



# Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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President

You are probably wondering what happened to the May newsletter, ... *or not*. I'm positive you are not sitting, waiting for the newsletter to arrive, on the edge of your favorite chair, anxious to read what the President has to say about last ski season.

I apologize for not getting this information to you sooner, but I cannot write and play golf at the same time. Even as my handicap continues to plunge my excitement for the coming ski season is on the rise.

We had yet another successful season last year for basically three reasons. The support and camaraderie of our warm and friendly membership, the dedication and diligent work offered to us by our officers and committee members, and the *left no page unturned* preparation of our trip director, Maureen.

Our attendance at meetings continues to set records. There was "No Meeting Without Eating!" Thanks for attending. We have a great time each time we *socialize*. (The wine helps, too.)

The week trips to Utah and Colorado received great reviews from all participants. Between the two resorts we skied 10 different ski areas, with a few *powder days*. This coming Christmas or winter break our club will be going to Big Mountain, Montana, with an option of a day at Fernie in Canada. Don't forget to sign up ASAP (which means now).



Our 38th Year

There are 30 seats on United into Kalispell, MT, leaving the day after Christmas and returning on Jan.1<sup>st</sup>. (See the club's website for details and forms.)

Karl is, also, planning the yearly trip to Tignes, France. He already has many sign-ups, so if you are interested give him a call. Don't miss out.

As you know this is an important time of year as we carefully select our officers for the upcoming season. *By the power vested in me by me, you are all confirmed for the coming ski season.* Isn't that better than getting your thumb all purple as you go to the voting booth?

Please put Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> on your calendar and join us for the Pool Party if you can. The food is always succulent and you get the advance info on next year's trips.

**Be sure to fill out your membership form now and mail it to Vern or bring it to the pool party.** Remember the price goes up if you wait until the first meeting in September. Can't wait to see you at the pool party or, if not, see you in September.

~Wayne

## Pool Party



Save Saturday, July 21 on your calendar for a fun time at our annual pool party. It is

held at Vern and Mary Shaw's house at 705 Autumn Drive in Langhorne, PA (see our web site for directions). It starts at 1:00 p.m. and lasts 'til ?? Steak, clams, 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 delicious array of treats.

The cost is \$7 per person. Kids half price. For reservations call Maureen MacMath at (215) 624-7751.

This is also the time we will start talking about the 2008 ski trips. Talk to your ski buddies and see which ones they are considering. Remember to bring pictures and albums from 2007 to share.

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

## Upcoming Events

July 21 ----- Pool Party

Meetings resume September 19

## 2007 Trip Recap

### UTAH

At Christmas break thirty-five members went to Utah, staying near The Canyons Ski Area. The first day we chose The Canyons to ski, and from there we went to Powder Mountain, Snow Basin, Park City, Snowbird and Solitude. We were not disappointed anywhere we skied. At Powder Mt. we had guides for the day for \$16 per person, it really sweetened our experience on the mountain.

The New Year's Eve condo party was festive and full of laughter. It began with catered food and tequila and/or Jell-O shots for some. The members in their twenties conducted a flip cup tournament. Lauren convinced the members who are not in their twenties to join in and everyone had an awesome New Year's! Anyone who has pictures you have to send them to Karl! Mike was the champion of the tournament but for some reason didn't look so lively the next day in the lodge at Solitude.

### OKEMO—Mt SUNAPEE

This was one of a very few trips the DML was unable to attend. However, Rachel and Mike received rave reviews as trip leaders. The forty-five members who participated on the trip were treated to a video produced by DM Productions reminding them to behave, be on time, and have fun. If you remember early last January was kind of *iffy*, so it rained the first day at Sunapee (what a surprise) but everyone made the best of it and had a good time anyway. Skiing at Okemo was somewhat better the next day. The *Hartness House* was beautiful and is still a favorite to experience.

### SUGARBUSH—STOWE

The BMSC again stayed at the Mountaineer Inn. We had two good days of skiing at Sugarbush and Stowe. The weather finally changed

to winter in the middle of January and the snow making machines plus Mother Nature finally provided us with some good conditions. There was actually some untracked powder to be found at Sugarbush if you followed the DM leader. Forty-four participants enjoyed this trip.

