



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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Wayne C. MacMath
President



Our 30th Year

Trenton Thunder Game



The Bucks Mount Ski Club will be going to see the Trenton Thunder take on the Altoona Curves on Wednesday, June 23rd.

Once again it's time to say good-bye to another ski season. Preparation and anticipation seem to take much more time than actual skiing. But those who have patience are rewarded and the Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club has enjoyed another great season on the slopes. We did have some rain but those powder days at Sugarbush and Telluride more than compensated.

It is now time to begin the cycle again for next season. The excitement for the new millennium has begun. Y2K **will not** steer the club from its course.

Before we end the 1998-99 ski season let's take time to thank all those people who have helped make our club a little better. The officers spend countless hours making our meetings and trips a success. There are many others who sell T-shirts, pick up mail, sell 50-50, take care of the drinks for the bus and tend bar at the Post. So when you see one of these people make sure you thank them for their effort. Have a great summer! See you at the Pool Party!

Annual Dinner Dance



Our Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Pippo's, 765 Second Street Pike, Southampton, PA. Menu choices are: grilled

salmon with dill sauce, tenderloin of pork with portabella mushroom demi-glaze, or chicken marsala. Dinner includes salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, coffee or tea. The cost per person is \$26, which includes tax and gratuity. There will be a cash bar and dancing will be available in the lounge after dinner.

For reservations, please call Barb Zurlo at (215) 860-8363 or Kathy Lott-Woltman at (215) 788-6036 by May 18th. Mail your check made out to the "Bucks Mount Ski Club" to Barb at 203 Commonwealth Drive, Newtown, PA 18940.

Upcoming Events

May 29 ----- Annual Dinner Dance
June 23 ----- Trenton Thunder Ball Game
July 24 ----- Pool Party
July 31 ----- Day at Avalon Beach
August 21 ---- Camel Beach

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790
<http://www.snowskiclub.com>

Meetings resume in September.

Seating is in the picnic area, along the 3rd base line. The picnic includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage (new this year), 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 \$28 with beer and \$25 without beer. Children under 5 are free of charge if they sit on an adult's lap.

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

Pool Party



Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 24th. 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 2000 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.



Lunch Lines

Do you miss skiing and need a place that reminds you of being in a mountain ski lodge? Then try *Bugaboo Creek Steak House*, located just outside of Franklin Mills Mall in Philadelphia. This restaurant has atmosphere: log cabin style building, roaring fire in the fire place, antler chandeliers, mounted animal heads, old wooden skis, snowshoes, sleds, etc... There is even a talking buffalo head that reminds you of the Country Bear Jamboree in Disneyworld. Kids love it here. For starters, try the Canadian cheese



spinach dip: a bubbly warm dip made with parmesan, jack and cheddar cheeses, fresh cream and chopped spinach, served with tortilla chips. To wash it down, go for a bottle of Sierra Nevada beer. Of course the specialty here is steaks. Favorites are Charlie Morgan's ribeye (14oz) and the Black Magic Steak (12oz), made with a secret blend of seasonings that adds zest and hot spice to the center-cut top sirloin. The entrees at dinner are served with honey mountain wheat loaf, fresh garden or Caesar salad, and a choice of Charlie's smashed potatoes, mountain loaded baked potato, fries, or veggies. For something lighter, there are burgers (try a moosebreath burger made with a half-pound burger with sautéed mushrooms and melted cheese) and chicken sandwiches (try a dog team sandwich made with grilled chicken breast topped with BBQ sauce, shaved ham and melted cheese).

End the meal with a Purgatory coffee (Frangelico hazelnut liquor, hot coffee and whipped cream) or an Okemo Coffee (Kahlua, Amaretto, hot coffee and whipped cream). To avoid the crowds and to see more of the lodge, visit for lunch or early dinner.

~Karl Flesch

Day at Avalon Beach



Join the Club for a fun day at Avalon Beach at the Jersey Shore on Saturday, July 31st (rain date Sunday, August 1st). We will be visiting Linda Ricciardi's townhouse.

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. Afterwards, wine & cheese back at the house. Contact Judy Lott at (215) 321-3485 or Karl Flesch at (215) 493-0676. See you at the beach!

