



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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President

I am sure you are sitting at home in this 90° weather thinking about skiing next winter. The truth is: our trip director has been thinking about it a lot and has been in contact with sources in the ski industry. Everyone is a flutter over the fuel prices. We are all reading the fine print in the new contracts.

It was hard to get going on this *May* newsletter. We have spent time researching the changes happening in the airline industry to avoid too many “surprise” surcharges and baggage fees later. United (usually our favorite carrier) has drastically raised fares. Many airlines have initiated fees of \$80 roundtrip for two checked bags. Some carriers fees for over weight and length can be as high as \$400 round trip. Air Canada is no longer allowing skis and boot bags to count as one.

We have secured airfare on Delta on December 27th from Philadelphia to Hayden for Christmas! As of now Delta is “only” charging \$25 each way for the *second* bag. We will pay that at the check-in counter.

We all want to keep skiing, so we are going to do our best and keep planning. We might go back to one mountain per bus trip, so we can take advantage of the multi-day ticket. This will save money by not purchasing two one-day tickets to separately owned areas. The bus prices are sure to go up. We are still finding out how the lodges and ski areas will respond to rising gas prices.

Thanks to the *awesome* members, our ski season last year was a resounding success. **All** of our meetings were well attended. Enormous quantities of food were consumed. Bucks Mount Ski Club attaches great importance towards skiing, eating and socializing. I’m not sure in which order they fall for you but thanks for your strong support!

As you know elections are just around the corner. I’m sure you are all registered to



Our 39th Year

vote. This is an important election year and our candidates have spent vast amounts of money to secure your vote. So in August be sure to show up in my basement to cast your ballot for BMSC officers...or send me an email with your choices. You thought I meant Obama, McCain? Well make sure you vote there, also.

We had surprisingly good snow this season after the rains of the year before. We loved our slope side condos at Whitefish and appreciated the luxury after our struggle getting there. We were rewarded with awesome Montana snow.

The bus trips were all full and New England blessed us for driving up by providing us with good skiing and 100% open mountains. We capped off the year with the spring trip to Winter Park, Colorado. We stayed right across the highway from the resort and loved the terrain and mostly winter-like snow conditions.

Our Christmas trip is heading back to Steamboat, one of our favorite destinations. Check insert for further information and website for forms. Deposits must be made in July and August to secure a spot. Come to the pool party to find out what’s happening so far with the other trips. Remember the party is on **Sunday** this year, July 20th.

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 SUNDAY, July 20 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 2009 ski trips. Talk to your ski buddies and see which ones they are considering. Remember to bring pictures and albums from 2008 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.

Trip Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won the trip raffles:

\$100

Okemo – Julie Maholic
Stowe – Sue Zurlo
Sunday River – Mike Maguire

FREE TRIP

Elk – Jim Ridler

Upcoming Events

July 20 (Sunday)—Pool Party

Meetings resume September 17

2008 Trip Recap

WHITEFISH

After a slow start, (one whole day late and a rerouting) we finally made it to our destination. We enjoyed an abundance of snow during our stay, including two to three feet deep for those ten brave sno-cat skiers who whooped it up all day with their guide. Our accommodations at *Morning Eagle* were first class. We walked in and out the door to the slopes and lifts each day.

Encrusted Alaskan Halibut was the winner at the group dinner at the historic Whitefish Lake Golf Course. The camaraderie was wonderful, though we were sad to be missing a few. The confused souls got mixed up on what day it was (remember we got there a day late) and had to enjoy a table for four the next night. We learned that the mountains on the Western side of the Rockies do not get much wind. This means the snow stays on the trails. This also creates the awesome snow ghosts, which could have up to a ton of accumulated snow on them. It was like a snow Disney at the top of the mountain. Great pictures!

OKEMO—STRATTON

When we left Friday night everyone was happy and feeling great on the bus. By the time we traveled home Sunday night only a few had been spared the "Cruise/Bus Ship Virus." It was apparently extremely contagious and passed through us quickly but violently. We still enjoyed the hospitality of the *Hartness House* since some of us spent extra time there. The skiing was actually excellent at Stratton on Saturday in spite of some lines. We were mostly still healthy that day. By Sunday morning attendance at breakfast was bleak. Only 18 of 42 went on the bus ride to ski Okemo on Sunday. The few who didn't fall ill surmised that it was related to the large quantities of alcohol they had consumed in the bus Friday night

TIGNES

Our tenth visit to Tignes was as thrilling to new timers as to repeat visitors. The air travel was seamless as they personally escorted us thru De Gaulle in Paris so we could make our connection. Members of

the Club continue to get lost in the *Village Montana*. Baudouin was recuperating on the sidelines so Ludovic the charmer of the gals from years past filled in. Luc, Bruno and Cindy faithfully led us around and tried to show us a thing or two. Two days of fresh snow made us all happy. Our last night in Lyon was the icing on the cake: all those wonderful restaurants to chose.

