



Lift Lines



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President

As we come to the close of another season we have much to be thankful for:

First the East has experienced their best season, in recent memory. Mother Nature provided the club with the best skiing we have had in years. The *Powder Clause* was satisfied only at Elk, Canada and Lake Tahoe, but snow was still in ample supply.

Second, Bucks Mount probably had its best year ever in terms of attendance on trips. At one point we had 64 people in France and 55 people at Sugarbush all at once. That is a testimony to the dedication of club members to the sports of skiing and snowboarding. All other trips ran at near capacity.

Third, due to the sound fiscal financial policies of the club we are able to continue with subsidies, lift ticket giveaways, prizes for activities, drawings for trips, officer incentives, and yes free food at every meeting. Our treasury is substantial compared to other clubs and allows us to have "fun money."

Fourth, we are thankful for our officers and committee heads who give generously of their time and sometimes homes and money to make Bucks Mount a complete success. Because this group of people works so well together it makes my job as President easy and rewarding. I personally would like to thank each member of our staff for their dedication to duty, enthusiasm for their job and for making it easy and enjoyable for me to be President.

Last, Bucks Mount is so successful because of its general membership. As President it is fun to preside over a meeting where people are having fun eating and drinking and enjoying each others friendship. Our club probably has the highest percentage of meeting attendance.

Don't forget our Spring Banquet at the Radel's home, the Pool Party and Beach Party.

...can't wait for our first meeting in September.

Thanks for your support!

Death March Pins

Hopefully pins will be designed and ordered before next season. Rules for acquisition of such will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Ideas for the design can be submitted to Wayne.



Our 32nd Year

Annual Spring Banquet



Come to a "catered" banquet this year! Yes, you can **dress up** and come empty-handed. There will be hors d'oeuvres, three entrees and dessert. The club will provide wine and beer. Ellen Chauncey and Wayne Radel are the host

and hostess at their home in Langhorne. Danis Caterers will be preparing the main course. Banquet is on Saturday, June 2nd: 6:30-7:30 wine & hors d'oeuvres, 7:30 dinner. Cost: \$17 per person. RSVP by May 19th: e-mail preferred ellen.m.chauncey@verizon.com or phone: 215-357-8548.

Monthly Bike Ride

Monthly bike ride on the NJ canal path. Second Sunday of each month, beginning in June. Meet at Scudders Falls parking area 8:45am. Leave promptly by 9:00am. Stop for coffee in Lambertville. Contact Ellen Chauncey, 215 357-8548 or by email: ellen.m.chauncey@verizon.com.

Upcoming Events

June 2 ----- Annual Banquet
June 20----- Trenton Thunder
Ball Game
July 21 ----- Pool Party
August 18 ---- Wildwood Crest
Beach Party

Meetings resume in September.

Trenton Thunder Game



BMSSC will be going to see the Trenton Thunder take on the New Britain Rockcats (Minnesota Twins) on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:05.

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian Sausage, tossed 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 and ends one hour after the first pitch. The price is \$27 for adults, \$22 for children 6-14 and kids 5 and under are free if they sit on an adult's lap. Discounted beer coupons can be purchased ahead of time for \$2.75 each, or at the game.

For reservations call Karl Flesch at (215) 493-0676. Mail your check made out to the "Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club" to Karl at 519 Aspen Woods Drive, Yardley, PA 19067. Deadline for reservations is May 13th.

Pool Party



Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 21st. Our annual pool party will be held at Vern and Mary Shaw's, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA. Tell your ski tales, show your ski pictures and get advance information on the Club's 2002 ski trips! It all starts at 1:00 and lasts til? Steak, shrimp, beef burgers, hot dogs, iced tea and soda will be provided. There will be a salad and dessert table, for which attendees are asked to bring one of their favorite dishes. The cost is \$5 per person. For reservations call Vern or Mary at (215) 322-4037 or Maureen MacMath at (215) 624-7751.

