



Lift Lines



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Wayne C. MacMath
President

Happy New Year everyone! The Bucks Mount Ski Club would like to extend holiday greetings to everyone. The officers of the Club sincerely wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and the hopes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

This is such a heart warming, joyful time of the year. Many people are busily decorating their houses, shopping for just the right presents, and wrapping them with loving care. We in the Bucks Mount Ski Club are all very fortunate that we can almost have whatever we want and take fantastic vacations. Let us be thankful that we can socialize and enjoy each other's friendship. The MacMath family feels extremely fortunate that, through skiing, we have met so many wonderful people and developed lasting friendships. Our children are fortunate to have been surrounded (on the bus) and nurtured (given candy) and hopefully influenced by the relationships they have developed.

Let us not forget those in the world whose lives did not take as good a turn as ours. So when the Salvation Army bell rings, or children sing carols, or the plate is passed in church, please be generous.

I'm going to need some help at the present time. This time last year the ski areas were in full operation, this year - "nada". Usually I have good contacts, but I think I'm on hold or the e-mail is not going through. If we all made a concerted effort, maybe we can appease the snow gods in time for Mount Snow.



Our 30th Year

THINK SNOW!

We thank everyone for early deposits on all the trips. A new record was established. The last trip, to Sugarbush, was full in October. Our membership may be down some, but our enthusiasm for skiing and eating has not waned. The Club is off to another great start thanks to its loyal membership.

Be ready! The Death March resumes 8:30 at Mt. Snow, Ski Baba Lift, be there or miss the fun!

Great Skiing To All
And To All A Great Dump (of snow that is).

Membership

The 1998-99 ski season is off and running. Our eight 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 136 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.

Free Lift Tickets

A prize of one free lift ticket to each of the two people who bring in the most new members by January 20th. Let us know which trip you want to use the prize on and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

1999 Club Meeting Schedule



- January 6----- Pizza & Beer Night
7:30 Pre Trip Meeting for Tignes
- January 20 ----- Ice Cream Night
- February 10 ----- Nacho Night
- February 24 ----- Hors d'Oeuvres Night
- March 17----- Hot Dogs in Beer 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.
<http://www.snowskiclub.com>

1999 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.**

Rates listed are per person, tax and gratuities included.

TIGNES, FRANCE	FULL	January 15 - 24
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\$1,376 Double \$1,299 Triple

The trip that everyone who went last year keeps talking about. The Club is returning to Tignes to give others a chance to experience L'Espace Killy (the combined resorts of Tignes and Val d'Isère), and for those who will be returning a 2nd time a chance to see what they missed. There are over 25,000 acres spreading over 6 valleys with 100 lifts. There are 2 glaciers with over 10 miles of skiing between them! Thirty-nine people are off to France for the Club's first ski trip of the season.

MOUNT SNOW, VT	FULL, WAITING LIST FOR BUS, DRIVE UP ROOMS AVAILABLE	January 22 - 24
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\$310 Double \$285 Triple

The Mountaineer Inn is ideally located at the base of Mount Snow. Short walk to lifts and entertainment, charming décor, cozy lounges and game room with fireside BYOB bar. Bed and breakfast style. Fine dining. Free nighttime entertainment shuttle. Ski Mount Snow and Haystack on your 2-day lift ticket. Try the new gladed terrain, new quad lifts. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME & ATTITASH OR WILDCAT,	2 BUSES, SEATS AVAILABLE	February 12 - 15
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\$373 Double \$365 Triple \$357 Quad This trip is such a favorite; we are back for the 10th year! The last 3 with 2 buses! Town and Country hosts us with spacious rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. Ski 2 days at Sunday River. Known for their excellent snowmaking and grooming on 8 peaks. Use your waiver form to choose Wildcat or Attitash for your Monday ski day. A \$180 deposit holds your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA	SEATS AVAILABLE	February 26
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\$55 Per Person

Our only one day trip this year. Beat the crowds. We are skiing Friday to enjoy PA's best. Price includes bus, lift ticket, juice, Danish and snacks.