ELK MOUNTAIN

Rita you have done it again. The bus was full with fun loving, enthusiastic skiers. We arrived on time and went right to the slopes. The weather was not cold or wet, or windy. No thunder, no lightning. Good company and food in the bar.

SUNDAY RIVER—WILDCAT

Our perennial favorite trip to Maine and New Hampshire at the *Town and Country* was very successful. New England had been doing unusually well this season. We had two days of good weather at Sunday River and no lines for President's Birthday weekend. We actually skied Oz and the Tin Woodsman and liked it this year. They are usually treacherous. The glades were all open. *But on Monday* ...the rains came. We were planning Wildcat the last day and there were Death March pin contenders. We signed out the "shopping" group and Bud took them to the outlets in North Conway. Wayne led his valiant group of about 20 out with their raincoats and large green trash bags. By 11:00 am the rain cleared, the sun shone and they enjoyed spring conditions. The shoppers reported the rain never stopped in town. They were dodging puddles and raindrops all day. How much power does that DML have anyway?

STOWE—SUGARBUSH

Our final weekend trip was another two-mountain trip. We traveled to Sugarbush and explored North and South. "Everything" was open. Jerry Throne even decided to ski off-piste. Jerry and Evelyn's son Dave were talking about trying the expansive Slide Brook Basin,

(You cross two miles over it on the interconnect chair.) which is not lift served. Jerry knowing that Dave is a Vermont resident said it would be obvious to find the way, but they did not gather any more interested skiers from Bucks Mount. Hours later Jerry was excited and flushed saying how great the adventure was. We wondered though about the scratches and swelling on his face. I think it was something about a creek bed.

We enjoyed the convenience of the *Mountaineer* and only had to drive five minutes up the road to ski Stowe on Sunday. We moved around, especially enjoying no lines at the gondola.

WINTER PARK

Flights all went smoothly this time. Maureen breathed a sigh of relief when we left the airport on the designated day. Upon arrival in Denver, we secured our vehicles and went straight to Tommy Knockers Brewery in Idaho Springs. Beer and chicken wings put us in the mood for springtime in the Rockies.

We were staying at the new *Lakota Townhomes and the Arrowhead Home*. We went food shopping and headed to the welcome party. Looking out at the expansive view of the slopes from the huge windows of the Arrowhead, we studied the maps to get ready for six days of skiing and one luxury day. We explored Mary Jane, Winter Park and Vasquez Ridge in weather that was not cold or warm, but just right. We should have listened to our Death March leader. He was right - Mary Jane was the more convenient place to park to get away from the crowds. We, also, looked forward to basking in the sun on the deck of the Club Car at the end of each day. Back to a brewery for our group dinner - this time, the *Wildcreek Brewery* and *Untamed Southwest Grill*. Hors d'ouvres upstairs were plentiful and delicious while we mixed it up, told stories and played pool. We then moved down stairs to enjoy our dinners at the large tables. We wore ourselves out skiing all that Winter Park had to offer and agreed it was a great end to the season for Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club.

Death March Pin

There were thirteen pins awarded this past ski season. Three were awarded at Whitefish, Montana; five at Sunday River/Wildcat; four at Stowe/Sugarbush and one at Winter Park.

Congratulations to the following pin winners:

WHITEFISH

- #146 Gene Fergus
- #147 Michael Baker
- #148 Noreen Linus

SUNDAY RIVER/WILDCAT

- #149 Peter Nelson
- #150 Laura Concannon
- #151 Cali Nelson
- #152 Jasper Nelson
- #153 Kelsey Waltz

STOWE/SUGARBUSH

- #154 Lisa Waltz
- #155 Jim Waltz
- #156 Chris Gusty, Sr.
- #157 Chris Gusty, Jr.

WINTER PARK, COLORADO
#158 Dan Keefe

As in the past, wearing your pin earns valuable credits. This past ski year we have awarded certificates and checks to the following people:

- Jerry Throne
- Rachel (MacMath) Butch
- Vern Shaw
- Joe Linus
- Phil Grisi
- Ed Paulsworth
- Evelyn Throne
- Evi Mitchell
- Jeff Murtha
- Rita Murtha
- Helen Linus
- Maureen MacMath

More awards are coming this summer and fall.

