



Lift Lines



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Wayne C. MacMath

President

The Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club is anticipating another exciting year on the slopes. Those who participated in last year's trips had great fun and are already talking about next year.

New this year on our trip agenda is Lake Tahoe. Renown as one of the most scenic destinations in the country, Lake Tahoe is surrounded by a dozen fantastic, easily accessible ski areas. Besides skiing and riding there is plenty of sightseeing, gambling, and many great restaurants. If you have not visited Lake Tahoe, this is your chance for a week of sun, skiing, and eating.

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Hike the Water Gap



Join the club for a hike in the Poconos on Saturday, September 30th (rain date is Sunday, October 1st). Barbara Zurlo is planning a new place for us to get

lost. A caravan of cars will leave at 8:00 am from the Yardley Park & Ride Lot - take the Yardley-New Hope exit off I95, going north on Main Street to the traffic light at Woodside Road. Wear hiking boots or something similar, dress in layers, bring a lunch, and something to drink (i.e., WATER). Call Barb at (215) 860-8363 if you are interested.



Our 32nd Year

Bike Ride



Come join the fun, as the Club bikes from Stockton, NJ to Frenchtown, NJ on Saturday, October 14th (rain date is Sunday, October 15th). Meet at Bull's

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Treasurer's Report

As required by the National Ski Club Newsletter Publishing Association and its mind-numbing regulations, the following treasurer's report is presented to bore our readers to death.

The 1999-2000 ski season was a financial success for the Club. For the second year in a row our income exceeded our expenses. This positive fund flow can be attributed to the highly successful ski trips. It should be pointed out that the purpose of the club is not to make money. Our mission is to give all members of the club an opportunity to participate in ski trips at a reasonable cost.

Here are a couple of the financial highlights from the past season. Income for last season was approximately \$144,700, while expenses incurred were about \$142,500. This provided the Club with a \$2,200 cushion to pay the grocery bill for our meetings. Please note that the income and expense totals are down from the previous year because the club did not sponsor a spring trip out west. As usual, our

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2000/2001 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

September 20	Pizza & Beer Night
October 4	Better Wine, Good Cheese Night
October 18	Death By Chocolate Night
November 1	Fondue Night
November 11	Meet at Langhorne Ski Shop (6:30-10:30)
November 15	Meatball Sandwich Night
November 29	Stromboli Night
December 13	Holiday Cookie Night
January 3	Pizza & Beer Night
January 17	Hoagie Night
January 31	Nacho & Wings Night
February 14	Sweets for the Sweet - Dessert Night
February 28	Seafood Night
March 21	Hors d'Oeuvre Night

Meetings start at 8:30 pm at the Jesse Soby American Legion Post
Richardson & Bellevue Avenues, Langhorne, PA
Members and non-members are all welcome to attend.

2001 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips include lift tickets, transportation on a lavatory equipped bus, videos and refreshments on the bus, driver tip, lodging, meals, and a box dinner on the return trip home. All weekend trips will depart at 5:00 pm (Quebec-Eastern Province trip at 2:00 pm) from the *Pizza Hut* in Fairless Hills Shopping Center. Most accommodations can be priced for double, triple or quad occupancy. Please indicate your choice on the waiver form when you sign up.

Children 18 years or younger may qualify for rate reductions when staying with their parents. Agreements with lodges vary, so check with Maureen to see what is most beneficial to your family.

PLEASE NOTE that you must be a member to go on overnight ski trips and you must fill out a color-coded waiver form with your initial deposit. **If you make the required 50% deposit 60 days in advance of the trip, you may take a \$10 discount off of the total cost of each weekend trip. Balance is due a minimum of 2 weeks prior to departure.**

Rates listed are per person, tax and gratuities included.

