



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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President

Once again the Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club was blessed with a wonderful season. Everything, even the conditions, seemed to fall into place. All of our weekend bus trips departed on time or sooner. There were no trouble spots along the highway to impede our progress. Our one day trip, led by Rita, was blessed with some fresh snow. The three (tried for the first time this year) week trips Steamboat, Tignes and Jackson Hole were all successful due to great efforts by Karl and Maureen.

Our meetings were well attended thanks to our motto: "No meeting without eating". But I really feel that our meetings are well attended due to the enthusiasm and camaraderie offered by the group. It's nice to be a part of a friendly group that blends and mixes with each other so effortlessly (unless the pizzas just arrived).

I sincerely hope that our new members enjoyed themselves on our trips. We would love to see you return next year.

The planning for next year's ski season is officially underway. Look for all the news in the September newsletter. Have a great Summer!



Our 34th Year

Annual Spring Banquet



Come to our annual spring banquet being held this year at the Washington Crossing Inn, Washington Crossing, PA on Saturday, June 7 at 7:00pm.

Choices for dinner are:

Chicken Roulade-rolled breast of chicken stuffed with Fontina cheese, spinach and sun dried tomatoes, sliced and served with a Chardonnay-Shitake mushroom sauce for \$27.

Filet of Salmon-pan seared filet of salmon with a lemon caper wine reduction for \$31.

Prime Rib Roast of Beef-oven roasted prime rib of beef served with a roasted garlic au jus for \$34.

Included are rolls and butter, salad, vegetables, dessert, coffee, and hot tea.

For reservations, call Judy Lott (215) 321-3485 (shelski01@aol.com) before May 28.

Upcoming Events

June 7-----Annual Banquet
 June 12 -----Trenton Thunder
 Ball Game
 July 19-----Pool Party
 August 9-----Wildwood Crest
 Beach Party

Meetings resume in September.

Last Call for Thunder Tickets!!



The 2003 Trenton Thunder (affiliate of the NY Yankees) outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at Waterfront Park. Come see the Thunder play the New Haven Ravens on Fireworks Night! The game will be viewed from the upper level of the picnic pavilion, where we will have an all-you-can-eat.

The buffet starts at 6:35 pm and lasts for 1½ hours. The menu includes: Italian sausage, hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, baked beans, cookies, and a melon tray. Game time is 7:05 pm. The fireworks display will take place after the game.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are free. For reservations, contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244.

Pool Party/Surf & Turf



Save Saturday July 19 on your calendar for a fun time at our annual pool party. It is held at Vern and Mary Shaw's Pool and Eatery at 705 Autumn Drive in Langhorne, PA. This event is very well attended because the location is lovely and the food is great. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and lasts 'til ?? Steak, seafood, beef burgers, hotdogs, iced tea and soda will be provided. There will be a salad and dessert table, so please bring one of your favorite dishes. Call to avoid duplicates and so we can have a balanced presentation of gourmet treats.

The cost is \$5 per person. For reservations call Vern or Mary at (215) 322-4037 or Maureen MacMath at (215) 624-7751.

This is also a good time to talk about next year's 2004 Ski Trips. Talk to your friends and see which ones interest you. Remember to bring pictures and albums from last season's trips.

DUES: Mail your check to Vern now or bring it to the pool party **with the membership renewal form** in this newsletter.

2003 Trip Recap

STEAMBOAT, CO

This was BMSC's first trip out West during the holiday season and it proved to be a good choice. The area had been blessed with early snow and received nearly twenty inches more while we were there. The condos were close to the base with frequent private shuttle service. We rode the gondola at night to the top for a first class buffet and western style entertainment and dance lessons. The coordinated learned the Cotton-eye Joe. The New Year's Eve party at the trip leader's condo was a fun time, including DM pin winners, plus a foot of snow which caused the party to conclude early. After all it **was** midnight at home at 10:00, so that counted

SUGARBUSH, VT

Everyone loves this trip because we stay slopeside. We even skied before breakfast and ate in the Mushroom Bar overlooking the Super Bravo express quad. Castlerock was open which was treat because they have kept it all natural conditions, no snowmaking. The Sleeper and Deeper Sleeper glades in the Gatehouse area were tons of fun this year. The weather was cold but the snow was very good. We enjoyed the company of Ellen & Ronnie Victor, Harry & Zak Glaeser and Frank & Werner Carrieri who met us up there. Harry's condo is in the Sugarbush Village. Dinner at the Sugarbush Inn was first class again. Rachel MacMath turned 21.

