

Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski Club

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Wayne C. MacMath
President

The years seem to go by so quickly. It seems we were planning this year's ski calendar yesterday. Now the ski season has come to a close, (except for those who might try Tuckerman's Ravine by Mt. Washington).

The club officials sincerely hope you had an enjoyable experience traveling with the Bucks Mount Ski Club. We hope to have crossed every "t" and dotted every "i" in making your ski vacations fun, enjoyable, relaxing and full of great skiing. The club is always open to suggestions. so please feel free to offer your opinions whether in person or by phone or letter. Working together can only make us stronger.

Bucks Mount Ski Club experienced yet another good ski season despite the lack of snow in New England. Thanks to the snowmaking capabilities of Okemo, Stratton, Sunday River and Sugarbush, a quality experience was maintained. Even though the snow guarantee clause was not always assured by Mother Nature, good snowmaking and grooming still made our skiing fun.

Bucks Mount Ski Club welcomed many new members to its ranks this year. Thank you to all the old members for making first timers feel at home on the trips and at the meetings. It was fantastic to watch people interact with each other and make new friends and hopefully new ski buddies. I especially enjoyed leading the "Death March" as it is called, introducing new people to areas for the first time and skiing with "old" members who make it a fun experience. It's exciting watching the skiing level of the club increase! The better skier you become, the more of the



Our 29th Year

mountain you can appreciate and enjoy. Regardless of age, never think you cannot improve.

Please continue any exercise program you have adopted for yourself. Your fitness level is the key to a safe and fun experience.

Annual Spring Banquet



Our Annual Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday May 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Katmandu Nightclub, Route 29 (next to the Trenton Thunder ball park) in Trenton, NJ. There will be an Italian Dinner Buffet featuring: baked chicken parmesan with plum tomato basil sauce, baked flounder with tomato, arugula and lemon butter sauce, tortellini primavera with grilled portobellos, rice pilaf, penne basil pasta salad, grilled vegetables, caesar salad, mozzarella antipasto platter, roasted garlic black olive hummus, bread and butter, coffee and dessert. The cost per person is \$31, which includes tax and gratuity. Entry to the night club and dancing is included. There will be a cash bar.

For reservations, please call Ellen Chauncey at (215) 357-8548 by May 15th. Mail your check made out to the "Bucks Mount Ski Club" to Ellen at 118 Sycamore Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053.

Trenton Thunder Game



The Bucks Mount Ski Club will be going to see the Trenton Thunder take on the Hardware City Rock Cats from New Britain, CT on

June 18th..

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, tossed salad, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, pretzels, potato chips, cookies, watermelon and soft drinks. The all-you-can-eat meal begins 30 minutes prior to the game at 6:35 and ends one hour after the first pitch. The price is \$26 with beer and \$21 without beer. Children under 5 are free of charge if they sit on an adult's lap.

For reservations call Karl Flesch at (215) 493-0676. Mail your check made out to the "Bucks Mount Ski Club" to Karl at 670 Tomlinson Lane, Yardley, PA 19067.

Pool Party



Mark your calendar for Saturday July 18th. Our annual pool party will be held at Vern and Mary Shaw's, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA. Tell your ski tales, show your ski pictures and get advance information on the Club's 1999 ski trips! It all starts at 1:00 and lasts till? Beef burgers, hot dogs, iced tea and soda will be provided. There will be a salad and dessert table, for which attendees are asked to bring one of their favorite dishes. The cost is \$4 per person. For reservations call Vern or Mary at (215) 322-4037 or Maureen MacMath at (215) 624-7751.

Upcoming Events

May 30--- Annual Spring Banquet
June 18--- Trenton Thunder Ball Game

July 18 --- Pool Party

August 1 - Island Beach State Park

Meetings resume in September.

Julia's Old Forge Hotel



After a spring like day skiing at Elk Mountain, Raul Valcarcel and I decided to stop for dinner at Julia's in Old Forge, conveniently located about 30 minutes south, with easy access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Northeast Extension for the return home. The restaurant is owned by Gary Boynosky, a member of the Bucks Mount Ski Club. You may remember Gary as the one who so graciously cooked delicious Mexican meals for the group of skiers on some of the club's previous trips out west.