TIGNES, FRANCE January 12 - 21

\$1,461 Single \$1,317 Double \$1,230 Triple \$1,205 Quad

Our 4th year returning (it's the Sunday River trip of Europe!) to L'Espace Killy – the combined resorts of Tignes and Val d'Isère, with over 100 lifts and 25,000 acres spreading across 6 valleys. An endless choice of ski trails abounds for skiers of all abilities: from the high alpine glaciers to the village below the Tignes dam. We will be staying in the ski-in, ski-out three-star plus Village Montana Hotel. A huge breakfast buffet will be served daily and in the evening gourmet French dinners. Relax in the heated outdoor pool, jacuzzi and saunas. Our last night will be in the beautiful old, historic city of Geneva, Switzerland. A \$350 deposit is due now to hold your reservation.

SUGARBUSH, VT January 19-21

\$348 Double

Ski 2 days. Return to the 3 bedroom Castlerock Condos or 1 bedroom Village Gate studios. This "walk to the lifts" location was a hit last year! Try the mile long Slide Brook Express to experience unparalleled terrain at the Lincoln Peak and Mt. Ellen areas. 18 lifts. 7 quads. Breakfast and dinner at *Chez Henri*. A \$170 deposit holds your reservation.

OKEMO, VT February 2-4

\$315 Double \$295 Triple/Quad

Ski 2 days. Always dependable, Okemo has the highest percentage of snowmaking in VT and the #1 rating for snow quality and grooming by SKI magazine. They boast nearly 100 trails. We look forward to returning to Trudy Dostal's Austrian style lodge. The meals are exceptional and the hospitality is warm. Relax in the cozy lounge or make use of the jacuzzis, indoor pool, ping-pong or pool tables. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME and WILDCAT, NH February 16 - 19

\$391 Double \$384 Triple \$374 Quad

Ski 3 days. Spend 2 days exploring the 126 trails and glades on 8 interconnected mountains. With the largest snowmaking system and #1 rated lift system in the East, we are returning with

confidence for the 12th year for Washington's Birthday weekend. Spend the last day enjoying stunning views of Mt. Washington from scenic Wildcat Mt. The Town and Country Motor Inn hosts us with spacious rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 deposit holds your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA February 23

\$55 Per Person

Ski 1 day. No more cries of "Are we there yet?" Try this economical day trip. We've chosen our favorite in PA! Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Come enjoy uncrowded Friday slopes and the camaraderie of friends.

MTS. ORFORD and SUTTON, CANADA March 8-11 and JAY PEAK, VT

\$333 Double \$303 Triple \$283 Quad

Ski 3 days. Enjoy the great price because of the current Canadian rate of exchange. The Eastern Provinces of Quebec offer French atmosphere and 1st class hospitality at Auberge Estrimont. The chef was a hit last year, our first trip! All 3 areas are known for the gladed terrain and favorable "snow belt" location. A \$150 deposit holds your reservation.

LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA April 12-20

Alpine Meadows, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Squaw Valley USA

\$809 (airfare, van, lodging) , discounted lifts (TBA)

With more than 100 lifts and nearly 500 ski runs, Lake Tahoe will afford more choices than any other ski destination in the country! Rental vans will give us the freedom to ski as many places around the lake as we'd like. With 8 nights and 7 full days to ski there is even time for a non-skiing day trip.

Share breakfast with other skiers in the full size townhouses. At the end of the day have a "home" to come back to: kitchen, couches and all. Relax in the outdoor hot tub or pools. "Eat in" or make plans to sample the multitude of restaurants. A \$250 deposit holds your reservation.



Letters to the Editor

August 2000

Dear Editor:

I wanted to let you know of the good works that the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club has done this past year for Tuberous Sclerosis (TS), a genetic disease, our son has. The Club has been saving Genaurdi Markets register tapes for two years now and the National Tuberous Sclerosis Association (NTSA) in Landover, MD has been the recipient of a 1% rebate of the total of these register tapes. The first year the Club and my family and friends collected tapes worth over \$400. This year we are close to raising that amount again and most likely will exceed it with your kind generosity.