Camel Beach



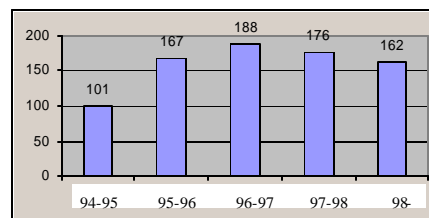
Experience Camel Beach: 6 water slides, float along the Blue Nile adventure river ride, splash a friend on bumper boats, and relax in a competition-size swimming pool. All of this combined with the Alpine Slide and miniature golf course. All of this for \$21.95 for adults and \$17.95 for children and senior age 65+. If we get at least 15 paid attendees, the admission is \$16.95 and \$13.95 respectfully.

A caravan of cars will leave from the Pizza Hut in Fairless Hills on Saturday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m. (rain date August 22nd). Call Karl Flesch at (215) 493-0676 if you would like to come.

Membership

This season our membership totaled 162 plus children. Membership renewal for the 1999-2000 ski season is now open. Fill out the form included in the newsletter and mail it with your check. Dues may also be paid at the Pool Party. Get the renewal rate by paying on time. (This rate applies only until the first September meeting).

Renewal Rates: \$15.00 single
\$25.00 family
New Member Rates: \$20.00 single
\$35.00 family



Make your check payable to "Bucks Mount Ski Club". Mail to: Vern Shaw, Treasurer, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053.

Chinese Night

The Club had a wonderful dinner at the Chinese Cultural & Community Center on April 17th. Due to last minute cancellations, the club has 5 seats for the Chinese New Year Banquet to sell. If anyone would like to attend on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening at 6:30 before May 15th, please call Barbara Zurlo at (215) 860-8363. The cost is \$25 for the weekday night.

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1999 Trip Recap

TIGNES, FRANCE

The entire trip was planned perfectly: excellent accommodations, food even better and the skiing wonderful. As to the background, mountain scenery etc, there are no words to adequately describe the sheer beauty. Our weather cooperated perfectly, although it was somewhat warm, and the snow was melting, but it didn't seem to bother anyone. The place is so huge that one could ski for days and still find something new.

Private instructors were available for either ½ day, full day or if you so desired, for the whole week. The cost is per day, not per person. The best thing to do was to form a group of like skiers and split the cost. Aside from learning better technique, your instructor has the knowledge of the mountains and finds the best snow.

Breakfast was buffet style, with just about anything you might like. For dinner, there were two entrée choices. There was an appetizer, usually something new and different to our pallets, but very good. The entire dining experience was most definitely worthy of the Bucks Mount Ski Club.

Ski conditions were excellent. Lift lines weren't bad, and since the weather was so great, a few minutes in the sun felt good.

The hotel also had a hot tub, pool (outdoor heated), steam and sauna etc. There was also a masseuse on site for additional relaxation. After skiing there were ample shopping and dining experiences to be had in the town.

Before we returned to the US, we stayed one night in Geneva. Whatever pleasures the town held were ours for the balance of the day. The only problem there was that the bus driver seemed unable to find our hotel, but after several false starts, we arrived.

A post Tignes party was graciously held at Debra and Bob Krimetz's and their video of Tignes was a huge hit.

~Judy Lott

MOUNT SNOW, VT

Mother nature let us down on this one. We skied in garbage bags and flapping raincoats on Saturday. Sunday we woke to rain outside our windows. We gave in and bagged it. After packing the bus in the wet parking lot and a trip to the base lodge for vouchers, we headed home. Nevertheless, everyone agreed that the camaraderie made the trip fun anyway. The Mountaineer was lovely and the food was excellent, of course. It was the only trip with no injuries.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME

While we were a little short on snow there was no lack of enthusiasm. Over 70 people boarded two buses on time (as usual.) Rain Friday made skiing slick but Saturday snowmaking and grooming improved conditions. Sunday the group was split between Attitash and Wildcat. With blue skies Mt. Washington provided us with drop dead scenery. Thanks to Bill Rees for providing the entertainment and handling all complaints on Bus #2.

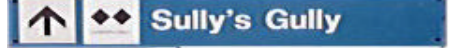
ELK MOUNTAIN, PA

Another success!! Everyone experienced great Danish in the morning, good skiing and beautiful weather during the day. On the return trip there were good stories along with some of Bucks Mounts finest wines and brews. Thanks Rita.

SUGARBUSH, VT

Let It Snow!! We departed on time and arrived at the Holiday Inn a little after midnight. Mother Nature treated us to some fresh snow all day Saturday and into Sunday. Due to high winds Sugarbush North opened later on Sunday and those who ventured over were treated to a foot of virgin powder on some of the ungroomed trails. At our Wine and Cheese party we were a little thin on cheese but the wine was plentiful.