Julia's was established in 1907 by Gary's grandmother, and for 3 generations the Boynosky family has carried on the timely tradition of fine food, good drinks and friendly service. Dining at Julia's offers a relaxed casual atmosphere with table service by Nicole (Gary's daughter) while chef de la cuisine, Julianne (Gary's wife) tends to your gastronomic desires. Known for authentic North American Mexican and Spanish Cuisine, Julia's offers a wide variety of tantalizing entrees such as Chicken or Beef Burritos, Seafood or Chicken Chimichangas, Vegetarian Chimichangas, Spanish Seafood Medley and Paella Valencia just to name a few. Continental Cuisine features Deviled Crab (a house specialty), Chicken Strips in Wine and Garlic, Succulent Strip Steaks, Shrimp, Lobster, Veal, and a variety of Stuffed Oysters and Clams. Price ranges are \$5 - \$18 for entrees.

After being seated in the dining room, we were served a bowl of warm home made Tortilla Chips with some excellent cilantro salsa. For appetizers we had Oysters Rockefeller and Mushrooms Frisco. Both well prepared.

Raul had the Deviled Crab while I ordered the Rock Shrimp Scampi served on a bed of lemon pepper linguini, and heavy on the garlic. Both excellent choices. Dessert, while we had no room, features homemade seasonal Ice Cream Pies and a variety of Specialty Pies. The meal can be topped off with a cup of Cappuccino or Espresso.

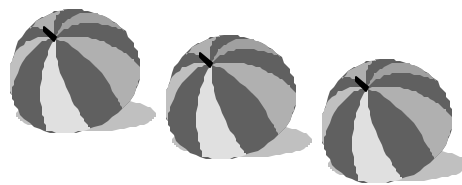
Directions from Elk: Follow Interstate 81 south to exit 51. Follow Davis Street to Main Street in Taylor. At the traffic light, turn left and follow Main Street exactly 1 mile. Julia's is on the right at 501 North Main, Old Forge, PA. Phone: (717) 562-1641. Nearby attractions are Montage Ski Area, the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and Steamtown National Park.

The tavern is open daily from 3 p.m. till closing, and opens Sunday at noon. The restaurant is open Wednesday thru Saturday, serving from 5 to 10 p.m.

Karl Flesch, Editor

Day at Island Beach

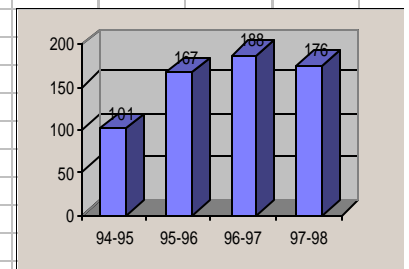
Join the Club for a day at Island Beach State Park at the Jersey Shore on Saturday, August 1st (rain date Sunday August 2nd). A caravan of cars will leave from the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills at 8:00 a.m.. Plan on bringing your own picnic food. Additional food and changing facilities are available at the beach. Contact Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 or Karl Flesch at (215) 493-0676. See you at the beach!



Membership

The drive for membership renewal and new members is now on for the 1998-99 Ski Season. We ended the season with 176 members, plus children. Maybe this will be the year we cross the 200 line. Dues are:

- \$15.00 single renewal
- \$20.00 single new membership
- \$25.00 family renewal
- \$35.00 family new membership



Fill out the enclosed membership form and make your check payable to the Bucks Mount Ski Club. Mail to: Vern Shaw, Treasurer, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053.

Coming in the Fall

Look for information on:

- Bike Ride
- Hike in the Poconos

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

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1998 Trip Recap

OKEMO/STRATTON, VT

Unfortunately the "Ice Storm of 98" arrived a few days before us. The trees suffered a lot of damage but we were lucky enough to ski... no power outages. The second day was much better as Okemo's renowned snowmaking continued. By the third day (Stratton) conditions were excellent and we had almost the whole mountain to ourselves. Only 26 went on the bus so we had lots of room to stretch out. We enjoyed the great food and service at Dostals and believe it or not... Magic Mountain is now open. Maybe next year!