Snow Flakes

Writer's Strike – Barb Zurlo seen slacking on the job at meetings...no name tags!

Evi: "It's like riding a mechanical bull" while leaving the bathroom on the bus.

Vomit Express – otherwise known as the bus trip to Okemo.

Rockband: Wet Dogs & Vomit

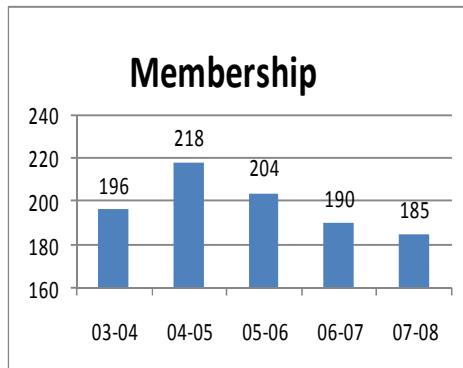
"Would you like some freshly inoculated cheese?" asked on the Sunday River trip after the sickly Okemo trip.

Tweety & Tits Bar – by Evi and Barb

Membership

Our membership this year peaked at about 185 plus children. Please spread the word about our Club. Our goal continues to be 200.

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 2007-2008 Season

- President ----- Wayne MacMath ----- (215) 624-7751
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- Ellen Schapley ----- (215) 280-7502
- Evelyn Throne ----- (215) 741-5902
- Barbara Zurlo ----- (215) 860-8363
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- Discount Lift Tickets - Jerry Cape ----- (215) 884-4214
- Ken Foster (EPSC) ----- (215) 822-1413

In Memory of Bob Matteo

A memorial service was held in April at the Breckenridge ski area. His ashes were taken to the Needles Eye trail by his friends and his picture and death march pin were fastened to a tree at the top of this appropriately steep trail.

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

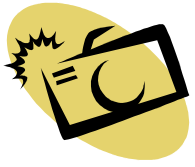
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Photo Contest



Vote for your favorite photo in Bucks Mount's 5th 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 2008 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 12th. The winner will be announced at our first meeting, September 17th.

Ten Years Ago in *Lift Lines*: May 1998

A Club favorite, the recipe for Jeannie's Whiskey Beans at the *Town & Country*.

Jason "Jaspoon" Krenzel wrote about the life of a Knuckle Dragger while his sister Lindsey wrote a poem on "A Season Gone By".

Lauren was trying to become a knuckle dragger when she broke her thumb. But you have to be on a board, not skis, Lauren.

Raul Valcarcel was seen skiing with the scarlet letter! After some fast-talking with the "Ski Police", he escaped with a big red **W** marked as a warning on his week ticket. The crime—ducking under a rope to get to the powder. Sorry, no "off piste" in the States.

The youngest member ever on a trip, Kelsey Waltz (9 months) in Breckenridge.

Party Recap

Thanks to the Social Committee for all the planning this past season. Barbara, Judy, Ellen, Noreen, and Evelyn co-ordinated all the menus for our meetings. Thanks to those of you who contributed. Special thanks to Karl, Wayne, and Chuck & Evi for extra help. We know for sure that our exceptional attendance is due to the "No meeting without eating" policy. We have had admissions that some people decide which meetings to attend by the choice of food being presented that night. Don't worry. We know that it is also the awesome people who are going to be at that meeting to share a drink and some ski plans with you.

Barb Zurlo set up the Moroccan Night again this year and Raul selected the wines for us. The big couches and cushions contribute to a relaxed atmosphere. The free wine doesn't hurt either. We did have a few non-professional Bucks Mount dancers entertain us for free. (What is that saying about not

quitting your day job?)