### ELK MOUNTAIN

Rita you have done it again! As usual this trip went off without a hitch. Wayne thought it was fun watching everyone move around at 5:30 am. We arrived in plenty of time right before lift opening. All thirty-three who joined us thought the conditions were pretty good, no lines and not too cold. Rita has this trip very well planned- right down to the last Danish. Thanks, Rita!

### SUNDAY RIVER—ATTITASH

This is the trip that will never die, because the crowds are small, and because good conditions are fairly dependable. We arrived after 12:30am Friday night so our sleep was longer than some years past. The glades were open this year, although the cover was not deep, it was still fun. We had our usual chicken, prime rib and haddock at the *Town and Country*. There were forty-one arduous skiers who braved this *serious skier's* trip.

### MT. ORFORD—MT. SUTTON—JAY PEAK

The DML and Maureen were not able to attend one of their favorite trips. Chuck, Evi and Gary "volunteered" to take over the reins and did a fabulous job. The DML was happy to hear that order and timeliness was well maintained by Chuck and Evi. Gary, however, distributed the snacks in a somewhat dangerous fashion but by now people are learning to duck. Things went

well with our first trip in a while with a different bus driver and bus company. Jean earned the respect of her passengers by doing a great job. Forty BMSC members stayed in the newly renovated *Auberge Estrimont*. They were treated to fine dining and music. Friday at Mt. Sutton turned out to be the best ski day, as on Saturday it started to rain at noon and by Monday it froze up solid at Jay Peak. Thanks Chuck, Evi and Gary for taking the helm and guiding the ship across the border. Next year we will all need passports even if we cross into Canada by car or bus, so if you need one get it now. They are saying it is now taking 12 weeks start to finish to get a passport because of the increase in applications.

### BRECKENRIDGE

This trip ranks in the top ten of all time. The accommodations ranked #1. We were a stone's throw away from the lifts *and* downtown. There were fifty-five altogether from the club, one of the largest groups ever. The first night we were treated to a Southern cooked welcome with dinner provided by our long time travel agent, Pat Trovato, and her husband, John. We dined on chicken, ribs, baked beans, corn bread and banana pudding. Thanks, Pat!

The group skied for 7 days - including Breckenridge, Keystone, A-Basin and Vail. Because of the snow guarantee clause, we had a few days of powder, which had everyone at the lifts by opening (the DML was glad to see this). Some of the favorites were: the Outback at Keystone, Blue Sky Basin at Vail and Windows at Breckenridge. Outstanding!

Our festive Mexican group dinner was held at Mi Casa. So many mojitos and margaritas were ordered that they ran out of mint, oh my!

## Death March Pin

There were quite a few pins earned and awarded this ski season, twelve in all. The struggle for the pin continues, *although some worked harder than others*. "Right?" Scott, Fred and Nancy? Five pins were awarded in Utah, one at Stowe, three were to Powder Mountain guides, and three were earned at Breckenridge.

Wearing your pin earns valuable credits. Recently at our banquet Barb Zurlo was awarded a certificate and a check equal to a lift

ticket. There are a few more people who will soon receive their certificate and check. Wear pins everywhere, be original earn extra points for creativity.

Congratulations to the following pin winners:

### UTAH – THE CANYONS

- #134 Scott Logan
- #135 Courtney Nowill
- #136 Michael Briglia
- #137 Makenzie Briglia
- #138 Craig Lewin

#140 Helen Liebman  
(Powder Mt. Guide)

#141 John Klish  
(Powder Mt. Guide)

#142 Tyrell Farmers  
(Powder Mt. Guide)-

Service above and beyond searching in the powder for Chris' ski

### STOWE

#139 Ryan Brogan

### BRECKENRIDGE

#143 Fred Terranova

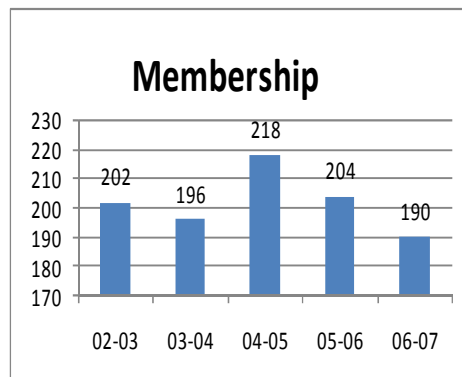
#144 Nancy Girton

#145 Michael Donato

## Membership

Our membership this year peaked at about 190 plus children. Please spread the word about our Club. Our goal continues to be 225.