TELLURIDE, CO



A first visit for most of us (56 total), Telluride (town elevation, 8,700 ft.), lived up to our expectations. The day we arrived the snow began!! We were warned that the locals hadn't seen powder in a while so the lines would be long. They apparently don't know what a real line is. We walked across the street from our Telluride Lodge and waited 15 minutes until the lifts opened at 9:00. We enjoyed light powder that got even better as the snows continued to fall, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We concentrated on keeping our weight even on both skis and floated and bounced the days away! When the sun came later we were skiing moguls and packed powder.

The historic mining town was a few blocks from our doors so we could shop and sample restaurants as we pleased. The colorful history of gambling halls, bars, and brothels made for interesting reading. We also enjoyed the contrast of left over 70's hippies choosing items from the outside used clothing donation box and the multi-million dollar homes along lift 10. (Oprah and Tom Cruise reported to be among the owners).

Every condo had the use of a Suburban for the week. Some had quite a few miles clocked on them. Three van loads left at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday to travel the amazing Red Mountain Pass (actually three passes) to ski Purgatory. (Guard rails would have been nice but the scenery alone was worth the drive.) Purgatory after the storm was groomed just for us. The lift attendant got up from his chair when the Bucks Mount pack arrived. After dinner at the gentleman rancher's restaurant, Millard Tavern in Mancos, we took the alternate easier route home (only one pass). Sight seeing excursions included Mesa Verde, Durango and the Ouray Hot Springs.

~Maureen MacMath



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

Seems that some of our fellow ski club members found the recent trip to Sugarbush just a bit too frosty on their toes. I really felt bad that I was toasty comfortable in my Boot Gloves, while many others were expressing their displeasure. So, in an effort to eliminate another excuse on which some members rely when justifying their early entry to the lodge or lounge, please publish the following Internet address so that they too may laugh at the cold (for about \$30).

<http://www.snowshack.com/snowshack/bootglove.html>

Those Internet outsiders can call Snowshack at (508) 785-3242.

Larry Ortmann

PS I'm sure that they will come up with another excuse!

I guess from now on Larry will be found on the slopes and not at the bar at the end of the day! ~the editor

Off-Off Piste in Tignes, France

On Saturday, January 23rd, as the rest of the Bucks Mount Ski Club was getting ready to return to Geneva from Tignes, Karl and I were studying the map that would take us to La Plagne and Les Arcs. We started out with our instructor Baudouin de la Taile from the Signal Poma from Tignes Val Claret a little bit before 9:00 am when the slopes opened. We ducked under the rope



Baudouin de la Taile, Tignes French Ski School

(you can do this in France!) into the "off piste" terrain.

The terrain was simply stunning – we saw the backside of the Grande Motte Glacier, with its huge ice slabs and its terminal moraine. We also saw herds of "chamois" or mountain goats. The skiing itself was a bit difficult: crusty snow with really long traverses, sometimes looking at the bottom of the terminal moraine. Soon we arrived at the small village of Champagny-en-Vanoise, which is connected to the outside world by a steep and narrow road that is more terrifying than the one connecting Tignes. Baudouin had pre arranged for us a taxi that would take us the short ride to the resort of La Plagne.

Skiing in La Plagne was easy with huge, broad cruisers and easy runs. Soon afterwards we went again off piste, through a beautiful forest road with perfectly banked turns in the snow made by skiers, to reach the village of Nancroix. Here Baudouin had made a reservation for our lunch at a wonderfully small country restaurant. The delicious lunch consisted of 3 homemade patés of rabbit, goat and duck (served family style); rabbit stew with polenta; choice of local Savoyarde cheeses; warm raspberry compote for dessert; and of course plenty of wine. After lunch it was a short bus ride to our next resort, Les Arcs.

With 77 lifts, Les Arcs is big, although not as big as Tignes/Val d'Isère. We skied here the rest of the afternoon and our last run was from the top of the Aiguille Rouge peak. This run (nearly 4? miles long) has the most vertical (7,269 feet) in Europe, if you go all the way down to the bottom to the town of Villaroger, which is what we did. This run was long and tiresome, especially at 4:00. Finally, some time before 5:00, we arrived in Villaroger. After nearly 30 miles of skiing we drank a well-deserved cold one, before our prearranged 30-minute taxi ride back to Tignes.