SUGARBUSH, VT	FULL, WAITING LIST FOR BUS, DRIVE UP ROOMS AVAILABLE	March 5 - 8
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\$379 Double \$344 Triple \$327 Quad

Back to the Holiday Inn in Waterbury, VT. Excellent meals. Wine & cheese party at the new indoor pool & Jacuzzi. Bar. The bus will take you to Sugarbush for the 3 days of skiing. Explore the 4 peaks. Ride the Slide Brook Express- the world's longest, fastest quad. A \$180 deposit holds your reservation.

TELLURIDE, CO	SEATS AVAILABLE	April 1 - 9
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\$879 Adults \$517 Children utilizing sofa bed

Come discover the area you've read about in Ski Magazine but haven't yet visited. This small town is nestled in a circle of snow-capped peaks and a box canyon that is secreted away from the rest of the world. Telluride Lodge is across the street from the lift and 3 blocks from the heart of downtown. 6 of 7 day ski passes can be purchased for \$110 extra. So far 51 people are going. Tentative pre trip meeting on Wednesday March 7th or 24th. Would anyone like to host meeting at their home?

REMINDER

Telluride balance (\$479) is due January 20th. Lift Ticket (\$110) is due February 10th. Mail to Maureen MacMath, 3435



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

I resent a particular statement written by our fearless leader, Wayne, in his last newsletter column. It was sexist and I was deeply offended, not to mention shocked and appalled. I am referring, of course, to his remark concerning "women vacuuming in their ski boots" to prepare for the upcoming ski season.

Not only did he 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!

Bootless in MontCo
Audrey Krenzel

Dear Editor;

Rumor has it that there are those among us somewhat dissatisfied with your exemplary & foresightful newsletter. Nobody appreciates all your hard work. There's that fishhead who felt wronged by the financial planning offered, which I thought made good sense. I mean what good is ski equipment if it doesn't get used. Jaspoon has provided an insider's view of the trials & tribulations for those of us who venture off on one ski. Perhaps a club name change is in order such as Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club. I for one always look forward to the words of wisdom from our fearless leader. My skis are sharp, outfits still fit, (although I did have to add one more to the closet) & even wore my boots cutting the grass. I can't wait for the next issue to arrive in my mailbox.

Thanx & keep it coming.
Larry Ortman

Dear Editor;

We joined the Bucks Mount Ski Club about a year ago. Since our very first meeting, we have been impressed by the friendly atmosphere. The members seem to enjoy each other, whether on or off the slopes. The officers are so organized and, last but not least, the food is great!

We look forward to our first trip with the club in January to Mt. Snow.

Jack, Clare, Jack, and Will Longworth

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Bike Ride

Marietta Wade was the winner of Bucks Mount's Poker Rally held in October. Her winning hand won her a free day lift ticket on one of the Club's ski trips. Thanks to Lynn and Joe Huttemann for organizing the event.



Raul Valcarcel's scarlet letter - a "W" to warn him not to ski out of bounds in Breckenridge last year. Where did you think you were, Tignes, France?

Golf Outing

The winner of Bucks Mount's golf outing was Bill Neffle. However, the real winner was his wife Jill. Since Bill does not ski, Jill received a free day lift ticket on one of the Club's ski trips. Thanks to all who came out to play and Dick Hagen for making the arrangements.

Christmas Party

Truly a great night for the Bucks Mount Ski Club - a great big thanks to Rita, Jim and Jeffrey for opening their beautiful, new home for our annual holiday party. What a fantastic party house! Some 53 people, a Club record, were in attendance. We did what we do best: eat and drink. Thanks to everyone who took the time to whip up one of his/her favorite recipes from hot crab cheesecake to homemade gninger snaps. Hope all that noise didn't disturb Jim's orchids.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790



Lunch Lines

MOUNT SNOW

You've skied hard all morning and now you really need to sit on something warmer than an icy chair lift. Oh, why not, let's have lunch.

Mount Snow offers a few really good lunch options, one is **Cuzzins Bar & Grill** - located on the first floor of the Main Base Lodge. They feature a good selection of appetizers and hearty deli sandwiches.