2001 Trip Recap

TIGNES, FRANCE *by Lyn Huttemann*

Whether this was your first adventure to Tignes, France or you are a bona fide groupie, all the best that France has to offer was laid before us in January 2001. Day after day we were able to partake in pure skiing pleasure; not for the faint of heart. All levels are available from almost any lift (THANK GOODNESS). Fun for all.

Great weather, great skiing, great food, great accommodations, great planning, great friends, great fun—summarizes our trip to Tignes. Once again, we were welcomed to a magnificent week of skiing in the French Alps. Eastern powder (bullet proof ice) is never an issue. Learning to ski on real snow takes some work. Once you get the feeling, it is pure pleasure and enjoyment.

SUGARBUSH, VT *by Clare Longworth*

Our first bus trip of the year was to Sugarbush, Vermont. After experiencing very frigid weather last year, this year was quite pleasant. No ice, no wind, and best of all, no lines! The conditions were very good and the crowds were light for a weekend.

Trip Director Maureen MacMath opted for the France trip, but we didn't take it personally. Club President Wayne MacMath and daughter Lauren did a wonderful job handling the details. We thank all of you!

Several teenage club members were on the trip. What a great group of skiers *and* snowboarders.

This trip had so many conveniences. We stayed in fully equipped condos; you could walk or ski to the lifts; and Wayne surprised us with late check outs. At the mountain, a Magic Carpet ride takes you up to the lodge for lunch. (An exception to this list is the trail marked "To Condos", which took some unhappy Bucks Mount skiers to the wrong condo community.)

I suppose most trips do not go without incident. Wayne needed an overnight boot repair; Vern Shaw's chair lift ride with Jill Neffle (in her new ski outfit) cost him a binding, but he did get a free sled ride; and best wishes to Bill "Sully" Sullivan for a quick recovery from his unfortunate injury. Many thanks to the Waltz family for their assistance.

Some memorable quotes as we were leaving on our trip.....

Wayne: "I *think* we're all here." Vern, looking up from his laptop: "Maureen doesn't say it that way! I think we should computerize these name tags!"

OKEMO, VT

Returning to one of our early season favorites we were not disappointed. Okemo leads the pack in grooming and snowmaking. The lines were not bad, as we moved easily from one side of the mountain to the other. As usual our hostess Trudy Dostal provided us with some taste tempting meals. Fifty people attended this trip. Look for the possibility of a new twist next year.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME & WILDCAT, NH

The trip that never dies may have a new twist next year. Research is being done at this very moment. Anyway forty-nine hearty souls ventured to Maine and New Hampshire this year. (9 hrs. 50 min. up/ 7 hrs. 50 min. home) We experienced three days of great skiing at Sunday River and Wildcat. Many ventured into the glades at Sunday River and realize now what fun it is to venture off piste. For our last day we attacked **Wildcat** with a vengeance. Bridget Kennedy and Jesse Gey thought we called a lunch meeting at the hospital in North Conway. While the views at Wildcat were awesome the skiing was limited (not many bumps)

(ed. note: The writer obviously assumes non-stop moguls to be the dream trail of choice for everyone.)

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA

Was it Colorado or Pennsylvania??? With fresh powder it was hard to tell. Everyone enjoyed the dump of snow and was sad when the day ended. Twenty-nine people shoveled out from the snowstorm the night before to make the bus at 5:15. A leisurely lunch was a delight in the bright spacious bar dining room.

(ed. note: Wayne was not there so Maureen opted out of the 15 minute cafeteria lunch group...)

MTS. ORFORD and SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VT

This trip sold out first in October due to the great bill of fare on the previous trip. However due to conditions last year the skiing was marginal. But fortunes reversed themselves this year. The long awaited and eagerly anticipated meals at Auberge Estrimont were a bust. The buffet breakfast was eliminated in favor of a sit down meal with limited amounts of food. Our wonderful dinner in the upscale restaurant the previous year was moved to a drab banquet hall arrangement with limited meal choices. The second night last year we had a beautifully prepared buffet with unbelievable dessert tables. This year we had the same meal arrangement as the first night with limited choice off entrees and no choice of dessert. Many of us had to get the coffee ourselves. What a disappointment for the Bucks Mount Skiing and Eating Club! Complaints were registered to the management.

