



# Lift Lines



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*Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club*

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**Wayne C. MacMath**

*President*

How do you measure a successful ski season? Amounts of snow, good conditions, constant eating, well-organized trips, club officers and others who give 100%, friendly, warm-hearted people, good social activities? Probably all of the above.

Each year at this time our club begins to formalize the plans that will be the groundwork for the coming ski season. Our success depends on careful planning (knowing which weekend it will snow) not leaving anything to chance. Our snow guarantee clause did well this season. Meetings and trips are carefully coordinated so that they go very smoothly. Hopefully, it appears that we know what we are doing.

Food is important in our club, alluded to by our motto. On full week trips people enjoy sitting around the condo table with new friends eating freshly prepared nachos or going out to a carefully selected restaurant and sharing a bottle of wine. Everyone in our club does a fantastic job of making new people feel welcome (we pick on them right away).

Our trips are extremely well organized thanks to the untiring efforts of Maureen our trip director. Our club receives many compliments from people who have been on other trips that are not as well coordinated. We try to leave no stone unturned, so that your vacation is totally relaxing, except for the Death March.

What can I say about the club officers and committee heads and assistants? They are the heart and soul of the club, giving 100% of their energy to make things flow smoothly. By the way elec-



*Our 35th Year*

tions were held in my basement, turnout was brisk, and you all won handily your position for the coming season.

Plans for the 2004-2005 ski season are currently under consideration. There are some ski areas you have expressed a desire to visit. However, some present various and sundry problems, including: high cost depending on the season, lack of reasonable flight itineraries into small airports, double connections, number of low class of fare seats available, condo bedding arrangements, price of vans. We are doing our best to accommodate your wishes without pricing anyone out. We hope to eventually get to every ski area there is!

The Bucks Mount Ski Club hopes everyone has a great summer. See you at the pool party (good food) or at the first meeting in September.

THINK SNOW!  
Wayne

## Upcoming Events

June 10 -----Trenton Thunder  
Ball Game

July 24-----Pool Party

**Meetings resume in September**

## Last Call for Trenton Thunder Baseball Tix

Game time is 7:05 pm on Thursday, June 10. The picnic buffet and cash bar starts at 6:35 and lasts for 1½ hours. 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.

## Banquet Recap

Thanks for an excellent job go to Judy Lott for planning the annual banquet at Diamond's Riverside Restaurant. The Chilean sea bass melted in our mouths. The lamb & beef were excellent also. We enjoyed seeing each other dressed-up. Surprise! We all own something other than jeans!

Joe & Noreen Linus invited us back to their new home for drinks. We exchanged stories about recent trips and started talking about where we would like to go next year.

## Pool Party/Surf & Turf Judging Photo Contest

**Get your photos ready now.** Save Saturday July 24 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. 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 2005 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.

## 2004 Trip Recap

### BIG SKY, MONTANA

Well.... we set the record for the "snow guarantee" clause. Thirty-four of us traveled the day after Christmas and brought the snow gods with us. We traveled smoothly all morning on Northwest Airlines. With the Bozeman runway in sight we suddenly realized we were pulling back up! There was too much tail wind and ice was on the short runway, so we were being diverted to another airport. Then Northwest bussed us three and one half hours from Great Falls, Montana back to our waiting rental vans at the Bozeman Airport. Of course it was snowing at Big Sky and continued to snow all week so we all agreed it was worth the extra excursion.

We bought snacks, breakfast food, lunchmeat and a few dinners in Albertson's on the way up to the mountain from Bozeman. We were set for the week. Our condos were so convenient to the slopes that even Wayne (the DML) ate lunch in the condo. Big couches and large picture windows made the Beaverhead Condominiums *very* comfortable.

On the mountain there were lots of groomed slopes and varying depths of powder to try depending on when a particular trail had been groomed last. Some lifts near the top of the mountain were closed until avalanche control was able to safely open them. We especially enjoyed the glades of Wounded Knee and the trails of Andesite Mountain.