Another good choice would be, **The Shipyard Brew Haus** - located on the fourth floor of the Main Base Area. The menu selection offers elegantly prepared sandwiches and grilled specialties. A great place for a nice leisurely lunch. (Keeping in mind, this of course, is your only stop until the lifts close.) This "Adult Hang" has a fine selection of micro brewed beers, ales and porters. If you are looking for an après-ski experience, this is it.

Think snow, think lunch, see you there!

~Barbara Zurlo

LA FRUITIÈRE

This genuine alpine country French restaurant is located in Val d'Isère at the top of the Daille gondola, which comes from the bottom of the village of La Daille. There are 3 areas of dining: cafeteria style, outdoor dining and indoor dining. It is the last that we find the most interesting. For the outdoor dining, reservations are a must on sunny warm days, for which blankets are given to keep you warm. Indoors is charming, the decor reminiscent of a renovated old cheese factory with large cheese wheel molds and milk cans. When you sit

down at your table, your food server collects and deposits your gloves, goggles, etc., in a milk can.

The food is absolutely delicious. The alpine cheese board consists of all the local cheeses: Beaufort d'Alpage, Reblochon Fermier, Tomme de Savoie and Tomme de Chèvre; each for about 25 FF. For small appetites, you can enjoy a Soup Savoyarde or Pissaladière (*onion tart*) for 46 FF. There are also several pasta dishes, one choice being Tagliatelles Fraîches Aux Petits Gris (*fresh pasta with mushrooms*) at 78 FF. If you have skied really hard and are absolutely famished, you can try the meat dishes. Two examples which I have tried and are excellent are the Palette ½ Sel Et Jambonneau Aux Lentilles Vertes du Puy (*salted gammon steak and ham knuckle with green lentils*) and the Boeuf Bourguignon (*beef burgundy*) at 78 FF.

Still hungry? For dessert there is Flan à L'Ancienne (custard à l'ancienne) and Riz au Lait Grand Mère (grandma's rice pudding) for about 35 FF. Don't forget to enjoy this with your favorite drink or as they do in France, a bottle of local (Savoyarde) wine.

~Raul Valcarcel

THE POWDER HOUSE

Located at 226 West Colorado Avenue in Telluride (tel. 728-3622), the Powder House was a turn-of-the-century arsenal for the mines, hence the name.

The Powder House version of Cioppino, the Portuguese fish stew (\$22.95), is a bona fide feast: tender, yet chewy mussels, lobster tail, calamari, crab, tuna, salmon, swordfish and shrimp in an

ambrosial tomato broth of onion, tomatoes, basil, celery and oregano with white and wild rice pilaf. A sweet tasting mixed green salad with toasted wheat berries, sunflower seeds and Italian vinaigrette preceded the main course.

Several seafood appetizers, including escargots, smoked seafood platter and Cajun barbecued prawns, showcase the list of menu starters along with smoked game and Caesar salad. A half-dozen pasta selections (\$14.95 - \$16.95) feature fettuccine, angel hair pasta or ziti with seafood, salmon, chicken breast or artichoke hearts. House specialties and dinners (\$14.95 - \$22.95) include roast duckling or pheasant, Colorado rack of lamb, trout almondine, tournedos, stuffed quail, marinated elk, free-range chicken and veal scaloppini. The restaurant uses a variety of innovative sauces, such as rosemary, green peppercorn or a rich sherry demi-glace. Highlighting the exquisite homemade desserts (~\$6) are chocolate mousse, strawberry shortcake, white chocolate hazelnut cheesecake, jumble berry crumble with fresh berries, mud pie, tiramisu and affogato - honey and vanilla ice cream mixed with Frangelico and chilled cappuccino.

Those who bought the book Colorado Restaurants and Recipes by Benjamin James Bennis are entitled to receive a complimentary glass of wine with each entrée. The restaurant closes on April 10th.

~Karl Flesch

Ski Telluride for Free

All those who signed up and deposited at least \$200 by September 23rd were entered into the *Great Telluride Giveaway* drawing. Congratulations to Dennis Grimmett for winning a 6 of 7 day Telluride lift ticket!