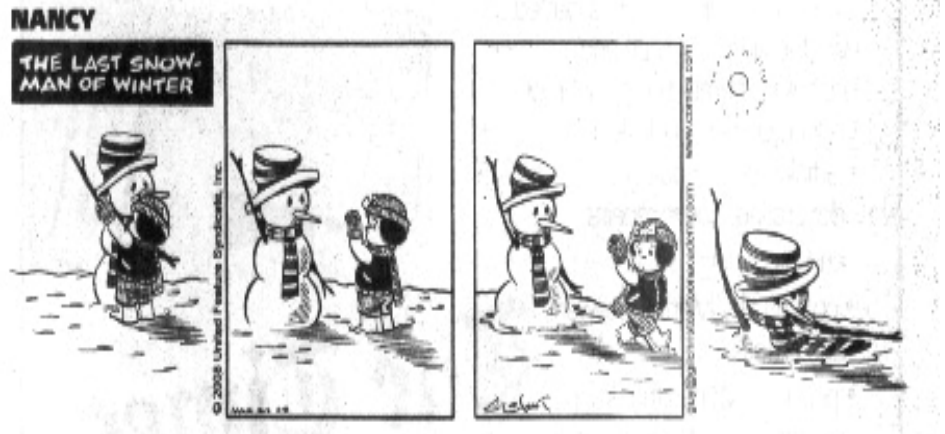
Thanks go to Clare Longworth for organizing the Trenton Thunder game. Evelyn and Jerry Throne's grandson Brandon Begley threw out the first pitch for our group. As usual, we all enjoyed the all-you-can-eat picnic buffet, the beer and socializing with our ski club friends.

Judy Lott arranged our Yardley Country Club dinner. It was a beautiful night, the food was delicious and we shared stories of the ski season. This is the one time of the year that we get dressed up. We usually still recognize each other, too!

Wedding Congratulations

Chuck and Evi are now both Mitchells.

Rachel MacMath and Mike Butch were married on April 12.



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**Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club
A Champagne Powder Holiday
Steamboat Springs, Colorado
December 27, 2008 – January 3, 2009**



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip airfare on Delta Airlines (Philadelphia to Yampa Valley Regional /Hayden Airport)
- 7 nights lodging at the Phoenix Condominiums (8 per 4 Bedroom/4 Bath)*
- Airport Shuttle (Hayden to Steamboat-25 miles)
- Group Dinner

OPTIONS:

- Discounted Lift tickets – \$365 – 5-day adult lift ticket - 25 required for group (12 & under ski free)
\$390 – 6 day
- Travel Insurance: \$96 covers total package & lifts (Coverage is good for pre-existing conditions if purchased within 14 days of initial deposit.)

STEAMBOAT SKI RESORT

<http://www.steamboat.com/>

The term “champagne powder” was coined in Steamboat - snow in the trees for the most avid powder hounds. Gladed areas of Pioneer Ridge, Sunshine and Storm Peak are Steamboat’s particular claim to fame. Comprised of six peaks and rising 3,668 vertical feet, Steamboat has 165 named trails spread out over almost 3,000 skiable acres. It is served by 25 lifts, including an 8-passenger gondola, and four express quad chairlifts. The resort is filled with world-class groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, legendary trees and North America's longest superpipe. No crowds here, this is a destination resort (lift capacity exceeds the lodging capacity).

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS – Ski Town, USA

<http://www.steamboat-chamber.com/>

Spend New Year’s Eve in this energetic ski town. Steamboat Springs is a town with a century long tradition of welcoming people to the wide open, snow filled Yampa Valley. The area has more than 100 restaurants and bars, offering a variety of ways to satisfy your taste buds and experience new dining delights. As the town is known for its Western flair, Steamboat is a great place to sample elk, buffalo or Rocky Mountain oysters. Bring your cowboy hat and get ready for a healthy helping of western hospitality.

PHOENIX CONDOMINIUMS

<http://mtn-resorts.com/Steamboat Springs Vacation Rental Slideshow.php?ID=52>

The Phoenix offers the finest in luxury vacation accommodations. Mountainside condos feature a spacious floor plan, fully equipped kitchen, dining room, washer/dryer, garage, 2 outdoor hot tubs, heated pool, DVD rentals on site, on-call shuttle service. Walk 50 yards to the Gondola Square and terminal. Walk home from après ski.

With an average of 331” of snow each year, conditions are expected to be great! Peak elevations are over 10,000 feet and base elevation is 6,900 feet.

Space is limited, **first come first served!** Get a spot for yourself or your group in these perfectly located condos.

We have secured very desirable sold out flights into Hayden for the Christmas/New Year-Saturday to Saturday period. We cannot get any more. Don’t miss out. Book now.

Checks payable to:

BUCKS MOUNT SKI CLUB

For more information contact:

Maureen MacMath at 215-624-7751

Price per person:

Adult Price - **\$1,595***
(based on 8 per 4 bedroom/ 4 bath unit)

Child - \$750 (12 & under ski free)
(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)
\$600 on or before 09/17/08
\$395 on or before 10/15/08

\$365 or \$390 Lift tickets by 11/05/08



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)

Name (print)

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

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Signature and Date

Parent's Signature and Date