TIGNES, FRANCE

The Club's first trip to the French Alps was a big success enjoyed by 27 members. On route to Tignes, Karl saved the day by treating people to the French pay toilets. Two days of snow with nearly 4' meant there was skiing everywhere the eye could see. La marche de la mort had 23 survivors. For some, the French ski instructors were the best. As for the food, although unusual at times, the chocolate croissants and French bread were to die for. Look for a repeat performance of this trip next year.

MOUNT SNOW, VT

Our only full bus trip of the ski season. This was a wonderful weekend at the Mountaineer Inn. We could walk to the lifts each day and return whenever we desired. Breakfast was good, a little slow but very tasty. Saturday night's meal was relaxing and enjoyable. Our group experienced two great days of

SUNDAY RIVER, ME /ATTITASH, NH

Two buses again were taken on our annual trip to New Hampshire-Maine. Thankfully there were no weather delays and our group arrived before 2:30 a.m. There was some rain the week before our trip; however, they did well making snow and grooming and we all enjoyed ourselves. Due to lack of snow and

broken tree limbs from the Ice Storm all the glades were closed, BUMMER!

Our third and final day at Attitash, however was not without incident. The snow was particularly unforgiving on this day. Hank dislocated his shoulder, Brian broke his wrist, Lauren broke her thumb and Maureen wrenched her knee. By all accounts now most of the injuries are well on their way to healing. This trip will be back again next year.

ELK, PA

Our only day trip this season was a great success. Thanks go to Rita for organizing and getting up so early to captain this great day of skiing. It had snowed some 20" earlier in the week and conditions were the best of the season according to locals! Those who attended had a great day.

SUGARBUSH/STOWE, VT

Our last weekend trip of the ski season was interesting to say the least. The Holiday Inn was a nice place to stay, located between the two ski areas. Buffet breakfasts were fast and plentiful and both of our dinners were excellent. Saturday we skied in snow and fog. Sometimes you could not see 20 feet ahead and it was reported that the individuals in one group were each given a number to call out when regrouping to be sure no one was still up in the fog. (Mystery question: Do you know whose number was 14?) GREAT FUN! Sunday was sunny, clear, and wonderful skiing. However, Monday at Stowe we looked like the homeless skiing! It rained so hard we had to don plastic ponchos or trash bags cut out to fit so we could ski. Needless to say we owned the mountain. By noon we had our fill of basking in the rain and the bus departed for home. I felt bad for those who had not skied Stowe before, because they were not able to see what a great ski area it is. Maybe next year!

BRECKENRIDGE/KEYSTONE, CO

With 8 nights and 7 ski days in Breckenridge this April, 30 of us extended our ski season by knowing the secret of "Spring in the Rockies." The areas were 100% open with powder and packed powder conditions. Temperatures were mostly in the 30's and 40's during the day. We saw about 8" of new snow towards the end of the week. We watched the morning report, then picked the best from the 6 areas: Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper, Vail, Beaver Creek and A-Basin.

This year the "Bucks Mount Eating Club" had some of their gourmet meals prepared by condo-mates or Bucks Mount Chefs-in-training. We heard Larry made a great sausage and fettuccini Alfredo. Helen whipped dinner out of her suitcase for weary travelers on the first night. Of course there was a careful selection of restaurants as the week progressed. There were suspiciously frequent meals at microbreweries. During our day at Vail we arranged a meal for the whole group at the well-known Red Lion Inn. Rich surprised Janis with a romantic evening sleigh ride to the elegant Beano's Cabin in the woods at Beaver Creek. Hey, Rich, what about the rest of us??

Our location was perfect. The Snowflake

WHISKY BEANS

To your favorite can of Baked Beans, add:



Ginger Ale
Fresh Pineapple
Brown Sugar
Molasses
and of course,
Fleishmann's
Whisky!

Jeannie, Town & Country, Gorham, NH

A special big thanks and a hug and a kiss go to Maureen, our trip director. Each trip requires countless hours of preparation, including phone calls, money collection and the most difficult task of all, rooming assignments. This club would not function at such a high level of efficiency without her hard work and love of skiing.