TIGNES, FRANCE

Perhaps the best conditions in Tignes in 6 years. Three days of snow giving us powder to ski in way over our knees. Some took an adventure tour skiing into Italy from a nearby French resort. Uncorked were many fine bottles of wine, with John Lewin collecting the most corks. He was rewarded with a necklace of corks from Thierry, the owner of the restaurant Le Clin d'Oeil. Question: who is the mysterious "short sheeter"? Ending the trip was a delightful day/night in Lyon exploring the Roman ruins, shopping and of course eating at the unique bouchon restaurants.

KILLINGTON, VT

All of Killington was open with pretty good ski conditions. Everyone had fun both on the trails and in the trees. A few younger skiers actually earned a Death March pin. Sunday afternoon Wayne led a kids Death March at Rams Head. In spite of wind chill, the 7 to 12 group stayed 'til the bitter end. Awardees came up the aisle to the front of the bus to receive their pins during the formal ceremony on the way back to PA. Cortina Inn proved to be a favorite. We enjoyed the unique inside fireplaced atrium, the gift shop and the tavern. Each room was decorated differently, so we took tours. Mike Ianotti turned 21.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA

What a great day for Rita and the troops!! It had snowed a lot the night before, so it was extra work to get to the bus. The bus was even late getting to the Middletown Twp. Bldg. We had a few cancellations, but we also picked up a few irregulars because the schools closed. Maureen and Rita thought the DML was not allowed on this trip and weren't sure at first about letting him come along!! Rita served the usual breakfast of Danish and juice; and wine and cheese for the return trip. Thanks to her effort this trip is always organized, fun and the best day trip you'll ever take. No one turned 21.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME & WILDCAT, NH

We arrived early in the night this year, thanks to no snow (we missed the big blizzard) or traffic problems. Sunday River was in good shape due to extensive snowmaking and help from Mother Nature. Unlike last year, all the glades were open, which gave everyone a chance to experiment with different types of terrain. Wildcat was uncrowded with great views of Mt. Washington. We enjoyed the company of lots of new families, couples and singles on this trip. Chris Gusty was so enthusiastic he skied straight into a big boulder and broke his Rossignol Bandit in two. He did not quite get the concept of the Death March. Jerry Cape's boots turned 21.

MTS. ORFORD & SUTTON, QUEBEC and JAY PEAK, VT

A return trip to the Eastern Provinces of Quebec proved to be worth the wait. The food and service at the Auberge Estrimont was back up to par. The ski conditions were excellent. The first day at Mt. Sutton everyone enjoyed the glade skiing, especially the DML. At Mt. Orford it was crowded, but snow conditions were good and the singles line saved the day. For the last day, Jay Peak was the best. It was cloudy and snowing. The March found glade after glade of good snow in the fog. Wayne admitted later, "I just have the map in my head. I know where all the good trails are." Everyone was tired after three days of skiing. Jim Waltz turned 21.

JACKSON HOLE, WY

This was the BMSC's first trip to Wyoming, so twenty-eight excited people made their way to Jackson. We were teased all week with weather reports of snow, but it never materialized, except in Colorado, where the airport closed. Anyway, if you like steeps, trees, bowls, chutes and off piste skiing, you had your choice.

Ten in the group took a full day snowmobile trip into the wilds of the Teton Range. They took some breathtaking pictures and somehow seemed to do a lot of eating for a wilderness trip. Can you believe they found a cabin?? The rest spent two days skiing at Grand Targhee. The one hour scenic ride actually dipped into Idaho. We learned about field dirt from the potato farms being on the mountain snow from the previous week's wind storms, saw unusual rolls of avalanche snow and viewed the Grand Tetons from the other side. It was sooo educational. We even had question for the week: If the coyote sleeping along the side of the road doesn't move for three days, is he dead??

The luxury accommodations for the week were two private homes that were simply "maar-velous".

10 Reasons Why We Loved Jackson Hole “SWEET”

10. Grand Targhee—great snow, inspiring views of the Grand Tetons and hearing tales of the climb up Mary's Nipple.
9. Video taping Morley Manor—our MTV Cribs—Bucks Mount Style.
8. Skiing with broken ribs (Jerry—Sunday River—ski pole) trying to break more ribs (Bettina-radio antenna).
7. Apre ski in the bar with a 1,000 lb. Mangy Moose and sleigh suspended over our heads.
6. Two brand new Viking stoves, two Sub-Zero refrigerators, two dishwashers, three sinks, sixteen around the table and “guys who can cook!”
5. Finding the correct path to ski-in to the house—the Rommel family climbing through three feet of snow across the back yard in ski boots or having Zack find the scenic route.
4. Playing the latest version of Where's Waldo: “Finding Phil”.
3. Watching Gary snowboard for the first time and then fight Lauren for a pair of awesome snowboard pants on sale at the ski shop.
2. Caffeine: coffee with Mountain Dew chasers to stay awake for Super Troopers, Eleven Oust, foos ball and 80's Trivial Pursuit.
1. Velvet Elk and Buffalo Ribs at the Gun Barrel Restaurant and Wildlife Museum.

