resort 5 out of the past 6 years. Pre trip meeting on January 7th at 7:15.

MOUNT SNOW, VT	Full/Waiting List	January 30 - February 1
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\$295 Double \$270 Triple

Staying at a bed and breakfast style mountain inn. Ideally located at the base of Mount. Snow. Charming decor, short walk to lifts and entertainment, cozy lounges and game room with fireside BYOB bar. Meals to be remembered. Free night time entertainment shuttle. Ski Mount Snow and Haystack on your 2 day lift ticket.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME & ATTITASH or WILDCAT,	2 Buses Seats Available	February 13 - 16
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\$368 Double \$360 Triple \$348 Quad

Known for their excellent snow making and grooming, we are back again to this perennial favorite. Spacious Town and Country Motor Inn. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. Ski 2 days at Sunday River. If conditions are right, on Monday the bus will drop people off at Wildcat and Attitash, to give you a choice.

SUGARBUSH/STOWE, VT	Seats Available	March 6 - 9
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\$379 Double \$344 Triple \$327 Quad

For the first time, staying at the Holiday Inn in Waterbury, VT. Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and bar. Ride to the new Sugarbush North and South for 2 days and Stowe for 1 day.

BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE,	Seats Available	April 9 - 17
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\$889 Adults \$556 Children utilizing sofa bed

Breckenridge/Keystone - Includes 6 day multi area lift ticket this year, airfare to Denver, van for the week (5 per vehicle), 8 nights lodging (ski-in/ski-out). Two properties this year to fit your needs (both with hot tubs). One condo style, 2 bed room lofts; the other a 7 bedroom private home. **Call Maureen ASAP.**

Day Ski Trips

Call now to arrange your spot on our day trips.

HUNTER MT, NY	February 6
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\$63 Per Person

In the mid-Atlantic area Hunter holds the reputation for the best snow quality and state of the art lifts. Price includes bus, lift ticket, juice, Danish and snacks. We need at least 25 people for this trip to go. Call Maureen at (215) 624-7751.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA	February 27
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\$55 Per Person

The bus was full last year for the annual favorite. PA's best. Enjoy uncrowded slopes. Price includes bus, lift ticket, juice, Danish and snacks. Call Rita at (215) 355-0374.

REMINDER

Breckenridge balance is due January 21st Mail to: Maureen MacMath, 3435 Oakmont St., Philadelphia, PA 19136. All other day and weekend trip balances are due 2 weeks prior to trip departure.

The Winners are...

One free lift ticket for Sunday River goes to Karl Flesch for signing up 5 new members. Thanks to all those who brought in 1 or 2 new people to join us. If anyone else brought 3 or more to the club, it many not have been recorded. Call Maureen.

Christmas Party



The Christmas Party was a pleasant evening with good company and of course lots of good food. We had "Michael and the Chipmunks (Dick & Chuck)" on Karaoke and then a more traditional rendition at the piano thanks to Wendy Hellyer. She even offered them voice lessons at her music school! Thanks to Judy Lott for hosting the party - even though she wouldn't let us all try her jacuzzi!

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

On Board!

Over 50 and Snowboarding!
Yes, you can do it!

Yes, it's true, anyone can snowboard. Just remember what it felt like when you first started to ski -- no control, lots of frustration, being cold, wet, terrified of the chair lift and spending most of your time on your butt. Remember those days? Sure you do! Now just substitute a snowboard (Burton, of course for the over 50 crowd) and throw away those sticks! You'll be boarding in no time.

After attempting to snowboard for the last 3 years, my wife Cathy still asks "Why is an old man, like you trying to board anyway?" "Is this some sort of mid-life crisis?" I tell her "It's for the challenge!" She doesn't seem to understand. Although I'm still climbing the learning curve, I'm confident I can do this. It's still frustrating at times, especially since I consider myself a decent skier. You would think that my skiing ability would help. It doesn't.

I started my boarding experience at Brighton, UT by taking a lesson. Cathy was stuck home with a bad knee and sick cat, so she wasn't around to stop me. I was surprised about how much time you spend on your knees and butt, and how hard it was to keep your balance with both feet strapped together, but wasn't discouraged. I also made a new 9 year old friend that followed me the rest of the day.

Next year I took a lesson at Whistler, BC. The instructor was young and beautiful. (Maybe that's my real motivation in learning this sport??) By the time the lesson was over, I was so wet, I had to

stuff paper towels under my ski pants before returning to the condo for a change of clothes. It felt like I had peed myself, which I haven't done in a long, long time.

Last year, I tried again in Aspen. This time Cathy and Wayne Radel joined me, they on their skies and I on my board. We were on a relatively flat, wide trail, when I caught a forward edge and did a full forward flip, landing on my feet. Cathy and Wayne were truly impressed and I thought twice before admitting that the flip wasn't a planned event.