Discount Lift Tickets

Discount lift tickets are available for the Pocono area ski resorts. See Carol Evans at the meeting or call her at (215) 443-0959. 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.

Tales from the Grave

Dear Wayne,

This column is dedicated to you. Thanks to your never ending pursuit of the joy of skiing and pushing us to new heights and enjoyment. To those who have never experienced a Death March, it is Wayne's way of introducing us to the mountain on the first day; starting out with the first run, and for those that survive; a full, fast paced, challenging day of skiing. It is an experience not to be missed.

The Editor

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?

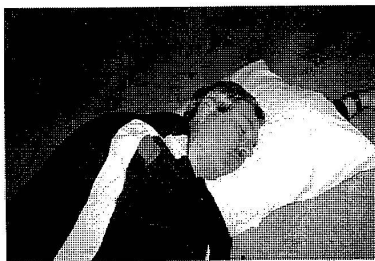
~Nancy MacMeekin

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 diamonds 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

Better not be hungry. You know those "snacks" they hand out on the bus on the way to the mountain? Well for some they are "lunch". One time I was skiing on the Death March and at lunch time I found Wayne eating a frozen Snickers Bar on the lift. Stop for lunch? He barely stops for nature's little necessities!

~Neilan Hagen



Wayne at rest, after a hard day leading the Death March!

Sometimes Karl and I do not join the Death March, but we always find casualties strewn across the mountain. One year at Snowmass, we found Audrey Krenzel covered in about 2 feet of fresh powder in Big Burn. We could hear distant sounds from those on the Death March, yelling at Audrey to keep up. Needless to say we got Audrey up, dusted her off and skied together the rest of the morning; all the while entertained by her Death March stories.

~Raul Valcarcel

I have never been on it. I avoid it at all cost.

~Jill Neffle

On a very foggy day at Stratton (1997) - 13 very trustful people followed me down from the top of Stratton. Not many knew where they were on the mountain. To allay everyone's fear of falling off a cliff, each skier received a number and had to call it out at each stop. Kudos to all. No one whined or asked for their mother.

~Wayne MacMath

Talk about people who will follow you anywhere. Not only did we have fog but pouring rain to make it interesting at Stowe (1998). I could not believe how many die hard (not very intelligent) people got off a nice dry bus to ski. This is a "tuff crowd". More kudos.

~Wayne MacMath

On the other hand we fly all the way to Colorado (1994) - we get up early, drive to Copper, it's snowing to beat the band, powder everywhere and our group of 15 goes to lunch. Dah! Only Vern and I get credit for continuing the March.

~Wayne MacMath

I remember from the trip to Breckenridge, thinking before the trip that maybe by the end of the week, I could try to ski one mogul, and then the first day we were on the Halleujah black diamond moguls.

~Nancy MacMeekin

Please send me your tales for the next newsletter.

The Editor

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 to go thru a list looking for someone who can fill the spot.

Drive Up Rooms

Drive up rooms are available for Mt. Snow and Sugarbush. The price is adjusted for the cost of the bus. Call early if interested because extra rooms need to be released to avoid charges.

Final Balance Due

Mt. Snow - January 6th
 Telluride - January 20th (\$479)
 - February 10th (\$110) lift ticket due
 Sunday River - January 27th
 Sugarbush - February 17th



Wayne taking a rest in Breckenridge, while the rest are you know where.

Chinese Dinner Night

For the third 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 Center brings over a group of chefs from a different region in China to cook their specialties. We are trying to get 3 tables for a Saturday evening in early spring. The cost would be approximately \$30 and \$15 will hold your reservation. Seating is limited and will go fast, so call Barb Zurlo at (215) 860-8363 NOW.

Trenton Thunder



Once again, the Bucks Mount Ski Club will be going to see a ball game on Wednesday, June 23rd. The Trenton Thunder will be taking on the Altoona Curves.

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian Sausage (new this year), 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 \$28 with beer and \$23 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.