The NTSA was instrumental in getting researchers and the National Institute of Health in Washington to take notice of TS as a "hot science". TS is a disease that causes tubers (think of potatoes or turnips) or tumor-like growths to grow in all organs of the body. It is more common in the population than Muscular Dystrophy, yet without a Jerry Lewis, virtually unknown. The penetrance or degree of involvement a person with TS can exhibit varies. This means many people have TS and never know they do since it doesn't affect their life. Some have it so severely that they do not walk, talk and are greatly retarded in development. Our son was diagnosed with TS before he was born due to an ultrasound finding a tumor in his heart. As Bill was born and came home from the hospital we began to see many other organs become affected. Currently he has tumors in his skin, hair, kidneys, heart and brain. Some of you know Bill and know how special of a person he is.

We want to thank the Club for being so supportive of our desire to fund research for a cure. While \$400 will not buy much in the way of a genetic laboratory study, it is a start. It lets us do more than we could do without your help for Bill and our friends with TS. Further, the research that studies the growth of tumors and their suppression could lead to a cure for cancer. Now that is hot science. Keep saving those tapes and bring them to the meetings.

Thanks

Jim & Joan Ridler

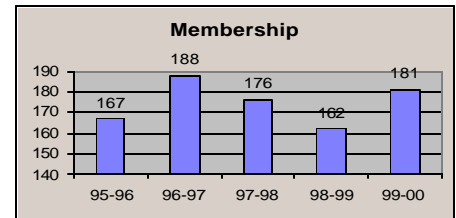
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Membership

Membership renewal for the 2000-2001 ski season is now open. Fill out the form included in the newsletter and mail it with your check. Get the renewal rate by paying on time. (This rate applies only until the first meeting on September 20th).

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



Please help us to reach our goal of 200 members by signing up a new member today. Each new member gets a free Bucks Mount Ski Club pin.

Free Lift Tickets

A prize of one free lift ticket to each of the two people who bring in the most new members by January 17th. Let us know which trip you want to use the prize on and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

\$100 Trip Giveaway

Win \$100 off the cost of one of your weekend trips!!! New this year- we will have a drawing before each weekend bus trip. The winner will receive a one hundred dollar discount on the cost of his/her trip. To be eligible for the drawing you must have a paid deposit on the trip 60 days before departure.

DRAWINGS:

SUGARBUSH – Nov. 29 meeting

OKEMO – Dec. 13 meeting

SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 3 meeting

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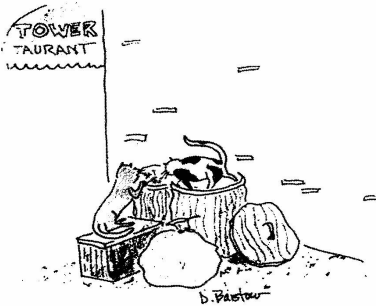
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Lunch Lines

It was a muggy night in August and I got a call from our Fearless Editor, Karl, needing an article on our Jay Peak lunch experience. Jay Peak was 5 months ago and if you were on that trip, the memorable events would be the "charming, pistol packing Border Guard" who absconded with our Bus Driver and the big cloud on the top of the mountain, designed to hone our sightless skiing skills. However, our relentless search for



"I guess blackened red snapper is out and Chilean bass is in."

a "Civilized Lunch" (roughly defined as no boots, socks or french fries that once belonged to someone else, on the table), was rewarded with a great buffet at the *International House*, which is located at the base of the mountain, in the Austrian House. Soup and sandwich was \$5.95 and the full buffet was \$7.50. The buffet had soup, several kinds of salads, onion rings, stir fry and veggie lasagna; just to name a few of the "All You Can Eat" selections.

Keep this restaurant in mind, when you sign up for the "Canada Trip", as Jay Peak is one of the mountains that we will be skiing.

~Barbara Zurlo

Annual Banquet

Thirty-two attended the banquet at *Joseph's Garden Grille* in Langhorne. The food was very good with the biggest prime rib we ever saw. Entertainment afterwards? There was "Dirty Dancing" after dinner at the bar and it wasn't Chuck & Evi!

Trenton Thunder Game

On June 14, 61 members and friends came out to see the Trenton Thunder score nine runs on six hits, including three home runs, to defeat the Portland Sea Dogs by a score of 9-1. Everyone had plenty to eat in the picnic area. The evening at the ball park has become a Bucks Mount tradition.