However the fantastic skiing helped us forget about the meals. Mt. Orford had everything open and who could forget "slide on your ass" trail #94. Some people will follow **anywhere**. Mt. Sutton again proved to be a fan favorite, however the lines were unbearable due to spring break and a fresh dump of snow.

Jay Peak finally lived up to my expectations with lots of fresh snow the glades were awesome. The club finally experienced Jay Peak at its finest.

LAKE TAHOE, CA *by Mary Shaw*

Everyone seemed to have had a great time at Lake Tahoe. Skiing all day in the sun and returning to the condo to relax. Some cooked in, some ate out, some enjoyed the luxury of the hot tub, some went to shows, some gambled (Helloooo Audrey) and some played games. Never let it be said "Just because you're an excellent skier, does it mean you're an excellent game player (Helloooo Lauren). Take note of the following score from a game of "dice".

Tami	Matt	Lauren	Mary
750	600		1150
1100	950		1750
1750	1300		2650
2650	1650		3650
3650	2100		
3850	2550		
4750			
5800			
6800			



One Ski, Two Skis

TIGNES, ON OR OFF SKIS....

Tignes is not just for skiing...you can scuba, sleigh ride, cross country, snowshoe, just to name a few. For me it was taking in the scenery from a different angle -- from above. Take a chance! Take a parasail ride and you'll see what I mean.

For under \$65 U.S. dollars, you can see the valley in its entirety – small scale, but absolutely breathtaking! Just do it! Don't be a chicken! There's really nothing to it once you get off the groomed trail and side step down the side of the mountain to the "Parasail Pod".

The initial feeling when you ski down the mountain is "this is definitely my LAST RUN". But, all of a sudden the sail opens and you're heaven bound and alive. The feeling after you know it's not your LAST

RUN is like being on a chair lift that is rocking and rolling in a high wind – no more than that, then just smoooooth sailing.

Phillip, my pilot, let me steer the sail by tugging on a rope right or left, whichever way I wanted to sail. Then he showed me what he could do - he aimed the sail and its two occupants downward in a spiral into a gorgeous outcropping of rocks - so close I felt as if I could touch them, laughed at my frantic gulping noises, then ascended the sky once more.

Landing was as soft as falling in fresh powder - you ski to a stop and hopefully you're as lucky as I was and miss skiing right into a fresh mound of steaming horse poop! Ride's over, much too short! I've already decided 2002 will be the year for my "Hang Glide Ride". Please join me.

~Evi Paul

Beach Party



The *BMSSC* hits the beaches of Wildwood Crest, NJ! Come join the fun at Bill & Cathy Rees' beach (& bath) house on Saturday, August 18th, from 11:00 am until?

Bring picnic food/drink for lunch on the beach. There will be a BBQ cookout at 5:00 pm. A caravan of cars will be leaving from the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills at 8:30 am. R.S.V.P to

Bill & Cathy at (215) 322-4788 or **Bill_Rees@MSN.COM** by August 8th.

For directions to Wildwood Crest, check out the activity on the WEB page, under "CALENDAR".

Thinking about making it a long weekend stay? Contact Bill & Cathy for motel recommendations.

Membership

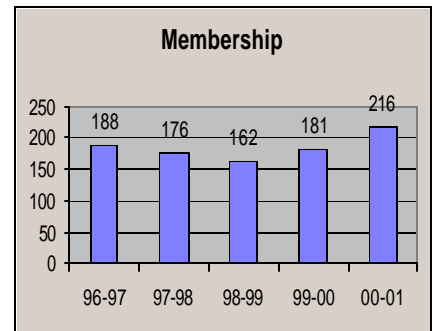
Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club has now exceeded its goal of 200 adult members. 216 to be exact. If we include children we have over 250 members. The word is out, thanks for spreading the good word.