The membership form is included in the newsletter. **DO IT NOW!** Fill out the form and mail it with your check to Vern.



### RENEWAL RATES:

**\$20 SINGLE**

**\$35 FAMILY**

### RATES IN EFFECT

**FROM our first September meeting:**

**\$25 SINGLE**

**\$40 FAMILY**

### Officers for the 2006-2007 Season

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## Trip Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won the trip raffles:

**\$100**

Okemo – Jerry Cape

Stowe – Dawn Migone

Sunday River – Lisa Zurlo

Canada – Eric Bothur

**FREE TRIP**

Elk – Eric Hutchison

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www.bucksmountskiclub.org**

**Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club  
New Year's in the Montana Rockies  
Whitefish Mountain Resort  
December 26, 2007 – January 1, 2008**



**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Roundtrip airfare on United Airlines (Philadelphia to Kalispell)
- 6 nights lodging at the Morning Eagle Condominiums (6 per 3 Bedroom/3 Bath)\*
- Rental Vans (Kalispell-Glacier Park International Airport - 19 miles to condo) 5 per vehicle
- Group Dinner

**OPTIONS:**

- Discounted Lift tickets – \$240 – 5day adult lift ticket
- Travel Insurance: \$96 covers total package & lifts (Coverage is good for pre-existing conditions if purchased within 14 days of initial deposit.)
- Possible day trip to Fernie Alpine Resort, British Columbia, drive time approx. 2 hours/100 miles (passport required beginning Jan. 1, 2008)

**WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT** (name just changed from Big Mountain Resort)

**bigmtn.com**

Whitefish Mountain Resort at Whitefish, Montana sits on the edge of one of North America's most epic wilderness landscapes in the northwest corner of Montana. Ninety-three marked trails afford broad views of Glacier National Park and the Flathead Lake and Valley. Top to bottom groomed runs wander out across 3,000 acres of diverse terrain. Beyond the smooth corduroy trails, there are massive bowls and nearly endless powder glades. Get away from the crowds during the busy holiday week at this wonderful remote destination.

**WHITEFISH**

Whitefish is a historical railroad community that combines the best of small town mountain life. A vibrant mix of shops, restaurants, theater, spas, live music and an energetic nightlife complement the mountain's cozy village. A free shuttle runs throughout the winter between the town's amenities and the slopeside mountain village.

**MORNING EAGLE CONDOMINIUMS**

Heart-of-the-village location for the newest slopeside lodge. The Morning Eagle condominiums put you next to village restaurants, bars and shopping, just out the front door of the building. Ski-in/ski-out, private lockers and boot dryers, elevator access to all floors, use of well-equipped fitness facility and rooftop hot tub. Underground parking. Gas fireplaces, private decks, TV/DVD, high speed Internet access. Modern kitchens and dining areas are great gathering spaces. Free SNOW bus with daily service between Big Mountain and Whitefish.

3,000 skiable acres. No acclimation to elevation problems. Weather on this side of the Rockies is quite pleasant. Top lift elevation is up to 6,800 ft. and base elevation is about 4,400 ft. Space is limited, **first come first served!**

Checks payable to:

**BUCKS MOUNT SKI CLUB**

For more information contact:

Maureen MacMath at 215-624-7751

**Price per person:**

Adult Price - **\$1,475\***  
(based on 6 per 3 bedroom/ 3bath unit)

Child - \$925 (includes junior lift)  
(1 child per 2 paying adults in parent's room)

\*Other unit types are available. Price may vary.

**Payment schedule**

\$600 to confirm reservation (\$696 with insurance)  
\$500 on or before 09/19/07  
\$375 on or before 10/17/07

\$240 Lift tickets by 11/07/07

# Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

*Ski the French Alps*

## **Tignes and Val d'Isère** **January 18 - 27, 2008**

**\$2,296 Double\***

**\$2,204 Triple\***

**(-\$72 if 20+ sign up)**

**Tignes** (Teen-yuh) is well situated (6,930 feet) in an austere white desert with mountains rising fairly steeply on all sides. Access to the town is via a 3½ hour bus ride, south from Lyon. The ascent to the town is breathtaking, a long tortuous road tacked to the valley wall. Accommodations (7 nights) are at the **Hôtel Village Montana (☆☆☆)**. Conceived as an authentic mountain village, the hotel is actually a series of chalets, harmoniously linked to one another and built of local stone and rustic wood presenting an exceptional feeling of warmth and nobility. The sumptuous country-style room includes a master bedroom, sleeping alcove with savoyard-style enclosed bed, balcony, bathroom with hair dryer and towel warmer, separate WC, cable television, and direct dial telephone. After a day of skiing, soak up the warmth and relaxation of Club Relax, where you'll enjoy saunas, a steam room, Jacuzzi, high pressure showers, a swimming pool with counter-currents, massage, physiotherapy, and fitness room.