The Skier's Prayer

Our father who are in Heavenly Valley,
 Hallowed be our game, Thy snowfalls come,
 Thy slopes be fun,
 At Vail as they are in Maine,
 Give us this day our daily passes,
 And forgive us our off-piste trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass in lift lines,
 Lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from rainstorms,
 For thine is the powder and Gore-Tex,
 Fore ever and ever,
 Aspen.

Snow Flakes...

SALE! SALE! SALE!

T-shirts with the Bucks Mount Ski Club logo are on sale, for \$5 (they were originally \$9). We have plenty of sizes, so see Chuck or Evi at the meetings.

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.

Lauren's Links

Fellow web surfers, I spend much time on the Internet and during my searches I have found several interesting ski/snowboard sites. Check them out and enjoy.

<http://www.snowskiclub.com> - The Bucks Mount Ski Club's website...find club updates, ski conditions and more links.

<http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/9818/> - "The Ultimate Ski Links Page"...The link to almost every ski area in the world plus links to other miscellaneous helpful and useful skiing sites.

<http://www.peaks.com> - The official site of the American Skiing Company...Find ski areas sites, ski reports, skiing/riding instructions, tips and information on major events.

The following sites are for the ski areas the Club will be skiing this year:

<http://www.tignes.net/entre-a.htm>
<http://www.mountsnow.com>
<http://www.sugarbush.com>
<http://www.sundayriver.com>
<http://www.attitash.com>
<http://telluridemm.com>
<http://ski-purg.com>

Save Those TABS!



The Bucks Mount Ski Club is asking members to save the aluminum can tabs from the so-called pop-tops from soda, beer and prepared foods. They are 100% aluminum and can be recycled. The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia, which serves mainly 2 hospitals: St. Christopher's and Children's Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Genaurdi's Tapes

The Club is saving Genaurdi register tapes to receive a 1% rebate on purchases for the National Tuberous Sclerosis Association (NTSA). TS is a genetic disease that makes tumor-like growths in every organ: heart, brain, liver, kidney, eyes, skin and lungs.

Jim Ridler's son Billy has TS and is 10 years old. There is no cure, but recently they have made scientific discoveries that include finding the genes that cause TS and they are on the way to a genetic test by the end of the century.

Your tape donation can make a difference. Please bring them with you to our meetings.

Lift Lines

This issue begins the 3rd year of *Lift Lines*. This past year included contributions from Lindsey Krenzel (poetry), Bill Rees and Jason "Jaspoon" Krenzel (*On Board*), Barbara Zurlo (*Lunch Lines*), and Mike Mattie (Letter to the Editor). Pictures have been contributed by Rita Murtha and Kathy Keefe. Behind the scenes have been Audrey Krenzel (photo scanning), Maureen MacMath (proofreading), Judy Lott (collating, folding, stapling, stamping, etc.), and Vern Shaw (labels). Thanks to all for helping to make my job easier, and for giving the members something fun to read. If you would like to help, please see me. I can always use an interesting article, a picture, or a funny cartoon. And now with the on going *Tales from the Grave*, it will be easier for members to share their Ski Club experiences. After all, *Lift Lines* is YOUR ski club newsletter.

~The Editor

A Skier's Dictionary

Condensed from "Skiing: A Skier's Dictionary" by Henry Bread and Roy McKie

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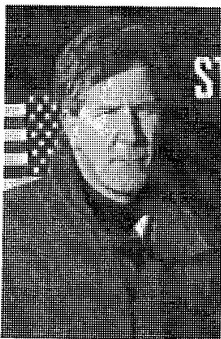
One of a number of ski mountains in Europe. Also a shouted request for assistance made by a European.

Avalanche:

One of the few actual perils skiers face that needlessly frighten timid individuals away from the sport. See also: Blizzard, First Aid, Fracture, Frostbite, Hypothermia, Lift Collapse.

Bindings:

Automatic mechanisms that protect skiers from serious injury during a fall by releasing skis from boots, sending the skis skittering across the slope where they trip two other skiers.



Don Likens

Cross-Country Skiing:

Traditional Scandinavian all-terrain technique. It's good exercise, doesn't require purchase of costly lift tickets. It has no crowds or lines. See also Cross-Country Something-Or-Other.