~Raul Valcarcel

TOP 10 Reasons Why We Enjoyed Tignes, France

10. The in-flight dance party hosted by Lufthansa and terminated by turbulence.
9. The on-street, easy-to-understand ticket machine for riding the Gen-eva bus system. All successful bus travelers automatically earn 3 college credits.
8. Our introduction to multipurpose towels, parchment, sandpaper, a n d Brillo.
7. Where else is wine cheaper than water? NO BRAINER.
6. A new corporation was born: **Wade Family & Friends Ski Luggage Movers**. When the corporation goes public, be sure to buy the stock. Remember... AMAZON.COM. Hey you never know.
5. Our table manners have improved greatly. After just a few reprimands, we learned which utensil to use for each course. FRENCH PROVERB: *There is no meeting without eating – properly*. Here's the test: Just what is that spoon at the top of the plate used for?
4. The international monetary exchange meetings held nightly to determine who owed what to whom.
3. The unlimited opportunity to ski **OFF PISTE** – or is it **PISTE OFF**?
2. The hotel maze and elevator system designed to keep guests in a constant state of confusion. When we finally got the hang of it, they shut it down. After all, it's the French way.

And the Number 1 reason why we loved our trip to Tignes:

1. **Everyone had the opportunity to experience a new TV series pilot in the making: "Raul – In-Flight Medicine Man"**. It will definitely win the SKIER'S CHOICE AWARDS!

~Lyn & Joe Huttemann

Lost in Telluride or Where Did Everybody Go?

One night in Telluride my condo mates: Chuck, Evi, Sully, John Sliwinski, and of course Dick (minus Carol because she was not feeling well) went into the BIG town of Telluride for dinner. Of course no one could decide where to eat. We were standing outside of the *Eagle Restaurant* when Chuck decided he was going in. Dick decided that he wanted to go to *Sofio's Restaurant* instead. The five of us went into the *Eagle Restaurant* and we expected Dick to follow, but of course he didn't.

We sat down and were given menus, water and bread. After opening the menus we all decided it was too expensive. So we all got up and left and went to join Dick at *Sofio's*. Only problem was, Dick was not to be found in *Sofio's*. So we started checking the bars and could not find him.

Sully and John decided to head back to the condo to see if they could find him there. Chuck, Evi and myself were wandering around Telluride looking for him, when we spotted him coming out of an expensive art store. Dick said he was not hungry and he was heading for the *Dollar Saloon*. Chuck said he would go looking for John and Sully and for us to stay where we were. I turned around and all of a sudden I was standing on the street corner by myself. Dick and Evi disappeared. Chuck came back unsuccessful on finding John and Sully, and asked where Dick and Evi were. I told him they disappeared in a store somewhere. He replied, "Well, I guess it's you and me."

Finally, Dick and Evi came wandering out of a store, and John and Sully finally appeared. We were six for dinner again. We ate at *Sofio's* and had a great meal with a lot of laughs about the crazy evening. As for Carol, she missed all the fun.

~Neilan Hagen

Snow Flakes

Congratulations to Pam Nicholson and Eric Lahoda on their engagement.



Congratulations: Helen Lewis and Audrey Krenzel. Winners of a free lift ticket for the most new members.



Reigning champion of the ping pong table at the Mountain Inn: Michael Mattie. Any challengers?



While we were skiing, practicing our turns at Sugarbush, Bud Cartwright, our bus driver was practicing his turns (going up the hill of the Holiday Inn's driveway)!

Special thanks to Michael Mattie for the custom made beer trash can support. Now our cold beverages can be properly balanced on the upper bus step. This was crafted complete with carved Bucks Mount name engraved with the fish signature. Check it out.



1999 Casualty List: Linda Donato, Evi Paul, Janice Paul, Bill Rees, Jim Ridler, Debbie Walther, Lisa Waltz & Barbara Zurlo. A speedy recovery to all. Note that Helen did not make the list this year!



Please continue to save pull tabs from cans (for Ronald McDonald House) and Genaurdi register receipts (for National Tuberos Sclerosis).

Bucks Mount Hats of the Season:



Keeping an eye on it...Jeff Gold



"Fish Head" Michael Mattie



Raul "Pierre" Valcarcel



Haute Couture Ellen Chauncey

Tips from Telluride

Janis: Don't get hurt just to see the cute doctors in the Telluride Medical Center.

Evi: keep your eyes open and stay "ON" the trail when you lead the group through the glades.

Sully: When we say ski "into the trees" we don't mean literally.

Henry: The Suburban is **not** your fire truck!

Rich: Keep the car keys in your pocket and away from your condomates.

Gary: Six inch bungee cords are not of much use.

Mary: You can't take pictures without film.