We had a New Year's Eve party in the Death March Leader's condo but certain not to be named skiers were too tired to attend. (If the names were to get out, any *Apres Ski DM shirts* could be at risk for confiscation by that anti-DM partying group.) Some tired skiers even watched the fireworks from the condo windows so they didn't have to go out in the cold. There was a heartier group who took advantage of extra passes the trip leader requested so they could ski a few hours on checkout day.

### OKEMO, VERMONT

This was our first stay at the historic Hartness House in Springfield, Vermont. James Hartness was an inventor, astronomer and governor of Vermont. In customary Vermont style the Victorian Christmas decorations were still up. Fifty-two of us wandered through the lobby, sitting rooms and porches. We counted seven Christmas trees. The upstairs rooms in the original house were also open for us to explore. Some of the group were treated to a tour of the observatory and museum which were reached through a 300 foot tunnel under the front lawn.

Saturday we skied Mt. Sunapee. It was very cold but the winds were calm. Not much deters our hearty group. They stayed out all day and enjoyed skiing a *new* mountain. Only snowmaking trails were open but the woods there have great potential. Okemo was saved for Sunday, which turned out to be the right move. Reports proved true that Sunday would be less crowded. Most of us stayed out all day. As usual Okemo's grooming was excellent.

Because of the extreme cold during the week before our arrival one section of rooms was rather chilly. Mary Shaw was a little hysterical without Vern. *Vern we need you back!* Hopefully he can come along next time. Mary did however stay out all day and earn a Death March pin. I think she said it was warmer than her room. We heard the owner moved her and Jill Neffle to the governor's room. We were thinking we might need to prohibit members who usually travel with their spouses from going alone. We don't know why it was such a problem. We heard Cathy *paid* for Billy to go to France. And Chuck went away all weekend without Evi. *What's with that?*

Donna Theis obviously did not get enough exercise skiing so she went ice-skating on the town rink. Anna and Nina deVassal decided to walk to the town just to get a little exercise. Donna Gusty might need a refresher chair lift

loading lesson. You are not supposed to sit on your children even if you called it first. And Chris you cannot ditch your parents until you are at least fifteen. It is a club rule.

Pat and John Cahill were very close to earning a DM pin, but cut out at the very end. Do you think it could be pressure from the anti-DM faction?

Dinner was served buffet style. The baked haddock, lemon pepper linguini and London broil were excellent. Desert was a chocolate mousse in a pie tart with raspberry sauce.

### TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE FRANCE

Hard to believe that it can get better, but we, the Dirty Dozen benefited from a previous week of beaucoup snow followed by 2 days of light powder skiing and a finish with plenty of sunshine. Never as cold as skiing New England in January, however Bill Rees' bells got frozen and he had to warm them up in his hands.

Our instructors/guides Baudouin, Luc, Bruno and Cindy dazzled us with their knowledge of the best places to ski, always welcomed pointers on skiing the steepes and their never ending suggestions for places to enjoy a good lunch. Raul our interpreter, who not only got us thru the week with those complicated menu's but he was able to navigate our bus driver thru the streets of Lyon to our hotel.

Olga Tashchuk celebrated her birthday, while Pat & John Schoeller couldn't find a better place to celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary. After 2 bottles of wine, be sure to ask Lyn Huttemann to show you her cork trick (no John, you can't hav'em).

Reed Bothur did not appreciate the French cooking, but found the skiing awesome. Eric Bothur snickered at "bird food" (cheese fondue) only to be overwhelmed (too much) at his choice of meat fondue.

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Christina Gregory was the lucky one who got to ski with Cindy (and her friends) on her day off while Norm LaMont was voted most improved skier.

Sylvie, Patrick, Rose, Christopher and Anthony were the "Village People" who kept us all happy. Joe Huttemann's only complaint to the hotel was being "short sheeted". Seems to be a reoccurring problem on this trip.