Beach Party



The Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club hits the beaches of Wildwood Crest, NJ! Come join the fun at Bill & Cathy Rees' beach (& bath) house on Saturday, August 9, 2003, from 11:00 am until ? Bring picnic food/drink for lunch on the beach. There will be a BBQ cookout at 5:00 pm. R.S.V.P to Bill & Cathy at (215)

322-4788 or send them an e-mail: **Bill_Rees@MSN.COM** by August 1st.

For directions to Wildwood Crest, check out the activity under "SOCIAL/ BEACH PARTY" on the Club's web site.

Thinking about making it a long week-end stay? Nearby motel options are available on the Club's web site.

Officers for the 2002-2003 Season

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Membership

The prizes for bringing in the most new members go to:

Sheila Gwinner

She brought a group of eight, including family and friends. She received one free day of skiing on the Club.

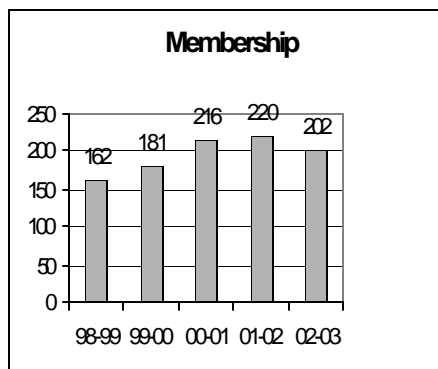
Total membership is just over 200 adults, 202 to be exact. We still have amazing attendance at meetings with lots of hungry people.

FILL OUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2003-2004 NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET.

The form is included in this newsletter. You only get the renewal rate by paying on or before our first meeting in September.

Renewal Rates: \$15.00 single
\$25.00 family

New Member Rates: \$20 single
\$35.00 family



We are now sending meeting reminders and other notification by email so be sure to add that address if you'd like that reminder. Also, please leave a message on the hotline when you change your address or phone number.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

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Tales from Steamboat, CO

The first ever BM New Years party trip! Listening to the chatter early Friday morning at the airport, one might have thought this trip was planned at the last minute. Who didn't get time to try out the new skis, I haven't skied yet, or what did I forget to pack. Our journey west was routine, thanks to great planning from trip leader Mo. A quick trip to the stores for meals and libations prior to the welcome meeting, and our condo was ready for the slopes.

The lifts opened a few minutes early for day 1. This helped greatly as we waited barely 8 minutes to ride the gondola to the top on a holiday weekend. The DML had taken charge of a small group still on quest for the PIN. I tagged along for the morning to get familiar with the mountain. I must complement the architects of the lifts. I found it very easy to remember the locations, and connections to the various areas. Virtually every lift was running, and thanks to previous snowfall almost every trail was open.

A few of us lost the DML during a quick break. This was most unfortunate for Jerry who had set out to follow DML for the 1st day of qualifying. Here are a few suggestions to anyone else who sets out for a DM Pin. Attach your powder cords to the DML's skis, and stuff the tail in your boots. Then follow closely, like a shadow. Or you can hide a radio beacon in his jacket, and report him lost to the ski patrol. This could be a problem if they locate him during lunch break (or at the Slopeside Bar watching an Eagles game). In any case you will need a tracking method as the guy can disappear quickly.

We met another small group during lunch at the Four Points Hut (only open on weekends) and finished out the day exploring more trails. I made a stop at Bear River Bar & Grill where they provide the live entertainment inside, or alfresco bar service. Complimentary hot chocolate or hot cider was offered by the resort, and of course they didn't offer my favorite lemonade as in Mike's.

A full day of skiing, minimal lift lines, and I had only traversed ½ the mountain! Day 2 was a copy, just new terrain, and the promise of more snow overnight. A few of my condo-mates and I cornered the DML on his disappearing act from the prior day, and pleaded for partial credit to Jerry's account. He wisely agreed to take the matter under consideration. Sometimes whining does pay off.