Barbara: Spoiling the "gourmet club" by having hot lunch ready at their

condo is against Death March policy.

Bill: The walkie talkies don't work if you have both of them in **your** pocket.

Wayne: If you lead the Death March into East and West Drain remind us not to clog up the trail for the snowboarders.

Rachel: Never ride/ski alone. You could get lost and really nervous.

Ellen & Wayne: Teach Ashley to ask you before she starts down long mogul trails.

Kelsey: Tell you parents you want a six pack stroller for home.

Vern: Ski, don't swim on the trail. We had a lovely hot tub. Wait until the end of the day.

Jason: Look to see if there is a sign

that says "restaurant" before you go into lovely trailside buildings.

Lauren: Trust me on the sunscreen.

Nancy & Vicky: Read ski club policies carefully to see if shopping is permitted during the time lifts are open.

Bob: If you plan to snowboard again take body armor and don't hit the bridge.

Maureen, Mary & Lauren: If you plan to snowboard again take a pillow to add to the butt pad.

Maureen: On second thought, don't snowboard again.

Hillary's Encounter with a Runaway Snow Bunny

Amid speculation that the real reason Hillary Clinton canceled her trip with Bill to Central America this past winter was that she was furious with him, sources in Washington said. Secret Service agents are vouching for the account that she aggravated an old back injury while skiing in Utah. According to officials, Mrs. Clinton was sideswiped by another skier, which led to a review by Secret Service headquarters to make sure her security detail had been in place to deal with any sudden, threatening movement toward the First Lady. Mrs. Clinton, who wore a hat and dark glasses, apparently went unrecognized by the crowd at Deer Valley. She was standing at the bottom of a slope filled with inexperienced skiers when one of them lost control and ran over the back of her skis. Hillary fell, injuring her back in the process; she complained later of being in pain. A spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton insisted that Hillary stayed at home to recover for her forthcoming trip with Chelsea to Africa (without Bill).

~Time Magazine

Headlines in Tignes Times daily newspaper:

ROUTINE ROADBLOCK BUS SEARCH NETS SURPRISE RESULTS

Savoie Alps/France
Saturday, January 23, 1999,
10:00 a.m.

A roadblock set up to retrieve stolen skis turned up unexpected contraband on Saturday. Three cases of little jars of jelly and eight tea bags pilfered by American tourists from the Hotel Village Montana were seized. No arrests were made.

Inspector Clousseau said, "We're just happy to see the noisy Americans go. Au revoir".

Coming in the Fall:



Hike in the Poconos

Bike ride



TOP 10 Reasons Why We Enjoyed Telluride, CO

10. Three feet of new snow.
9. Floating in the fresh powder.
8. Location, location, location – walking across the street at 9:00 to get on the Coonskin Lift.
7. The view on See Forever.
6. Arranging to rendezvous at *Garranos* for lunch via walkie-talkies.
5. Taking the "Plunge".
4. The welcome reception at Eagles Bar and wining and dining in town.
3. The stars from the gondola ride at night.
2. Packing our eight Surburbans like the Clampetts coming to town.

And the Number 1 reason why we loved our trip to Telluride:

1. **Watching Chuckie win the lottery and get special seating on the flight home next to the Grand Tetons!**

~Maureen MacMath

“Valet Service for my skis with old world charm...”

Tignes was a great place to ski and a great place to stay. It was a pleasant surprise to find a ski tuning service right in our hotel attended by two charming, young craftsmen who got everything done overnight. It cost only 95ff (about \$20) to have P-tex repairs along with sharpening and waxing done.

This was a bargain in itself! But what was really amazing, was that each time I had to bring my skis back to have new gouges repaired (and I mean gouges!), these young men refused to take additional money, saying that I had already paid to have the skis tuned. It was sort of like having a valet service for my skis with old world charm and craftsmanship thrown in. Since they wouldn't take additional payment, a hefty gratuity in American money was in order and was gratefully accepted.

In addition to routinely trashing my skis, I also trashed my poles. One of my Colorado bargain basement graphite poles simply fell apart while I was skiing with the 'off piste' group. (That's not derogatory terminology). When I tried to rent a set of poles to see myself through the last 3 days, the attendant at a local ski shop measured my need and gave me a set. He said, "No charge.

Just bring them back when you are finished with them." , and sent me on my way. He did not ask for any security deposit, or even my name for that matter. Do I have an honest face? It was refreshing to see that the practice

of trusting people is alive and well in the rarified atmosphere of Tignes! This trip is definitely a must!

~Phyllis Kennedy



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