Cross-Country Something-or-Other:

Touring on skis along trails in scenic wilderness, gliding through snow-hushed woods far from the hubbub of the ski slopes, hearing nothing but the whispery hiss of the skis slipping through snow and the muffled screams of other skiers dropping into the puffy powder of a deep, wind-sculpted drift.

Exercises:

A few simple warm-ups to make sure you're prepared for the slopes: 1) Tie a cinder block to each foot and climb a flight of stairs 2) Sit on the outside of a fourth-story window ledge with your skis on and your poles in your lap for at least 30 minutes 3) Bind your legs together at the ankles, lie flat on the floor; then, holding a banana in each hand, get to your feet.

Gloves:

Designed to be tight around the wrist to restrict circulation, but not so closefitting as to allow any manual dexterity; they should also admit moisture from the outside without permitting any dampness within to escape.

Gravity:

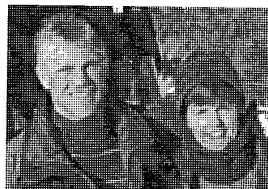
One of four fundamental forces in nature that affect skiers. The other three are the strong force, which makes bindings jam; the weak force, which makes ankles give way on turns; and electromagnetism, which produces dead batteries in expensive ski-resort parking lots. See Inertia.

Inertia:

Tendency of a skier's body to resist changes in direction or speed due to the action of Newton's First Law of Motion. Goes along with these other physical laws: 1) Two objects of different mass falling side by side will have the same rate of descent, but the lighter one will have larger hospital and home care bills 2) Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, but if it drops out of a parka pocket, don't expect to encounter it again in our universe. 3) When an irresistible force meets an immovable object (see "Tree")

Prejump:

Maneuver in which an expert skier makes a controlled jump just ahead of a bump. Beginners can execute a controlled prefall just before losing their balance and, if they wish, may precede it with either a pre-scream and a few pre-groans simple profanity.



Dick & Kathy Keefe

Shin:

The bruised area on the front of the leg that runs from the point where the ache from the wrenched knee ends to where the soreness from the strained ankle begins.

Ski!:

A shout to alert people ahead that a loose ski is coming down the hill. Another warning.

Skier:

One who pays an arm and a leg for the opportunity to break them.

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Stance:

Your knees should be flexed, but shaking slightly; your arms straight and covered with a good layer of goose flesh; your hands forward, palms clammy, knuckles white and fingers icy, your eyes a little crossed and darting in all directions. Your lips should be quivering, and you should be mumbling, "Am I nuts or what?"

Thor:

The Scandinavian god of acheth and painth.

Traverse:

To ski across a slope at an angle; one of two quick and simple methods of re-duc-ing speed.

Two-Piece Ski Suit:

1) A type of ski wear with separate jacket and pants. 2) A type of personal injury litigation with two separate complaints against one skier or complaints against two separate skiers.

Up:

The direction in skiing in which nothing goes by itself, except prices.

Warm Weather Skiing Conditons:

Tricky skiing environment encountered in late winter and early spring when, due to warming weather, the trail surfaces can be covered with crust or "crud", granular or "corn snow", patches of ice or "boiler plate, and slush or "mashed potatoes", and, because of Easter vacation, the trails are filled with partying students or "scumballs", obnoxious children or "creeps", out of practice once-a-year skiers or "mogul bait" and fallen beginners or "slope potatoes".



On Board!

Top Ten Reasons You Know You're A Bad Snowboarder:

- 10) You find yourself going down the mountain mostly on your stomach.
- 9) When the biggest sweat you break all day is from carrying your lunch tray to the table through a crowded ski lodge.
- 8) You find your self renting skis before the day is over.
- 7) Your wearing a hot pink one-piece suit.
- 6) Half your day is spent trying to put on your bindings
- 5) You spend the other half of the day trying to get used to the baggy clothes.
- 4) It takes you 5 tries to get on the lift without losing your board.
- 3) The four year olds without poles are going faster then you.
- 2) The other snowboarders are laughing at you.

And the number one reason you know your a bad snowboarder is

- 1) **When the elderly skiers such as Wayne MacMath start to crack jokes about you.**

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