After checking the official records we are ready to announce the 200th member:

CONGRATULATIONS SUE KNICKER-BOCKER!!!!

Sue joined us to bring her two granddaughters on the Sunday River trip. In spite of a little side trip to the hospital in North Conway she said she enjoyed the trip. Sue will receive a free membership.

The prize for bringing in the most new members goes to **PHYLLIS KENNEDY and RICHARD ROBBINS**. They will each receive a free day of skiing .



Membership renewal for the 2001-2002 ski season is now open. **Fill out the form included in the newsletter and mail it with your check. Get the renewal rate by paying on time.** This rate applies only until the first September meeting.

Renewal Rates: \$15.00 single
\$25.00 family
New Member Rates: \$20 single
\$35.00 family

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Lunch Lines

"The Guys" had just finished a spectacular day at Jay Peak. Glade skiing had been the finest since I can't remember when (which doesn't say much as I CAN'T remember when). I suspected something was up as we exited to the right from the mountain, yet I dare not question our "*Fearless Leader*".

We pulled into the thriving metropolis of Montgomery, VT, already familiar to the seasoned van occupants and began our perusal of the eating establishments. I spied *JR's* on our 1st pass, but was overruled as we proceeded to the parking lot of snowmobiles. The "\$9.95 all-you-can-eat" sign seemed attractive until you viewed the buffet, which was a little difficult to see through the fog. It took some urging, yet my habitual whining paid off and we caroused down the block to the only other eatery: *JR's*.

I viewed the blackboard specials with satisfaction knowing we had found a respectable restaurant. I tend to order from the specials so I quickly memorized the offerings and recited them to the group. We ordered our beer from the draft menu, which included my favorite Vermont Micro, *Long Trail*. My misguided companions asked for the *Sam Adams*. Some old dogs just can't be taught.

Our server placed a flat dish of olive oil, chopped garlic, and a splash of balsamic vinegar at the table. I embarrassingly explained the offering to the dismay of my companions. But as I sliced the French baguette and demonstrated the technique, we were quick to order a second serving.

Most ordered the house salad with the homemade dressing, which we all enjoyed; I just can't remember what it was, (did I mention my memory problem). I ordered the Blackened Swordfish with baked potato only to be chastised by the "*Captain*" for promulgating the extinction of the species. "*Singing Don*", fearing that he might miss, out also requested the swordfish. We were both satisfied

with the texture and lightly blackened seasoning, just wished there was more on the plate.

"*Fearless*" being a meat eater at heart selected the regular beef ribs passing on the special baby backs. I only heard grunting and gnawing during the meal with the exception of "I'll take it" when the "*Singer*" offered his broccoli. Another satisfied customer!

"*Mean Gene*" opted for the scallops provided it came with real mashed potatoes. It appeared to me to be served in a light cream sauce which he seem to enjoy, only to be envious when he queried Keith on his selection of the Shrimp Marinara served over a bed of pasta. Need I say more?

We needed a caffeine jolt for the balance of the ride home, all fearing our server might give one of us the cup designated for the "*Captain*" (seems they had developed a unique understanding during our brief encounter).

At first there were no takers to the dessert offerings, then the gates were opened and a rash of requests for the coveted pie ensued. I hesitated and asked for a repeat of the list. Something in the name "*Suicide Pie*" should have clued me. I missed our server's reiterated warning at my selection, yet when she placed this monstrosity of 4 layers of chocolate cake with ice cream and whipped cream, I knew I had overindulged. Like "*Uncle Buck*" I struggled to finish and needed a bail out from "*Singing Don*". Next time we'll order one for the entire table.

Overall this was a pleasurable dining experience that we willingly demonstrated in the gratuity section of the bill. I think *JR's* will be on next year's agenda of "The Guy's" weekend... if there is another.