TOP 10 Reasons Why We Enjoyed Tignes, France

10. Making sure you have the right change (2 ff) for the unisex toilets.
9. The belief that there might be no snow in Tignes during the bus ride from Geneva, then VOILA!
8. We all played bellhop upon arriving and departing Tignes.
7. Spectacular views of the surrounding Alps, including the Italian face of Mount Blanc.
6. There is never too much snow, until they start closing trails and lifts due to the high risk of avalanches.
5. Snowball fights between the room balconies and the pool.
4. They use "bug zappers" (for cooking raclette) in the winter time.
3. There was no power outage in the hotels hallways...just the European way of saving energy.
2. The cheese and dessert trolley - all you can eat.
1. The Hotel Village Montana...it was a-MAZE-ing!



Dick Hagan, Chuck Mitchell and Mike Mattie singing at the Bucks Mount Christmas Party.

Chinese New Year



On Saturday April 4th the Bucks Mount Ski Club celebrated the Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger) at a dinner banquet at the Chinese Cultural & Community Center in Philadelphia. We were served a 10 course feast of delicious food cooked by a cuisine team visiting from Zhenjiang in the Providence of Jiangsu, China, home of

TOP 10 Reasons Why We Enjoyed Breckenridge

10. It was 1 plane ride and a 2 hour van ride to the resort.
9. How well we all got to know each other with our cozy accommodations.
8. Six different ski resorts to choose from each day: Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper, A-Basin, Vail and Beaver Creek.
7. New non-ski activities - such as panning for gold.
6. For those too lazy to climb, there were the moving steps at Beaver Creek.
5. Being pampered at the Alpenglo Stube Restaurant at Keystone...with slippers and palatial bathrooms.
4. Getting to practice parallel - parking the van, that is.
3. Finding new "hot spots" - i.e., for those sleeping in the lofts and also the barbecue sauce.
2. The Breckenridge bowls, for those who could master the T-bar from hell.
1. Always the Death March, this time taken over by the "kids".

Help the Needy



.Thanks to the generosity of club members, the club gave 4 boxes of donations to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program at the Emergency Relief Association of Lower Bucks. Collections of non perishable food, personal hygiene products and paper products will resume in September at our meetings.



Thanks!

Thanks to Kathi Keefe for taking the photos and Audrey Krenzler for her help in digitizing the photos and special artwork contributions. Thanks also to Lindsey and Jason Krenzler for their literary contributions. Look for an interesting article in the fall by Barbara Zurlo. Contributions and help is always appreciated.

Rumor Has It...

Why did **Kathy** throw away her wedding veil?
Was she worried **Steve** might not want to go on ski trips?
Kathy, get a "ski guarantee clause" in the pre-nuptial agreement!

FOR SALE

One fish hat including skis and poles for sale-

Barely used this season-
Never to be used again-
To help defray wedding costs.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Kathy Lott** and **Steve Woltman** **Michael Mattie** and **Lisa Schweiss** on their upcoming spring weddings!

Bumps & Lumps...

Hank found out the price you pay for getting out of line in the death march. He tried to take over the lead and dislocated his shoulder.

Pam was really busting her butt to keep up!

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

Brian, **Nicole** meant a photographic picture not an x-ray picture.

Sightings...

Grandpa **Larry** was seen out on a snowboard.

The stealth skier was last seen at Attitash. (initials **G.N.**)

On Board! The Life of a Knuckle Dragger



Over the years, snowboarding has evolved from nothing. Snowboarding began when a man named Tom Burton decided to make a piece of wood in the shape of a skateboard, wax it and move downhill on snow. People thought he was crazy! But then again who wouldn't? Tom Burton is now one of the richest and most successful people of all snow sport's. Because he followed his dream, nobody thinks he is crazy anymore, and people are following in his footsteps.

Now that snowboarding has finally kicked off, there are many things that can be done on a snowboard. Some of these things are carving, free riding, and tricks/stunts. Carving is very similarly done on a snowboard, as done on skis. When carving, the boarder must stay as close to the ground as possible, without

falling over. If done properly, the snowboarders edges will dig into the snow so well, that tracks can be seen where the carvers turns were made. Turns are linked from your toe edge, to your heel edge and back to your toe edge simultaneously.