Highest Lift Elevation.....	11,319 feet
Vertical Drop.....	6,234 feet
Slope Difficulty.....	15% green, 47% blue, 29% red, 9% black
Lifts.....	97 (2 railway, 4 trams, 4 gondolas, 52 chairs, 35 surface)

The serious skier's mecca, the powder hound's delight, way above average for the intermediate, and more than just great for the beginner - these are **Tignes** (site of the 1992 Olympic mogul and freestyle competitions) and **Val d'Isère** (site of the 1992 Olympic downhill, giant slalom, and super G). The combined called **L'Espace Killy**, was named for the famous French skier, Jean-Claude Killy. The area is well networked, and lift lines are almost non-existent. The easier runs tend to be well groomed; most slopes are above tree line, often as wide as football fields and sometimes no steeper. It's simple enough to get a little practice in the powder or crud by slipping off into the large ungroomed mass of snow besides the runs. More adventurous intermediates can experience the thrill of off-piste (out of bounds) skiing without a guide on some of the more obvious accessible terrain. It's the accessible off-piste that draws raves from the experts around the globe. It is such a vast skiing space that many skiers never do find and experience all that's available to them. Spreading over 25,000 acres and 6 valleys, speeding from one end of the domain to the other takes about 3 hours, and that's using the shortest route!

Price includes:

- Round trip airfare on Lufthansa from Philadelphia via Frankfurt, Germany to Geneva, Switzerland, return from Lyon, France.
- Bus transfers between Geneva airport -Tignes hotel - Lyon hotel and Lyon airport.
- 7 Nights (1/19-25) lodging in Tignes at Hôtel Village Montana, including 6 buffet breakfasts, 6 dinners, hotel tax & gratuity.
- 1 Night (1/26) lodging in Lyon at Hotel Boscolo Grand, including breakfast

Payment Schedule (make checks payable to: **BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**):

\$700 due with reservation

\$700 due 10/05/07

Final payment due 11/23/07

Cancellation Fees: See trip contract.

**Trip Insurance (see contract) cost: \$138 payable to BMSSC. Note: for Pre-Existing condition coverage, insurance must be taken within 14 days of initial deposit.**

*\* The above prices are based on 12 paying participants and will be adjusted accordingly for less. Land package is based on exchange rate of 1 USD = .74-.75 EMU. A currency adjustment will be made prior to final payment due date based on currency fluctuation. Airline Departure Security Tax (\$304) is approximated and included in price, however it is subject to change until time of ticketing. Six day lift ticket (without carre neige ski insurance) was 197.5 euros (2007).*

For more information contact: Karl Flesch (215) 493-0676 or Maureen MacMath (215) 624-7751 or the Club's web site at [www.bucksmountskiclub.org](http://www.bucksmountskiclub.org)



**BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**TRIP WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM**  
(Must be filled out and signed by all members)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- I opt to receive the newsletter via e-mail only.
- I opt to receive the newsletter by regular postal mail.

Intending to be legally bound hereby and as a condition of membership in the **BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB** (hereinafter referred to as **CLUB**) do hereby release and full discharge said **CLUB** and all its members, representatives and officers from all liability, claims, or obligations due to or as a result of, any personal injury or bodily harm sustained or suffered by me or my family as a result of any social, athletic, or sporting activity sponsored or conducted in part or whole by said **CLUB** including transportation to and from said activity. Further, all activities are at my own risk. I further release said **CLUB**, its members, instructors and representatives from all claims or liability for any property or valuables lost, mislaid, or stolen.