### SUGARBUSH, VERMONT

Thirty-four Bucks Mount Ski Club members enjoyed another weekend at Sugarbush. Walking distance to skiing is always nice. Breakfast was much closer this year at the Phoenix Restaurant and very tasty. Our dinner trip to the Waitsfield Inn proved to be a great success. Our hostess couldn't do enough for us. The rooms were charming. We explored and learned a little history of the Inn. Hearty meals of beef tenderloin or baked stuffed salmon were enjoyed by all.

All the terrain at Sugarbush was open to ski. We had a terrific time at Lincoln Peak and Mount Ellen. Wayne led us all around and Evi Paul and Phyllis Kennedy earned the coveted pins. After hearing the refrain "no pin" too many times Lynn Castelli gave up the quest and decided to follow Maureen and

Ellen. (The DML was cutting out early for the Super Bowl). Oops! They ended up on Castle Rock. The women tried to call Wayne on the radio to certify the experience but Wayne would not give her the needed credits....no pin.

### ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Always the "saga"- This time the bus died on the way up along the turnpike. Slush had frozen on wires underneath and the computer turned off the bus. Our driver Tommy Dye worked twenty minutes on the radio with the Starr garage to get the computer to let us go again.

Always optimistic we were confident that the rain would turn to snow as we approached the mountain. It didn't. We were given permission to keep our bus conveniently in the upper parking lot because the other four buses they were expecting cancelled. We donned plastic bags and went out anyway. After about an hour the fog lifted and we had great spring skiing!!

If you like variety in your day, this trip is a sure bet. Besides if you get friendly with Bembe Urusow and Bob Forcino and their daughters you can have cheese, pate, grapes and wine for lunch. We all agreed the comradarie made up for the slow start and agreed to do it again next year.

Thanks, Rita.

### SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE & WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

"The trip that will not die" again proved to be worth the time and money expended. Forty-eight of us arrived at the Town & Country earlier than expected due to good driving conditions and the great work of Bud Cartwright, our regular Starr driver.

This year most of the glades were open at Sunday River and there were no lines anywhere. We zipped around the mountain. Lydia, watch out! Herb was seen ripping it up in the trees, mumbling something about how much he was enjoying himself. Actually there were a lot of people ducking in and out of the trees and moguls. Herb Schwarz, Eric Hutchison, Eric Bothur, Dick and Kathi Keefe and Franz Liebler all earned DMPs. Oh yes, there was no denying Lynn Castelli her pin this time!! #66 was duly awarded on the bus. Watch out! Rumors were flying that the Mullens, Schechtmans and Crums were practicing. They may be hot contenders next year.

The skiing was its usual self at Wildcat (grooming wore off by noon) but the scenery at Mt. Washington was beautiful. We skied a lot of vertical in the morning, which allowed for a leisurely lunch in the bar. Sorry, Livy. She was doing great, but lost the DM group. She was reluctant to skip lunch again and assumed everyone was out tearing up the mountain. "NOT"...the DML had called an R&R. We were hiding on the second floor having a leisurely two-hour lunch in the bar with the known après skiers, Cathy and Bill Rees, Cindy and Ernie Padovani and Frank Datillo. Thanks, Bill, for the great framed picture of Mt. Washington.

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### KILLINGTON, VERMONT

We returned to the Cortina Inn for a second straight year. Again we were treated to two great buffet breakfasts and an all-you-can-eat three pasta dinner in Theodore's Tavern. The parents-and-ten-year-old gang (Jeffrey Murtha, Will Longworth, Sarah Ridler and Jamie Frankel) enjoyed the sleigh ride, relaxing in the open pit fireplace area and playing pool. The twenty-two year old gang (Rachel MacMath, Mike Butch, Mike Iannotti and Gary Gagliardi) enjoyed, pingpong, foos ball and drinking competitions. Phil Grisi and Bob Matteo bought season passes, drove up and skied a day before we all got there and then joined us in the bar. *What's with that?*