~Larry Ortmann

Gold Medal Award

As a tribute to one faithful instructor, Luc, a gold medal presentation was made at a small ceremony in the bar—perfect spot to get melancholy. However, it is appropriate to be awarded to all our French instructors. With a few modifications, it is now applicable to any of the wonderful instructors found in Tignes.

GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY—*Tignes, France*

With the power vested in us by the United States of America, we hereby bestow upon (insert name) Ski Guide / Instructor the SKIING GOLD MEDAL.

This gold medal is for skill, humanity, bravery, humility, GOOD LOOKS, courage, and most of all GOOD HUMOR for taking this "ragtag" group of Yankees to NEW HEIGHTS.

Without your guidance and encouragement, we "WANNABEES" would never have seen so much and faced so many challenges.

Year after year, you have given us a reason to look forward to next January like kids waiting for Santa.

Each one of us has discovered how far we can push ourselves and what we are capable of on the ski slopes. In short, you have made each of us a BETTER PERSON; and, needless to say, a BETTER SKIER. For this we thank you!!!

~Lyn Huttemann

For Sale

Snowboard :

Nale, 148 Zeke, green, Nale strap bindings, w/ nylon black bag, good condition, asking \$90. Airwalk Boots, men's size 8, like new, asking \$60. Board & Boots package \$150. Call Bill Rees: (215) 322-4171.

Ski Boots:

Salomon Evolution 2 9.0 – Women's size: 24.5 -US size 7 - (I wear a size 8 shoe) \$200 or best offer. Call Audrey Krenzel: (215) 576-5015.

Car Ski Rack:

Barrecrafters – fits Toyota Camry – FREE. Call Judy Lott: (215) 321-3485.

TOP 10 Reasons Why We loved TIGNES, France

10. Our biggest decisions were: what to wear to dinner, what utensil to use, or which bus to take #1 or #2.
9. The spa---gives new meaning to the word "massage" it is French, you know RELAX.
8. Beautiful ski instructors ---make you want to pay attention to the Lesson.
7. Sun, more sun, more sun, wine, wine, more wine---Genepy????
6. Movenpick---changed its name to "THE TULIP INN"---by gosh, it has been right there all the time.
5. Newcomers re-ignited our enjoyment of this wonderful place. Also, second and third generation participation is testimony to how great it is.
4. DOWNLOADING has become a familiar term---heck, it can be your new best friend.
3. Lufthansa now has home delivery of luggage for great skiers.
2. The cost of parasailing from the top of the mountain \$65---the huge smile on Evi's face PRICELESS!!!

And the Number 1 reason why we loved our trip to Tignes:

1. MAUREEN---she actually does know how to whine, and now we know her dirty little secret!
~Lyn & Joe Huttemann

Using The Club's WEB Site *by Karl Flesch*

Have you checked out the Club's WEB site (www.communities.phillyburbs/home/bmski)? Have you checked it recently? Unlike the Club's newsletter, the Club's WEB site is constantly changing and being updated, so check it often. Here are some of the latest additions and pointers on how to use the site.

PHOTOS – Currently, photos can be found in two places. The most obvious is under *Photo Album*. This can be found by looking under *Page Links*, found at the bottom of most pages. Click on *Photo Album*. This sends you to the Photo Album page. Next click on either *Photo Album #1* or *Photo Album #2*. This will show you a page with "thumb prints" (i.e., small versions) of all the photos in the album. Click on the individual pictures to enlarge it. Additional photos can be found under the *Page Link - Ski Trips*. Click on *Tignes, France* and then click on either *Tignes 2001 Photos #1* or *Tignes 2001 Photos #2*.

Do you have photos of Club events you want to be shown on the WEB? Either give me the photo to scan or send me (see Members E-Mail Addresses below) the JPEG file of the photo.

MEMBERSHIP FORM – From the Home Page, click on *How to Become a Member/Renew*. "Click to Open File" to view the Membership Application, which can then be printed. You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat on your PC to view the membership form. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, you will be asked if you want to download it.