We lunched over at the Rendezvous. This proved to be my favorite stop on the mountain, less crowds, and good bread bowls. I still had some glade trails I wanted to explore for the afternoon. We all saddled up for the Western Barbecue that night. An evening gondola ride takes you to the top for "all you can eat" buffet of Ribs, Chicken, and Prime Rib. Add in a few country dance lessons from the live band and you are ready for some trail blazing.

It's now Monday, day 3, with 4-6 inches of new snow, and I have my eye on the double diamond trails. Enough of those glades and moguls, I want to stare down the abyss, feel my heart pounding from excitement, with a bead of sweat across my brow. Not if I have to walkup that hill. I'd pass out half way, so I guess that just leaves the Chutes. I had convinced Chuck to follow me in. We both awed as I calculated the width of the 70 degree slope to be slightly smaller than my skis, oops. I think we'll go this way. Let's go back to the glades and moguls.

On day 4 I noticed less from our group on the shuttle. So which was it: took the early, or slept in? Another few inches of fresh, and there were still a few trails I had yet take, so I throttled back on the difficulty. One blue for 2 mogul and a glade runs. After all, I needed some energy for our New Years Eve party that night. And we still had 3 days left.

So after dinner we trekked over to the Presidential Condo. El Presidente felt it necessary to call a meeting as this was to be the final awards night of the year. He acknowledged the presence of Erin Anderson, a young, very talented skier in training for the US Olympic team. I apologize for brushing over my first encounter, something to do with ego. After 20+ years of hard dedication to the sport (including my snowboard experiment), I was quickly humbled at the ease with which truly great skiers can navigate any terrain on the mountain. I hadn't felt that low since the Pascale imitation in France.

Anyway, new rules have been instituted for Death March 2003. Unfortunately, I don't know what they are, as they change at a moments notice, and what worked yesterday, may not apply. Our condo's plea did not fall on deaf ears, and Jerry was bestowed his rightful honor as well as Bob (of Chucky Cheese fame). Also pinned were Nancy MacMeekin, and young Ryan Polk for his

imitation of a skier on blades. But the zaniest awards were to Bump Queen Audrey and yours truly for the uncanny ability to always find a different last run. Well somebody has to go get seats at the bar!

The snow was still falling as we returned to our condo (expecting 18"). I dreamt of waist high champagne powder for the following day. We arrived at the mountain about the same time as our other days, but ooh my god...the line to the gondola was 10 times as long. What are they doing here? Shouldn't these people be hung over somewhere? We scrambled quickly to the just opening double chair before the rest of the crowd caught on. A couple of extra zigzag lifts and we were in the powder making fresh tracks. And by noon time, the crowds had thinned out. I could complain, but who would care, or for that matter care? By now I had memorized my favorite places, and thoroughly enjoyed these trails with the new snow.

Wait...tomorrow is our last day! How can that be? Somehow we skipped a day, let see, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, oh no, it's true. Why does this always happen on a vacation, I mean, I never forget work days.

The final ski day almost never happened for me as I awoke with a mysterious illness, probably from the airplane. But I was determined, and found the energy to venture out. I tried the un-groomed trails early, and quickly realized more consideration for the body was needed. This would not be the grand finale I had planned. Even a 1 ½ hour lunch at Stoker's didn't faze me as the hostess brought a complimentary plate of nachos due to the wait.

Feeling a little better, maybe from the nachos, I braved the glades and moguls again. I figured, at worst, they will find the body in the spring. It felt good to get back on the horse. I must compliment those who foolishly followed my tracks as I never really knew where I was headed. I only know how to point the sleds down the mountain, and what ever happens, happens.

I don't remember much of the trip home. I took a few extra doses of Stoliclnaya cough syrup before the shuttle arrived, and the next thing I remember was awakening to Jets routing the Colts. They deserved a good win for their help with Green Bay. Now if only the Eagles can finish up in San Diego.

~ Larry Ortmann

Death March Members

The Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard-Club's Death March experienced another exciting, sometimes dangerous, fun filled season. It is absolutely amazing what some people will put themselves through for a little pin. For many it's just another day of skiing, but for some it appears to be torture.

Anyway, what has been documented and actually occurred is that during or after completing the Death March, helmet sales have greatly increased. More than half the pin holders now have brain buckets. It's the wave of the future.

The DML does recommend this for your safety. We are not responsible for accidents occurring during the Death March.