Some tricks are very hard to maneuver, while others are quite simple. Tricks can vary between many different things. The two main types of tricks are grabs and rotations. When doing grabs, a boarder simply places his hand on the board (different places for each trick) for 1-4 seconds depending on the height. Some grab tricks include, *Indy Grab*, when a boarder takes his/her front hand and grabs the board between their legs. A *Method*, which is the same as an *Indy Grab*, only the back hand is grabbing the board between the back of the legs. Other grabs include the *Nose Grab*, and the *Tail Grab*, which are grabbing the

nose (front of board), and the tail (back of board) respectively. Each grab can have an added "tweak" which is when the boarder does the grab, and moves the board with their hand.

Most rotational tricks are much harder than grabs. These tricks include a 180, 360, 540, 720, and so on adding 180 degrees for each half rotation. After accomplishing the 360 (which I have not!) an extra inverted spin can be added. When a boarder does a 360 and a back flip, and gets himself completely inverted, this is called *A Rodeo Flip*.

Now that you have learned some of the more advanced maneuvers in snowboarding, I suggest you go out and take a lesson to begin with, cause these tricks take a whole lot of practice!

-Jason "Jaspoon" Krenzel

A Season Gone By - a poem by Lindsey Krenzel

Here's a little poem to remember the year,
I'm talking about the skiing, not the bus beer.
With so much skiing and spending time with our friends,
It's such a shame this '98 season had to end.

Skiing is just so much fun,
With Wayne, we ski 'till day is done.
"You guys can go in for lunch,
I have these M&M's and pretzels to munch."

Okemo was the first trip to set off the season,
First snow all year and everyone was breezin.
We stayed at Dostel's, a great place we all know,
And we waved goodbye to Trudy when we had to go.

Mt. Snow was great and the weather was nice,
We were lucky not to hit too much ice.

The rooms were small but that's okay,
Because we were out skiing all day.

Next we went to Sunday River and Attitash Bear Peak,
We wish we could have stayed for at least one more week.
We stayed at the good old Town and Country Inn,
Where we crowded the hot tub so no one else could fit in.

Sugarbush was awsome with two days of fun,
We made sure to ski every hard run.
The mountain air can get bitter cold,
But with our tissues and chapstick, we stay strong and bold.

At Stowe we wore plastic bags to keep us dry,
It didn't work too well but it was a nice try.
We had to leave early and that was a shame,
But we were all happy to get out of that rain.

Brekinridge was the last trip of the year,
But that just means that next season is near.
Six mountains to choose from, how could that be,
And we had only 8 days to ski.

Sometimes we can't feel our fingers and toes,
And we just ignore our running nose.
Skiing is our favorite thing to do,
But we'll always have next season to look forward to.

With Bucks Mount Ski Club, the fun never ends,
With year after year of skiing with our friends.
Well that's a wrap of the ski season this year,
We're all looking forward to a great '99 season coming near.

(1998 Trip Recap - Breckenridge)

Lift was outside our door. There were no lines, high-speed chairs and great snow. (No Eastern surprises, rocks, ice, etc.) We skied all day, every day then relaxed in the hot tub or with movies and TV.

New goals were set this trip. Riding a snowboard was not hard enough: now Brian, Rachel and Nicole are trying to stand on their heads with the heavy snowboard still attached to their feet! Wayne, who wanted to be sure we still felt a thrill when we skied, led us through a few catwalks- one at Copper- the other was actually closed at Vail. Within minutes we knew why. Some members, however, were chastised for down loading on the Vista Bahn. Isn't there a club policy about such things? The "kids" led us through the gate into the woods onto Keller Glade. Later we noticed the sign at the trailhead, "This trail recommended for snowboarders." Maybe that was why it seemed too narrow to turn. The skiers want it renamed "Killer Glade".

Everyone did pretty well breathing at 9000+ feet this year. Thanks Ellen for the oxygen promoting pills. No headache this time.

Another goal became the challenge to successfully get the whole group up the T-bar at Breckenridge and the Poma

(platter) at Vail. Think you have trouble? Talk to the snowboarders. Eventually it was any method that got the job done.

Ask Raul about 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.

We had some firsts. The youngest member ever on a trip. Kelsey (9 months) was the perfect baby...pleasant, never crying- we think she wants to be allowed to go again! We also had our oldest member, Dick ski free for 70 and over. Now there's a goal for you -7 days on skis and a snowboard -give me a break!!



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