Pool Party

Attended by over 40 people, our annual ski club picnic hosted by Vern and Mary Shaw was a decidedly successful event. New this year: DO NOT FEED THE DOG signs. Prince Albert of Langhorne is the recent addition to the Shaw household. Vern, BEWARE OF DOG??? He's a cute little sandy haired cocker spaniel. We're thinking mascot.

As in years past, many taste-tempting delights were prepared and shared by the great chefs of the Bucks Mount Ski Club. There is rising talk of a mandate for a recipe book. Those who attended this year were treated to a Seafood Festival! Members sipped wine, drank beer and dined on 5 lbs. of shrimp, 50 mussels and 350 clams-steamed and raw. Also, in addition to hotdogs and hamburgers, the chefs prepared New York strip steaks for those who wished to partake. As usual no one left for home with an empty stomach. Special thanks to Dick Hagen and Wayne MacMath for marinating and grilling to perfection.

Halloween Bash



Get into the spirit of things by coming to the Halloween Bash to be held on Saturday, October 28th at 7:00 pm at Lisa and Jim Waltz's house. Costumes are encouraged (hey, everyone has at least a ski mask!) and there will be a prize for the best costume. Sign up to bring something good to eat or call Lisa at (215) 757-8808. See you there.

Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Titans take on the Roanoke Express on Friday, November 17th. Game time is 7:30 pm. Seating is in the End Club, where you get to see the Titans attack twice. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 14 and under. Need dinner before the game? Stop at the Urban Café on South Broad Street and Hamilton Avenue, across from the Sovereign Bank Arena at Mercer County. See Karl Flesch (215) 493-0676 to reserve your seat.

Ski Club Appreciation

Head on over to Langhorne Ski Shop on Saturday, November 11th from 6:30 - 10:00 pm. Members get a 10% discount on merchandise, including sale items. Ski tune-ups will be \$19.95. Enjoy wine and cheese, socializing, and entertainment with an upbeat fashion show that starts at 9:00 pm.

Holiday Party



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. Patty & Spud McHugh have generously offered to host the party. Sign up to bring something good to eat.



One Ski, Two Skis

Here it was, the middle of July and not a ski trip in sight anytime soon. No plans for skiing the southern hemisphere this year. So I did the next best thing and headed over to my local *Kahunaville* (www.kahunaville.com), found in the Oxford Valley Mall. Sounds tropical to me, but so does *Katmandu* for that matter.

In a dark corner of the establishment was my quest: 2 electronic ski machines. As my luck would have it (just like my real life ski adventures), one of the poles was broken on one of the machines. But on a Saturday morning around noon, the place was empty so I had the "mountain" all to myself. The price was not cheap, costing \$1 for no more than 2 minutes worth of skiing. That would calculate to approximately \$30 an hour or at least \$210 for a decent day of skiing!

As we all know, skiing is not easy, and so why should this ski machine be easy. I entered the proper coins and next I had to decide if I wanted to be a racer, bump or slalom skier. I chose racer. Next I had to choose either the technical course or the fast course. Speed was my choice and before I knew it, I was at the start house ready to begin. 1-2-3-Go!

There I was skiing! Holding onto the

poles, and pushing in conjunction with my legs/feet I was able to steer, seeing an image of a skier on the screen in front of me. The scenery was whizzing by, much faster than I would have liked. Now came the turns. You need to start preparing for them in advance. Otherwise you miss the turn and either bump off the side on one ski or crash completely. There are no total wipeouts, so if you crash, you just roll over and continue going. You do lose time though. You are racing against the fastest skier's time, stored in the machine. If your time is good enough, you are rewarded with extra time at the end to continue skiing.

It was difficult to keep an eye on both the course and clock. And it was impossible to slow down. Not having skied since last April, I had a hard time and did rather poorly...crashing into a lot of turns. The finish line came quickly, and then the run was over. Next I tried the slalom option. Gates came flying by me in a blur. I found it impossible to even try to ski between them. So after just two runs I had enough, feeling dizzy getting off the machine. I think I will just wait until December, when I can do the real thing.