Our choice of weekends turned out to be perfect. We were sandwiched between rain the previous weekend and warm weather the next. The glades were fun and it snowed most of Sunday ...we thought we were in Colorado. We did not want to stop, so lunch was peanuts and M&Ms in the hallway during potty break. We did lose a few contenders when they smelled the soup shack near the bottom of Bear Mountain. Three more pins were eventually earned. Kristi and Chris Zurlo. Chris awed us with his speed. We later found out he had no edges. Mike Butch got the third one. The rumor was he had to get one quickly or he was not going to be allowed to stay the boyfriend of a MacMath. The DML fully expected Patti and John Lewin and Marietta and Ed Wade to be joining the *March*, but they never showed up. *What's with that?*

### VAIL, COLORADO

Our spring trip this year took thirty-nine of us to Vail, Colorado. We had six townhouses in the Racquet Club Condominium complex five miles from the mountain. The weather was very pleasant when we got there but during the first night the worried trip leader thought it was pouring rain. Maureen had promised club members "it never rains". Morning

revealed that it was the babbling Gore Creek outside our window that kept her restless all night. Turns out it was melting at the bottom but snowing in the higher elevations. The snow guarantee clause was again satisfied.

Friday and Saturday mornings we strolled across the covered bridge, past the famous clock tower and through Vail Village. We headed up the Vista Bahn lift and back into the bowls and sure enough, skiing was great! We continued back several miles to explore lots of new terrain in Blue Sky Basin. We were humbled when we challenged the wet powder (*no one* looked too pretty) from the Steep and Deep...but Vail has a special service... if you sprawl across the trail exhausted,... a snow mobile will come and take you down to the lift! Just ask Betty Grimmitt.

Sunday we experienced the upscale Beaver Creek on their closing day. The DML, Wayne, even told us the lifts open at 8:00am. This way he was able to get us there early so we could experience all the bronze sculptures, see the outdoor ice skating rink, ride the outdoor escalators, and find demo skis at the shops around the deluxe base area until the lifts really opened at 9:00.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we used our Ford Explorers, Expeditions, Windstars and Astro vans to check out Summit County areas. Some condominiums enjoyed visiting the town of Breckenridge. Others went to Copper. A day at Keystone on Tuesday rewarded those who were smart enough to listen to the advice of the DML. No true "pin holder" should be taking a day off! We found 10 inches of new light powder in the glades of the Outback. *This time we all looked pretty.* Arapahoe Basin was the site of the earning of a DM pin by Judy Lott who has long coveted a pin. She was just waiting for the only day of Eastern like conditions to go for it. Dawn Migone earned a pin for endurance (putting up with the DML for 7 days). On the last ski day Bob Matteo and Mike Iannotti disappeared to take snowboarding lessons. Oh, no! The Gourmet Cowboy was the chef for our group dinner. We wandered over from the Blues Traveler concert and

into the Happy Hour at the Lionshead Inn. We feasted on all- you- can eat prime rib, deep fried Cajun turkey and ham. We were served by Brian Rubin, recent graduate of University of Colorado, who started skiing with us with his mom, Ellen Victor, when he was five. He now lives in Vail, CO.

Shopping and après ski life were awesome on this trip! There were many pairs of fat and shorter shaped demo skis that were purchased. Some were shipped but others were doubled up in ski bags. On our flight out of Eagle County on the 37- passenger Dash 8 the attendant had some of us move up front to empty seats because the luggage compartment was *very full and very heavy*.

We did not have a certain eighteen year old on this trip because she is in college so we did not avoid bars because of vigilant bouncers (or...Lauren was not there so we all got drunk). In fact we sat and enjoyed the good life every day after skiing. We even had a party the last day because of ten dollar bills that strangers kept donating to Joe Linus for our beer fund. The last night we participated in the Coors Light poker rally. We drank in five different bars and pooled our cards to collect great poker hands. After spending probably about \$250 on drinks collectively, we had a big winner. Rachel won a Vail visor!! But we *almost* won the skis.