DIRECTIONS – Need directions to a Club activity? Under *Page Links*, click on *Calendar*. On the monthly calendar, days are highlighted on which Club activities occur. The calendar can be moved forward or backward one month at a time. Shown are this weeks events. Click on either the highlighted day or the event underlined. Click on *Give Me a Map* for a map of where the event is. There is an option also to *Give Me Driving Directions*.

MEMBER'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES – You can add your personal information, modify it and see other member's information. From the Home Page, click on *Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club Members Only*. For new users, please set up a new user profile. You will need to provide your e-mail address, a user name (what you want to call yourself, i.e., "skibunny") and a password. Your profile will need to be approved first (determined if you are a member) and you will eventually receive an e-mail confirming your access. Once approved, if you want to also include your mailing address and phone number, return to the *Members Only Page* and Log In. Next click on *My Profile*. Click on *Edit User Profile & Password*. Fill in the information.

Please note that to Log In from the Home Page or leave a message on the Message Board, a different user name is required, since it is considered a different site and is open to visitors and not just ski club members. Deleted user names can not be reused.

Trip Raffle Winners

The following won for signing up early for our trips:

\$100

SUGARBUSH- Ryan Waltz

OKEMO- Joe Linus


SUNDAY RIVER- Raul Valcarcel

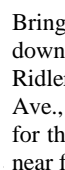
CANADA - Cathy Rees


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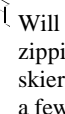
ELK MT. – Robert Forcina

Snow Flakes...

 Congratulations to Kathy and Steven Woltman on the birth of their son Zachariah Steven Woltman, born 12/26/00.

 Bringing a dish to the Club? Write down the recipe and send it to Joan Ridler, c/o Ski Chow, 927 Walsh Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047. Watch for the Club's own recipe book in the near future.

 Keep saving TABS and Genaurdi Register Tapes, and bring them to a meeting. All go for a good cause.

 Will Longworth (age 6) on zipping past a downed adult skier: "Next time you got to "S" a few extra!"

55 and OUT *by Gary Gagliardi*

Ah, retirement, the good life – 55 and out. Ah no. That's not quite what this is about. This, my poor misguided friends is about speed.

Speed, as you know kills. Ask Dale Ernhart. That is if you can untangle the mushy pulp that used to be his brain stem. Skiing on the other hand is about having fun with your friends, spending time in the great out doors – fresh air, fresh snow, etc., etc., etc... Who here can see how I've gotten off beam?

Let's review. Fun! Bowling is fun. That's where you throw rubber at wood and wear other people's shoes. Now there's a game for the whole family. The only way you can really get hurt is if you actually lie down in front of the pins and let other people use you as a target.

Let's explain skiing now. Find two popsicle sticks and strap them onto your feet. Feet that for today at least, are bolted into a pair of injection molded pieces of plastic that were last seen being worn by Frankenstein. "How do they feel?" the sales person asks. "How do they feel?" "How do they feel?" I feel like Jimmy

Hoffa right before he became part of Giant's stadium.

Back to the popsicle sticks. Strap them to your feet and then let's try to go down a hill, say with about 50 or 60 other skiers. Throw in some bumps the size of which some small to medium sized people could hide behind and a touch of trees, just to make things interesting. Make it on a 60 degree grade and then for the really fun part, lets give everybody two really sharp spears to carry. Sound like fun yet? No? Well what you really need to understand here is that being afraid of this scenario is completely rational. Very much like being afraid when walking too close to the edge of a roof; or playing with nuclear radiation; or telling a professional wrestler, who's been drinking, that the WWF is all fake.

But being afraid of the trees and bumps and the steeps and the spears are not really rational fears they tell you. You can ski those, they say. "I, - I, - I, don't think so", I reply. Oh yes, yes, yes you can. We'll help you. Yea – they help by going to the bottom of the hill just as fast as they can so that they're safely and as far away from this 180-pound freight train as possible.