~Karl Flesch

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TREASURER'S REPORT

biggest income and expense items are the trips. Trip income was nearly \$134,000 and expenses were almost \$131,000. Other income comes from membership dues, bank account interest, 50-50 money and merchandise sales and totaled \$3,879. Other expenses include bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter and meetings. These expenses were \$4,900. The Club currently has approximately \$13,500 in its treasury. This money allows the Club to fund lodging and bus deposits prior to members signing up for trips.

As always, the books are open for inspection, if that stuff interests you!!

Vern Shaw
Treasurer

Snow Flakes...

Best wishes to Lydia Stokes and Herb Schwarz on their August 26th wedding.

Best wishes to Jená Fitzgerald and Joseph Hutteman II on their upcoming wedding.

Discount Lift Tickets

Save \$10 or more off your lift ticket for Blue Mountain, Elk, Jack Frost and Big Boulder by purchasing discount lift tickets. The tickets are for weekdays (they can be upgraded for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 2000/2001 ski season. Carol Evans (215) 443-0959 will have a supply of tickets at our meetings. We recommend that you order for the season and give it to Carol early. We will try to have the tickets by the December 13th meeting. Unused tickets are refundable before the end of the season.

Ski Expo and EPSC Swap Sale

Come help staff a publicity table. Talk up local clubs. Help with consignments. Bring some of your own things to try to sell.

Friday, October 27th (4 to 9:30).
Saturday, October 28th (10 to 9:30),
Sunday, October 29th (11 to 6).
The show has been moved to Plymouth Meeting Mall from Neshaminy Mall.

Stop over to check out the super deals. Lift, tubing and learn to ski passes. Over 100 resort and retail exhibits. Warren Miller Film Festival.

Check out the mega Ski Swap sponsored by Eastern PA Ski Council. New and used clothing and equipment. Children's things are especially popular.

ATTENTION: Those that Love to EAT!



Yes it is an issue, cookbook issue that is. Since I have known the members in this Club, I have always seen them eat drink and be merry. The Club has grown to gastronomic proportions and the legacy that we leave to future Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard members needs to be written down. Each time we have an outing where you are asked to bring a dish to share, we would hope that you would bring the recipe to share as well. What a great impression you will make on your friends and family once this collection of savory recipes is bound and printed for use in your kitchen. We are looking for many recipes so I would like to ask you to begin to send them in to me at Ski Chow, 927 Walsh Ave,

Langhorne, PA 19047 or to the meetings.

You can submit as many recipes as you wish, anonymous or announced. It would be fun if you can tell us when you let us try your recipe and the reaction. For example, "everyone gobbled it up but Debbie saved a spoonful from the spoon rest so she could taste it" or "there were six different spinach salads but mine was the one they were fighting over with the scallops and cilantro" or "the noodles were as long as the ones from the Chinese Dinner" or "good with beer". What ever you do or say, just remember we all love to eat and the food from you kitchen has left special memories with us of happy times and good friends. There is nothing finer than to be in good company with delicious food. Bon Appetite!

~Joan Ridler

How Safe is Skiing?

The chance you'll get hurt on any given ski day is about one in 421. The average skier (skiing about 10 days a year) doesn't have much to worry about, but the professional, who skis about 100 days a year can expect to hobble home about once every four seasons.

Skiing is safer than most high-school sports...but more dangerous than golf. Chances (in percent) that you'll visit an emergency room this year if you participate in: ice hockey, 3.7; basketball, 2.7; softball, 1.4; skiing, 1.2; bicycling, 1.2; in-line skating, .5; tennis/golf, .2.

If you go to the hospital for a ski injury, chances are it will be for: upper body injury, 56 percent; knee injury, 28 percent; other leg or foot injury, 14 percent.

And the chance that you'll be: treated and released, 94.7 percent; admitted to hospital, 5.3 percent.

The chance that you'll be admitted to the hospital on any given ski day is one in 7,949. If you ski 100 days a year, you can count on checking into the hospital about once in 19.5 winters. (Sources: Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Safety Council.)