There are currently fifty-five pin holders. There were thirty-two pins selectively awarded this year including Frank Sellers, our bartender, just for putting up with the crowd (Apres Ski Group) that hangs by the bar. Pat Trovato, our Lynx Vacations travel agent for years, for great recommendations for group dinners and awesome lodging properties. Also for being extremely patient with Maureen's "attention to details". Luc and

Baudouin who lead adventure-seeking groups around the French Alps trying to keep them safe from cliffs, avalanches and each other. Finally Henry Lovett who never skis, but is the only member who can wear his pin on his anti-death march shirt.

See Web Site for points earned thus far. Some DM pin holders are close to earning free skiing.

Wearing pin at Banquet - 5 points
Wearing pin at Baseball Game, Pool Party, Shore Party - 3 points each.

Congratulations to the following pin winners:

STEAMBOAT

Ryan Polk
 Bob Matteo
 Larry Ortmann
 Aurey Krenzel
 Jerry Cape
 Nancy MacMeekin

SUGARBUSH

Harry Glaeser
 Franco Carrieri
 Bill Rees
 Ellen Victor
 Ron Victor
 Matt Kowalsky
 George Kowalsky
 Zack Glaeser

KILLINGTON

Bill Sullivan
 Mike Iannotti
 Hank Ellis
 Brandon Ridler
 Bridget Ridler
 Jeffrey Murtha
 Will Longworth

SUNDAY RIVER

Mike Concannon
 Mia Svoboda

CANADA

Dan Pfluger
 Nicole Polk
 Becki McHugh
 Zack Shaffer
 Patti Smith

Snow Flakes...It's A Gag!

DICK—Be on the look out for a big bag of yellow M&M's. We hear they are worth a lot of money.

JASON & ZACK S—Be careful where you follow Lauren—she'll ski over anything—she admits she'd rather just go than think about it too long—sorry about the boulder.

WILL—On passing the Death March Leader—"Will we lose points for that???"

PATTI—It was an emotional awarding of the DM pin on the bus—one of the "sweetest" pins awarded.

MARY ANN—Says thanks for the country blanket throw friends picked out in the Cortina Inn Gift Shop. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

EDDIE PEARL—The secret is out—a party animal—doing the *Schimmy Shuffle* from the Greatful Dead for the French Canadians.

LINDA—Got off the tram at the top of Mont Blanc and her boots wouldn't fasten into her bindings...oops...not her boots!

ELK—The bus left late because Maureen's skis were stolen from the rack at the end of the day. Thanks Phyllis for discovering the thief...Rita!!

PHYLLIS—No, even if it is steep, you can not get down faster by throwing your equipment down ahead of you.

GREG & JOHN—On Sleeper vs Deeper Sleeper—Don't trust Rachel when she rates trails: - "These trees are fine" - means—"I don't really remember, but this trail is probably ok."

NEILAN—Pretty good catch, catching the ski pole she dropped from the chairlift at Sunday River and thrown back up to her from the surprised snowboarder below.

JOHN—OK, you may have the biggest cork collection—however they only really count if you drank the wine bottle!

DICK & NEILAN—Always first on the bus for the best seats. Fooled on the Sunday River trip when Bud arrived with the bus and Raul hopped off.

HELEN—Known to eat anything and everything, but met her match in a Lyon bouchon.... A pig's tail!

BUD—Our Cortina Inn sleigh ride was pulled by a horse named Bud. When Bud was asked how did he spend his evening, he smiled and said "I'm always pulling for you!"

DEATH MARCH PIN...NOT! REASONS! *By Evi Paul*

10. 100% Pressure-Free Skiing.

9. Ski the trails I want to ski.

8. Nice, leisurely lunches, if I so choose.

7. Whining is an option, not a necessity.

6. No pressure to suck up to the "Pin Giver".

5. No worry about losing the

pin, the points and sleep.

4. Don't have to worry if the pin matches my outfit.

3. Traction, casts, stitches and crutches are an option.

2. Partial day skiing could be a Really Good Thing, right gals from Bear Tract?

1. MOST IMPORTANTLY...

**MY METTLE REMAINS
MY MYSTERY!!!**

So there, all of you cookie-cutter, pin-wearing ski geeks!

This article was inspired by the "Pin Giver" on the flight to The Hole, when he said "Hey Evi, do you realize 18 people on this trip have Death March Pins!" Thanks, Wayne.

Ed. Note: Wayne told Evi she should join the DM to test her mettle.

Trip Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following prize winners!!! By signing up at least 60 days before the trip departure they were entered in our trip raffle.

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SUGARBUSH – Bill Kolenda

KILLINGTON – Ryan Waltz

SUNDAY RIVER – Kevin Small

FREE TRIP

ELK MT. – Bob Forcina



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