## Holiday Party Recap

Phyllis Kennedy invited us to her home in Glenside this year for our annual Holiday Party. It was a crisp winter night. We loved the open ceilings and walls of windows in Phyllis' artistic home. Her beautiful Maine Coon cats wandered around watching us. We also recognized a rack of elk antlers, which had been hand carried through the airport in Jackson, Wyoming. They now rested on the mantle.

We all brought a dish to share. We enjoyed a delicious dinner of ham, General Tao's chicken, sausage & peppers. We were treated to desserts of cheesecake and homemade German cookies.

## Death March Members

It was another great year for the Death March Pin contenders. Many have tried but only a few survived. Eight women and eight men managed to muddle their way through two days of scrutiny. Hopefully everyone enjoyed skiing with the group. Hopefully the choice of trails was interesting and challenging to everyone. Thanks for allowing me to ski with you. I enjoyed every minute of it.

## Rules for Death March Pin Points:

Once you receive 45 points (adults) or 35 points (children) you are eligible to turn the points in for a lift ticket credit.

You earn these points when you are seen wearing your Death March Pin at club-sponsored events. Point totals will be on the web site or you can periodically ask the Death March Leader for your total. But don't be a pest because that could result in loss of points.

## Congratulations to the following pin winners:

### OKEMO

#56 Mary Shaw

### SUGARBUSH

#57 Dave Oliver  
#58 Phyllis Kennedy  
#59 Evi Paul

### SUNDAY RIVER

#60 Herb Schwarz  
#61 Eric Bothur  
#62 Eric Hutchison  
#63 Dick Keefe  
#64 Kathi Keefe  
#65 Franz Liebler  
#66 Lynn Castelli

### KILLINGTON

#67 Kristi Zurlo  
#68 Chris Zurlo  
#69 Mike Butch

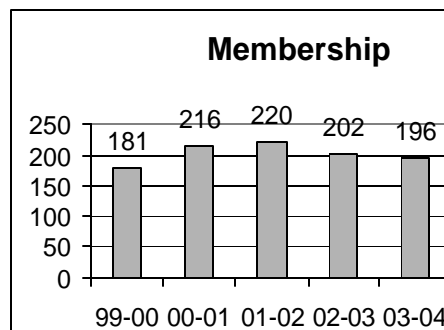
### VAIL

#70 Dawn Migone  
#71 Judy Lott

## Membership

The prize for bringing in the most new members goes to Betty Grimmitt (6 people). Welcome: Leah and Marty Burns, Geoff Samuel and Beth Tena-glio, Christine Gilhooley and Jessica Dziedzic. Second place goes to Bette Stricker (3 people). Welcome: Chris Stricker, Tony Cerankowski and Wilma Alomoto. They brought family and friends to join us in Vail. They each won a free day of skiing.

Total membership is 196 adults. Total number of seats sold on trips was 306. We have a very high participation rate compared to most clubs. We must really like to ski! 58 members went on two or more trips.



## Snow Flakes...

**HERB** - *"We should go now."* In Yellowstone when we encountered a huge male bison facing us up ahead on our hiking path through the snow.

**GARY** - *"I know how to ski back to the condo so we don't have to walk u the hill..."*lie

**PHIL** - *"I think I broke my ski when I hit that tree..."*first day on his new Atomic Powder Chubs.

**JUDY** - *"I never thought I'd get a pin..."*as the tiny tear slid down her cheek during the presentation of awards.

**KARL** - *"The restaurant isn't taking any more customers..."*after they passed up 100 restaurants in Vail to drive 45 minutes to Frisco for the perfect ribs.

## FILL OUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2004-2005 NOW, BEFORE YOU FORGET AND HAVE TO PAY EXTRA.

**NEW THIS YEAR ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM:** If you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail instead of postal mail, indicate this on the top of this year's form, which is enclosed.

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:

\$20 single  
\$35 family

### AFTER 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING IN SEPT.

\$25 single  
\$40 family

We send meeting reminders via e-mail, so be sure to write clearly so we can double check our list. Use either our e-mail address or hotline to inform us of a change in address or phone number.

**HELEN** - *"I just want to download..."*after Maureen's shortcut failed at the end of the last day of a long hard week.