~ Seth Masia, *Ski October 1995*

From the Bucks Mount Archives

Hiking with Barry – Barry (No Map) Bailey led a group of tenderfeet on a 5-mile hike through the woods. Barry will be presenting "Daniel Boone Awards" to those that survived the ordeal of gypsy moths, heat and sticker bushes. Thanks Barry!! Next time let's go to the mall. (1990)

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An evening in center city for dinner and the musical comedy "Nunsense" run by Jill Neffle. (1989)

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Rita Murtha's Racquetball Party. (1989)

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Moonlight bowling party at the Longshore Pin-Bowl run by Larry and Diane Jones. (1989)

Theater Night at the Bristol Riverside Theater, preceded by a wine and cheese party at Joanne and John Potok's house. (1990)

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Bird watching with James Mattison – James said the weather was cold, but the birds were hot! ...or rare... or something. (1990)

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Pico Peak, VT – St. Patrick's Day Weekend – The "worm turn" class was a big success! Thanks Mo. Next trip look out for Kaleidoscope Mama, the Pink Dot and Mud Slides (right Lisa?). Hey Jerry, got any Tastycakes? Also congratulations to Carol & Jim Monahan who won airfare for 2 to anywhere Continental Airlines flies by entering the Pico Peak drawing during our ski weekend! (1991)

You're OLD if you...

Can remember when these were HOT:

- Cable Bindings
- Plate Bindings
- Burt Bindings
- Hart Skis
- Scott Boots
- Grass Skiing
- Toni Sailer Ski
- Hanson Boots
- Miller Bindings
- Strultz Bindings
- Cupco Bindings
- Spademan Bindings
- Rosemont Boots

How did you do? If you remember 10-13, then you must be ancient. 6-9 you are over the hill, 3-6 you are not as young as you think. 1-2 you are no beginner. Zero? You probably snowboard!

The Aluminum Can Tab Tally

Did you know that the Club saves aluminum can tabs from soda, beer and other aluminum cans? If you did, do you know why or where they go? We collect about 10 lbs of them each year at the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club. The Catholic schools in the area save these can tabs for the Ronald McDonald house in Philadelphia to help defray their operating costs. The tabs are the only part of the can that is pure aluminum and makes a very clean and easy recycling task. Unwashed cans take up a lot of room and could bring bugs or rodents. The tabs are the simplest way to get cash for the charity.

The Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia was the first one in the country. It recently expanded its facility, nearly doubling its ability to house persons, mainly children, with ailments that require lengthy stays at the local city children's hospitals. The house takes older persons too, depending on their ability to pay. The cost per night is \$10 for a room with two beds and bath, TV, phone and is similar to a budget hotel. It is very clean and the occupant is responsible to clean it and do the laundry. Each room shares a kitchen with four others on the main floor so that meals can be prepared for the ill.

Many times the patients can only keep cereal or soup down during chemotherapy. Many times local businesses and organizations serve dinner and have parties or crafts for the ill and their families.

We stayed at the Ronald McDonald house in New York City when our son had his brain tumor removed for 7 days. There was Nintendo and movies, crafts and games, and lots of people who spoke foreign languages. The food in the kitchens always smelled exotic. Our room was in the Upper East Side of New York and the local hotel rented out for \$275 a night without a kitchen or other kid friendly stuff. It was a really fun place to be, but the sad part is that you have to be really sick to be able to go there, unless you volunteer to help serve a dinner or other job. So now you know. You now have a tremendous reason to drink more beer, save the tabs and you are helping a sick kid have the time of their life. The parents appreciate it too. We did once. Help us help others by saving tabs and bringing them to the meetings.

~Joan Ridler

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\$100 Trip Giveaway

CANADA - Jan. 17 meeting

Come to the sign-up table at the meetings. Be sure to find the specific **color-coded** waiver form for each individual trip – not to be confused with the white membership & general release form. If distance or schedules keep you from attending meetings you may sign up by mail. Be sure to call Maureen first to assure a spot.

FREE TRIP TO ELK

Win a free trip to Elk Mountain!!! Sign up by the Jan. 13th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 31st meeting.