I sign this fully realizing that my participation or engagement in the activities of said **CLUB** may subject me to personal injury or bodily harm.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE**

I DO UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THE TRIP AND THE CLUB'S REFUND POLICY, AND I HEREBY RELEASE THE **BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB** AND ITS MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY OR CLAIMS DUE TO OR AS A RESULT OF ANY PERSONAL INJURY OR BODILY HARM SUSTAINED OR SUFFERED WHILE ON A CLUB SPONSORED TRIP. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT SKIING/SNOW BOARDING IS A STRENUOUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN WHICH MY GOOD HEALTH AND OWN SKILLS ARE NECESSARY TO SKI/RIDE SAFELY AND IN CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.

I FURTHER HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE RELEASE-INDEMNITY.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print)

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Name (print)

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Name (sign and date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (sign and date)

**APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

The undersigned, the parents or legal guardian of, have read the following, **WAIVER AND RELEASE** on behalf of ourselves and the said minor, intending to be legally bound hereby.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Name and Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Name and Age

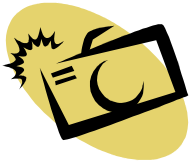
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## Photo Contest



Vote for your favorite photo in Bucks Mount's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest. The winner will receive a lift ticket for one of their favorite trips.

To vote, go to the Club's web site under Social and click on 2007 Photo Contest Entry. You can vote for up to five of your favorites. Please, only 1 entry per person...no stuffing the ballot box! Deadline for votes is Friday, September 14th. The winner will be announced at our first meeting, September 19th.

## Ten Years Ago in *Lift Lines*: May 1997

Hollywood has contacted the Bucks Mount Ski Club for a detailed account of how they got to Aspen. They are looking to film a sequel to *TRAINS, PLANES, AND AUTOMOBILES*.

Joe Linus suffered a broken wrist in Aspen. This unfortunate accident happened on a double black diamond called "Laundry Chute". Apparently this chute is very narrow and steep.

The Grimmitt family camped overnight in the Denver Airport. We understand they took over a seating island, "circled the wagons" (luggage and ski equip) and shared wine in paper cups with other homeless passengers.

## Party Recap

The Murtha's hosted the Holiday party for sixty-two people! Jim reported that red wine won over white by a three to one margin. Quarters kept the jukebox playing all night. Quite a hit!

Twenty-five people enjoyed great food and recreation for the club's Moroccan Night. Evelyn and Evi added to the entertainment by having a good time with the male dancer. Chuck, not to be outdone, took his turn with the female belly-dancer. The rest of the group tried to hide so they wouldn't be embarrassed.

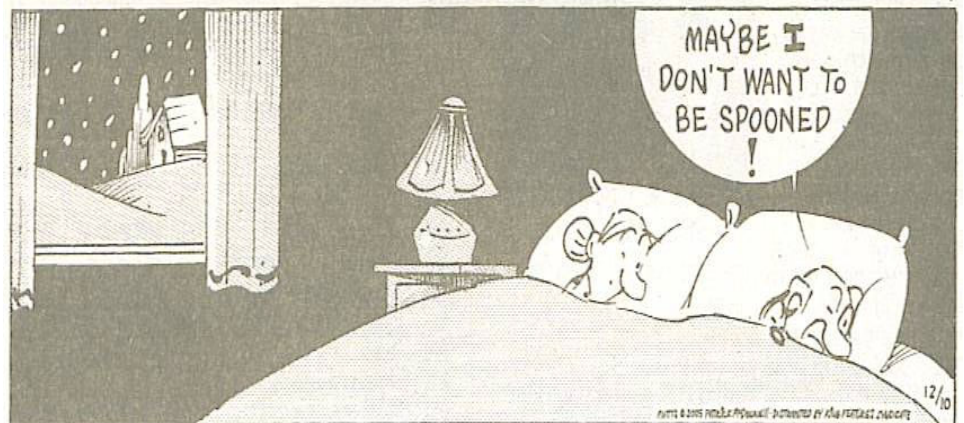
The Annual Banquet at the Yardley Country Club had thirty-five in at-

tendance. We love the tables overlooking the golf course. Volume at the tables got quite loud as everyone was laughing and recounting tales of the ski season.

Fifty-one people attended the Trenton Thunder game. Charlie's family joined us with a large group. Evelyn and Jerry's grandson Mitchell got to throw out the first ball. Boomer, the mascot, made a visit to the picnic area. "Jim, you are too old to be pulling his tail!" ball.

Thanks to all the organizers: Rita, Jim, Barb, Judy & Clare for setting up these events.

### MUTTS



## Lift Lines



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