I would recommend anyone to try boarding, but you need to be really young or in really good shape, especially your legs. You need strength in your quads. I also believe I have the secret to keeping dry. At first I adopted the baggy/grunge look, trying to fit in with the boarding crowd. Even though I used an entire can of waterproofing on my fatigue pants, it wasn't enough. Next, I tried insulated construction work pants over my ski pants. Not bad, they offered some strategic padding, but this year I'll try my rain gear underneath.

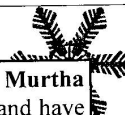
I look forward to this year's season, hoping to graduate to steeper intermediate slopes and to "ski" with the rest of the gang. I don't think I'll ever catch up to Rachel MacMath's or Nicole Polk's ability, but I'm having a lot of fun conquering this "challenge". If anyone is interested in learning, come and join me! See you on the slopes and Think snow!

-Bill Rees

Snow Flakes...



Club Pins & T-Shirts - Various sizes are available - \$7.00 each. Pins are available free of charge to new members. See Chuck or Evi at the meeting.



Rita & Jim Murtha have moved and have a new phone number: (215) 355-0374.



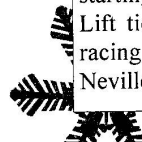
Most skiers get brochures in the mail from ski resorts. **Judy Lott** gets brochures from the Aspen hospital!



The youngest member at the Christmas Party was **Kelsey Elizabeth Waltz**, born 8/26/97, daughter of Jim & Lisa.



Free beginner lessons at Spring Mountain given by ASIA starting Mondays in January. Lift ticket is \$12. There is a racing clinic also. Call Bill Neville at (215) 256-9733.



Ski the WEB

You can always use a search engine (say Yahoo! or AltaVista) to scan the entire Internet for ski information sites, but it saves time to already know and be able to type in the addresses of reliable databases, sites that function as storehouses of specifically tailored information. Here are a few choice sites for skiers:

<http://www.infobeat.com>.

This site e-mails to you selected ski resort snow reports on a daily basis.

http://www.rsn.com/cams/frm_intermed.html

<http://www.iski.com/>

These two sites bring you actual daily pictures from your favorite ski resort, along with snow/weather conditions.

<http://www.skiin.com/>

This site gives you access to various ski resort WEB sites around the world, along with other ski related information.



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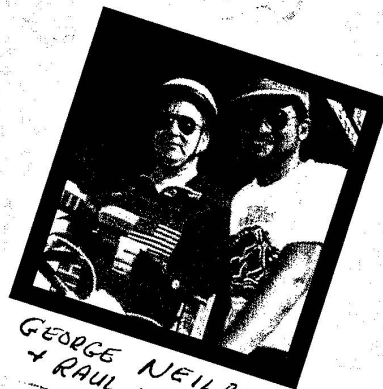
AUDREY KRENZEL



BILL SULLIVAN



NOREEN + JOE LINUS, BARBARA ZURL, + KARL FLESCH



GEORGE NEIL BERGS + RAUL VALCARCEL



CAROL SCHRIMPE



BARRY PARIPSKY



MAUREEN MACMATH



KATHY LOTT



RAUL VALCARCEL + HELEN LEWIS AT LBI



RANDY SER FASS



RAUL VARCEL, ASHLEY RADEK, + ELLEN CHAUNCEY

Chinese Dinner Night



For the second year in a row, the ski club is planning an evening at the Chinese Cultural Center, 125 North 10th St., in Philadelphia.

Every year, in celebration of the Chinese New Year, the Chinese Cultural Club brings over a group of chefs from a different region in China to cook their specialties. We are trying to get 3 tables for Saturday March 28th. The cost is approximately \$30 and \$15 will hold your reservation. Seating is limited and will go fast, so call Barb Zurlo at (215) 860-8363 NOW.



Lift Lines

This is the 2nd year of *Lift Lines*. It has been fun putting together the issues over the year, and trying out some innovative ideas on the PC. Contributions to the newsletter are always appreciated and I would like to thank: Lyn and Joe Huttemann, Rachel MacMath, Jill Neffle, Evi Paul and Bill Rees for their help. Please, if you see an interesting article, cartoon, or you would like to write something, please see me. The newsletter is also the perfect place to advertise anything ski related for sale, such as those old skis in your garage gathering dust. Let's make this the best newsletter for the best ski club!

Karl Flesch, editor

Top 10 Ways to Prepare for the Ski Season

- 10 Visit your local butcher and pay \$30 to sit in the walk-in freezer for half an hour. Afterwards, burn two \$50 bills to warm up.
- 9 Go to the nearest hockey rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, accessory bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car.
- 8 For ski boot simulation at home, put a pebble in your street shoes and tighten a c-clamp round your toes.
- 7 Buy a pair of gloves and immediately throw one away.
- 6 Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$6.50 for a hamburger. Be sure to wait in the longest line.
- 5 Clip a lift ticket to the zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate your face.
- 4 Drive slowly for five hours - anywhere - as long as it's in a snowstorm and you're following an 18 wheeler.
- 3 Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button and let the spray blast your face. You'd almost believe you're skiing in front of the snowguns!
- 2 Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the bathroom.
- 1 Repeat all of the above every Saturday and Sunday.

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