Day at the Beach

About 20 sun-seekers attended our beach bash hosted by Bill and Cathy Rees at their home in Wildwood Crest. Most walked down to the beach by 12:30. (The Murtha's, however, went clothes shopping first. Rita, most of us pack a bag from home when we go to the beach.) The water was warmer than the air and no sun tan lotion was required. There was an hour of friendly talk and picnicking, while we guarded our food from the attack gulls and waited for the dark clouds to pass. *Bucks Mount does not care about a little rain.* We ski in it, so why not be on the beach in it?

Well, the gods finally sent thunder and lightning forcing us to gather our gear and head back to the Rees' to shower and dry out on the big front porch. We continued our day on the porch with beer and wine - some from Jim Murtha's gourmet stash. Bill then braved the elements, made his way to the grill and prepared hotdogs, hamburgers, and the most tender pork ribs ever! Add Cathy's pasta salad and baked beans (Joan Ridler's recipe - a definite for the new club book) and we again indulged our taste buds.

When the shower broke, our athletic activities of the day included roasting marshmallows, and walking "Conan" the beautiful Siberian Husky who snuggled up to all the guests.

Thanks to Bill and Cathy for their great effort and for allowing us to use their beautiful property in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey.

"V" Word Testimonial

This article is for all of you out there – especially for new members. It's about that dry subject that gets kicked around most ski clubs every once in awhile. It's about the dreaded "V" word, volunteering. All of you know that a ski club is run by volunteers and all of you have benefited in more ways than you can imagine from the efforts of those volunteers. Every meeting, every activity, every ski trip is there through the direct effort of an individual or individuals that have given some of their time and energy to help the club to be the organization it is today. What you may not realize is that volunteering is fun!

Remember when you were a new member? You went to a happy hour and saw everybody having fun but, when you tried to join in the conversations, you

discovered that the only people you had something in common with were the other "newbies" standing around with nothing to do. If you were lucky, someone shanghaied you into volunteering to help on a activity or trip, then came another activity that needed your help, then another, etc. Then came the party that you were invited to – because you had volunteered. You end up with all kinds of friends in the ski club – friends that you met when you were volunteering and you became popular. You'll be amazed at how receptive people are to your ideas – especially if you also volunteered to run the activity.

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Message From Wayne

Karl will again be leading the troops back to France, (always an exciting vacation) with unlimited miles of skiing, especially the *off-piste* variety- get a guide. See our trip list for the remainder of our weekend and day skiing adventures.

Rumors no more. It is true that Bucks Mount has now entered the information age. Karl was sent away to Web Page School and has now returned with the knowledge to create Bucks Mount's new and informative Web Page. Log on and receive up to the minute data about the club.

Ski season is just around the corner. Make sure you attend our first meeting in September where the beer and pizza will be plentiful and where sign ups begin for the upcoming season. Seats are first come, first serve. Last year trips filled up much earlier than usual. Bring your appetite and your checkbook and we will see you in September!

THINK SNOW!
WAYNE

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Bike Ride

Island State Park on Rt. 29, north of Stockton at 9:00 am. There will be 2 routes: **EASY** – along the canal or roadway – approximately 18 miles (GREEN) or **MORE DIFFICULT** – an added loop with a few hills – approximately 25 miles (BLUE). It



will be a "Poker Rally" with each winning hand from the kids and the adults receiving a \$20 gift certificate at Langhorne Ski Shop. Afterwards, lunch is optional at Meils in Stockton. Call Lyn Huttemann at (215) 757-2693 if you are interested in pedaling along.

Skiing in the Rain

Contrary to popular belief, rain does not ruin the skiing. In fact, some of the most enjoyable snow surfaces occur while it is raining or just after. And, you don't have to worry about the cold or frozen snow.

A wide choice of wet weather gear including pants and jackets with hoods are readily available. In a pinch, use a large plastic trash bag. Cut a hole in the bottom, and slip over your head.

The next time it rains, dress appropriately, then see for yourself how great the skiing conditions can be

Lift Lines



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