**WAYNE** - *"There was a Dick sighting!"*...Oops it came out that way as he reported at the banquet on Joe and Noreen Linus' recent visit to Texas.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:**  
**TRISH CAHILL** and **MATT SAVONA**

**GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS:**

**LINDSEY KRENZEL**, Syracuse University  
**LAURA KEEFE**—University of Richmond

**SPEEDY RECOVERY:** Audrey Krenzel from a broken ankle

## 10 Reasons Why I Don't Like Skiing in April

1. I never know what to pack.
2. The weather report indicates sunny and high near 60° in town, so I don my "shell only" attire and freeze all day.
3. I expect colder temperatures, wear several layers and end up overheated.
4. I can't seem to put on enough sun screen.
5. The on-mountain lodges always seem to close, or run out of food.
6. The good snow is only on top, so you end up in a downhill lift line.
7. I have many more binding checks due to varying snow conditions.
8. I still have not caught up with the changing of the clocks.
9. You know pretty soon, it will be the last run.
10. But most importantly, it interferes with my golf season.

~Larry Ortmann

## 10 Reasons Why I "DO" Like Skiing in April

1. There is less to pack. I don't have to wear sweat pants, underwear and "under underwear."
2. We get great low season rates on privately owned townhouses next to a babbling brook and \$12 dinners at the Bistro because they are closing soon.
3. When else can you ski 6 days on a \$99 lift pass?
4. We get winter conditions during the snowstorms and spring days when they are over.
5. We still had powder in the trees of Vail's Blue Sky Basin and Keystone's Outback.
6. We could meet and drink at the end of the day on the *outside* patio at the Red Lion Inn, people watching as the skiers and riders come off the mountain.
7. We were there for Spring Back to Vail; pub crawl, poker rally and outdoor Blues Traveler concert.
8. We could pack picnic lunches and eat outside.
9. We could shop for used demo skis at end-of-season clearance prices.
10. Most important it makes the ski season last forever!

~Maureen MacMath

## 10 Reasons Why We Loved Big Sky

10. The best bus trip all year—just 3½ hours to ski the Rockies (from Great Falls Airport to Bozeman).
9. Silky groomed slopes.
8. Thirteen around the table for Holiday turkey dinner.
7. Going by school bus in the dark and in the snow to the Bucks T-4 for our group dinner.
6. Getting to Bridger Bowl after 72 inches of snow fell in 24 hours.
5. Panoramic view from the lift of people digging themselves, their equipment and friends out of holes in the deep powder.
4. "Demoing" fat skis in the powder.
3. So much snow we stopped counting (number of inches tripled the number of people on the trip)!
2. Yellowstone in the winter: snow coaches, bison, coyotes, and bald eagles.
1. Eating lunch in the condo...and sometimes taking a nap on the window seat!

## New and Improved Bucks Mount Web Site by Karl Flesch

Have you checked out our web site's new look? Skiers and snowboarders grace the top of the page while stylish skiers ski down the left margin. The sound of skiing can be heard on **SKI TRIPS** and other sounds can be heard on the **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** pages.

- Need directions to an event? Look to the website first.
- Did you know that you can print a nicely formatted calendar of all our Club's activities found under **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**?
- Current and previous issues of our

*Lift Lines* can be found under **NEWSLETTER**.

- Recipes of those wonderful dishes are ready for your making under **SKI CHOW COOK BOOK**.
- Pictures from our latest trip/event are found under **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** and the event itself.
- Need a Membership Form? It can be found under **MEMBERSHIP**.
- Trip sign up forms, insurance forms and insurance coverage plans can

be found under **SKI TRIPS**.

- Has your address, phone number or e-mail address changed? Just click **E-MAIL** on our **HOME PAGE** give us your updates. You can also use this to communicate with the Club.

I try to keep the content current and accurate, but please, if you catch an error, please send me an e-mail so I can correct it!