So when and if you do manage to hurt a tree by clipping it with your shoulder, or when you damage a mogul by slamming into it going 55 mph those very helpful people can call the snow police so the damage to the hill can be repaired.

Now as you all can see by this very simple explanation speed kills, or at the very least it hurts an awful lot, especially when it meets an immovable object. It's simple physics really. Newton and all that stuff. Equal and opposite forces etc., etc. And that is the real meaning of 55 and out.

In the dictionary "they" is defined as people or persons of unknown identity. But I know who "they" are, and I'm coming to get you. That's right I'm going to give each and every one of you a free ticket to all the rides in Gary Land. So buckle up!

"See the little kid get airborne on those bumps?" Yea, she must be missing a chromosome or something. Maybe I'll take a bump lesson next year.

Fasten & Zip *by Phyllis Kennedy*

The Canada trip was great fun with good snow conditions and great company! However, I would like to share two scenes that could have had a worse outcome, had it not been for a guardian angel looking out for me!

At Mount Orford in Canada, our first day out, I innocently followed a large group of skiers (on the Death March, lead by our fearless leader Wayne) into the woods for a bit of "glade skiing". I think that Wayne was just as surprised to find such a large group following as I was to find the trail dropping off at a good pitch; full of bumps, roots, rocks, trees, and because of us, people. I would have been more intimidated (petrified) if I had known that it was a double or triple (?) black diamond trail.

But the snow was good and I was starting to feel good about how far I had come over the last two years of skiing. Two years ago, I would have fallen over at the thought of a bump. Anyway, here we are,

and woops!, the pitch and bumps get worse. Linda Ricciardi is down and being assisted by Jerry Cape 30 yards down the trail. People are standing like markers in safe spots, so I think to myself, I'll just make my turn here and go over there! The next thing I know, I am trying to avoid a nasty little rock and this snow snake grabs my ski and rips it off, sending me and my equipment in all directions.

Jerry sees my helmet roll across his skis and receives a terrible fright because he's just been reading a Steven King book where someone loses a head. Fortunately, Todd Polk was there to keep the real head from sliding into a tree (thank you Todd!) and Audrey Krenznel found my glasses (thank you Audrey!)

It took a while to get put back together, but from now on, I'll make sure I really hear that click before assuming the helmet is fastened. In the future, I would try this trail again, after a bit more practice on

easier bump trails, but I'll keep a sharper eye out for those little snow snakes, and I'll make sure all the gear is on right!

The next morning at Mount Sutton, there was a line in the ladies room. In the rush of bending over to pick up gear, my cell phone falls out of my unzipped pocket and into the toilet! *!@?!* I quickly scoop it up and pat it dry! It could have fallen into one of those mountaintop facilities where there is no flush!@*! About 2AM, with the phone plugged into the charger, the phone rings, but no one is there, but the phone is alive! I've made a couple of calls on my cell phone, but the jury is out about how well the battery is charging. Anyway, I've learned to zip the zippers and listen for the "clip" when fastening that safety latch. Thank you angel! And if you decide to go into the woods, make sure you are with great skiers who can coach you through it.

TOP 10 Reasons Why We loved Lake Tahoe, CA by Mary Shaw & Maureen MacMath

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Free mogul lessons at Sierra-at-Tahoe and at Northstar-at-Tahoe. 9. The chance to win at bowling in Reno. 8. Waiting for someone (Audrey) to win big at the black jack tables and treat her condo roomies to dinner. 7. New pins, patches, hats, tee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. shirts and various souvies. 6. BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY!. 5. The sunset every night over Lake Tahoe. 4. Driving the switchbacks around amazing Emerald Bay. 3. Seeing a 300 pound mamma bear and her two cubs. 2. Fulfilling the snow guarantee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clause with 18 inches of fresh powder the last day. <p><i>And the Number 1 reason why we loved our trip to Lake Tahoe:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THE WALL! |
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