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## Testimonial of a Death March Pursuant *By Phyllis Kennedy*

Longing began when I observed, much to my horror, that during a brief absence from the club, a Death March (DM) Pin had been born which created a class system in our small society. In contrast to the possessors of the Pin, a renegade rebel faction had black Apres Ski Death March (ASDM) shirts printed which, having been much coveted, and in short supply, were already sold out. There I was, in Purgatory without a home.

The unavailability of the shirts made me consider the frightening alternative, the DM Pin. For this I would have to earn the blessing of the DM Leader (DML). My transgressions had been many, including the throwing of my skis and poles down a cliff and sliding down on my butt, instead of taking the leap as my colleagues had done.

I had panicked in the jaws of mortal fear of losing crucial cruciates, and possible death,

instead of having Faith. This had been a serious transgression, engendering long faces from those already in DM Heaven (DMH). They doubted whether I would ever have the discipline, will power or technique to gain acceptance to DMH. Secretly I suffered in Purgatory, fearing I would never find a home with my friends in either faction. The ASDMS was closed and inaccessible, which only left one alternative.

Although approaching 60, no longer in my prime, I started taking vitamins and losing weight so that I would be lighter on my skis. I trimmed off excess baggage by going to Titanium, and removed a foot from my Volants to make them more turnable. Very cautiously, I began to enter the bumps and try to maneuver my way down.

It was not pretty, not pretty at all! I would take one turn and stop, if I could. Sometimes the stop involved the loss of all my equipment. However, I persevered and gradually became less terrified of the sensation: having the floor drop out from under

me. Gradually, amazingly, I began to enjoy the sensation. It was a little like flying. Finally, at Bridger Bowl in Montana, I had the experience of floating in champagne powder, and I became addicted to the sensation of flight.

I also spent time with the DML, and realized that the DML loves us and wants to be one with us. The DML wants us to join him in the ecstatic realm of weightlessness and happiness of our own free will. I began to link turns in the bumps, trying not to become myopically mired in fear.

At Sugarbush, Vermont, I took the plunge and declared my commitment to the DML with faith; trusting that the DML would help me overcome obstacles. I prayed for courage and faith. I went without food and warmth, but experienced new sustenance from the joy of flight. On the return trip home, I received the PIN and the chorus in my head declared Halleluia! I am now a follower of the DML, committed to helping others know the joy. Thank you DML!

## Trip Raffle Winners

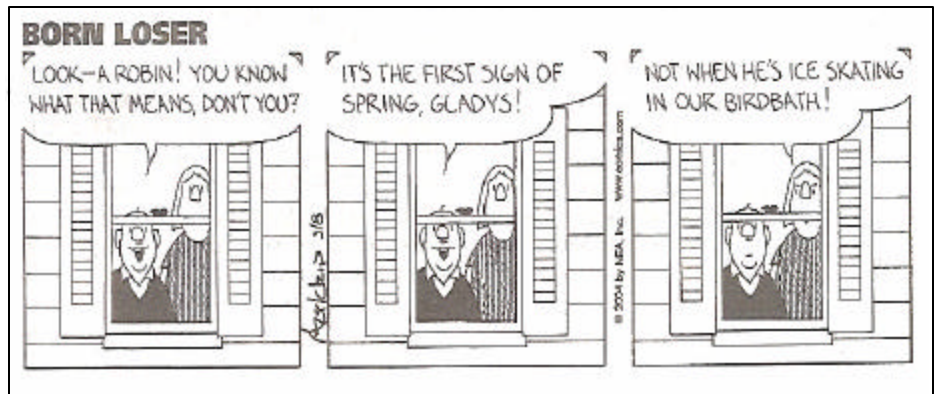
Congratulations to the following prize winners!!! By signing up at least 60 days before the trip departure they were entered in our trip raffle.

### **\$100**

OKEMO – Carol Kolongowski  
SUGARBUSH – Bill Rees  
SUNDAY RIVER – Karl Flesch  
KILLINGTON – Clare Longworth

### **FREE TRIP**

ELK MOUNTAIN – Jim Sullivan



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