



Lift Lines



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Wayne C. MacMath
President

When you receive your newsletter, the summer of 2001 will be just a memory- hopefully a good memory. But the future is what we all have to look forward to. We cannot predict it but we surely can attempt to organize it somewhat. Take a good look at the Bucks Mount calendar, and let us take you to new places and to revisit a few old ones.

Join us in the fall for bike riding along the Delaware or for some great hiking in the Poconos- fun for all members of the family. I'll be willing to bet there will be eating somewhere along the way.

Some comments about our individual trips:

Tignes: A must see, will be visited again, led by Karl. Some seats still available.

Sugarbush: ski in-ski out accommodations, a crowd favorite, plus dinner at the Sugarbush Inn this year.

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Hike the Water Gap



Join the club for a hike in the Poconos on Saturday, September 13th (rain date is Sunday, September 14th). 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 33rd Year

Bike Ride



Come join the fun, as the Club bikes from Stockton, NJ to Frenchtown, NJ on Saturday, September 29th (rain date is Sunday, September 30th). Meet at Bull's Island State Park on Rt. 29, north

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Treasurer's Report

Once again its time to provide the club with the following treasurer's report to keep you informed of our financial condition.

The 2000-2001 ski season was again a successful year for the Club. Basically, our income matched our expenses for the year due to the outstanding work of the Budget Committee (thanks Maureen!). 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. All funds received for last season were approximately \$213,000, while expenses incurred were about \$213,000. Please note that the income and expense totals are up from the previous year because the club sponsored a spring trip out west (hellooo Tahoe!). As usual, our biggest income and expense items were the ski trips. Trip income was slightly over \$204,000 and expenses were almost \$200,000. Other in-

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2001/2002 Club Meeting Schedule



Save Me

- September 19 -----Pizza & Beer Night
- October 3 -----Better Wine, Good Cheese Night
- October 17-----Fondue Night
- October 24-----Death By Chocolate Night
- November 7 -----Hoagie Night
- November 10 -----Meet at Langhorne Ski Shop (6:30-10:30)
- November 14 -----Meatball Sandwich Night
- November 28 -----Stromboli Night
- December 12 -----Holiday Cookie Night
- January 2 -----Pizza & Beer Night
- January 16 -----Italian Sausage Night
- January 30 -----Nacho & Wings Night
- February 13 -----Sweets for the Sweet - Dessert Night
- February 27 -----Seafood Night
- March 20 -----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.

2002 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from the *Pizza Hut* in Fairless Hills Shopping Center and 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. Friday departure times for weekend trips vary: Okemo 5:00pm, Sugarbus 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Sugarloaf 10:00 am. 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 and be in the raffle for a \$100 discount. Balance is due a minimum of 2 weeks prior to departure.**

Rates listed are per person, tax and gratuities included.

TIGNES, FRANCE January 18 - 27

\$1,657 Single \$1,411 Double \$1,341 Triple \$1,564 Quad
Our 5th 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, the quads are actually a suite in the 4-star Suite de Montana. 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 city of Lyon, France, a gourmand's delight. A \$350 deposit is due now to hold your reservation.

SUGARBUSH, VT January 18-20

\$370 Double
Ski 2 days. This "walk to the lifts" location continues to be a hit! Three bedroom Castlerock Condo or one bedroom Village Gate studio. The true New England winding trail style skiing continues to be a favorite of the long time skiers. Two distinct interconnected mountains. 115 trails. 18 lifts (7 Quads). Dinner changed to the Sugarbush Inn this year. \$200 deposit per person.

OKEMO, VT February 1-3

\$398 Double \$365 Triple \$358 Quad
Ski 2 days. We chose our areas carefully. Okemo has been rated #1 in the East for snow quality and grooming by SKI Magazine. 100 trails. 14 lifts. Staying three miles from the mountain at the Cavendish Pointe Hotel in Ludlow. Spacious rooms, restaurant, lounge, pool table, video games, pool, hot tub. Shuttle service. \$200 deposit per person.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA February 8

\$55 Per Person
Ski 1 day. Friday. Come enjoy having the mountain to ourselves amid the camaraderie of friends. Our favorite in PA, Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Meet the bus at 5:30 a.m. Park your car. Have juice and Danish. Then take a nap and let the bus take you. Sign up by Jan. 2 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, ME and WILDCAT, NH February 15 - 17

\$400 Double \$393 Triple \$383 Quad
Ski 3 days. The perfect place for the busy President's Weekend. Days 1& 2 at Sunday River's eight interconnected mountains. 127 trails. 18 lifts and the #1 rated lift system in the East. We know by experience that it won't seem crowded. Their excellent grooming and snowmaking also keep us coming back. Day #3. Relax the last day at the smaller scenic Wildcat Mountain. The Town and Country Motor Inn gives us attractive family rates. Buffet breakfast and pre-selection from six entrees for dinner. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit.

SUGARLOAF, MAINE March 1-4

\$498 Double \$478 Triple
Ski 3 days. Experience the true 2820-foot vertical for the **first** time with us. 126 trails served by 15 lifts (2 SuperQuads). The slope-side country-style Sugarloaf Inn is home to the renowned Season's Restaurant and the Shipyard BrewHaus. The Sugartree Studios are home to the Sports and Fitness Club. Daily Perfect Turn clinics and use of the pool and fitness areas are free. A \$250 deposit per person holds your reservation.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH March 28-April 5

***Alta, *Brighton, *Snowbird, *Solitude, The Canyons, Deer Valley, Park City**
\$868 (airfare, mini-van, lodging) discounted lift tickets available

Site of the 2002 Winter Olympics

Situated in Sandy, Utah our townhomes are at the canyon road base of the four * Cottonwood Resorts. Known for the greatest snow on earth, due to elevation and 500 inch annual snowfalls. Rental vans will give us the freedom to plan day trips to the Canyons (new) and the Deer Valley-Park City area. With 8 nights and 7 full days there is even time for sightseeing. Our condos this year have 5 bedrooms and hot tubs. A \$300 deposit per person will hold you reservation.



One Ski, Two Skis

Snowboarding is here to stay. It's gone mainstream with close to two and a half million participants. That's compared to 9 million skiers. It has added a new energy to the snow sport business and has incorporated a generation looking for an identity on the mountain. Boarders are encouraged with special half pipes and terrain parks. Skiers are getting jealous and discovering the joys of terrain gardens and venturing out on skis or boards. Twenty-five percent of boarders are now over the age of thirty. Yeah, stalwart skiers are discovering a new challenge and the power of the board.

The sport of snowboarding has come a long way in a relatively short period of time. Once excluded from ski lift accessed slopes, the sport is now the fastest growing segment of winter sports.

About twenty years ago a surfer friend of mine got involved in shaping boards for a good buddy, Chuck Barfoot. He had done a lot of work on surfboards, knew all about fiberglass and resin, all that stuff. But these guys were working on snowboards, a surfboard for powder snow. An avid skier, I balked and said it would never fly.

Chuck Barfoot is laughing all the way to the bank. In twenty-five years the sport of snowboarding has grown from a surfer passion of expanding their sport to the winter waves to a full blown industry with close to three million participants accounting for almost 15 percent of lift ticket sales nationwide.

The cult snowboarding industry got its start with surfers and skateboarder looking for an alternative to traditional skiing which by the 1980's go a rap as a yuppie sport, too traditional for what is now tagged the X-Generation. The teens grasped the young sport, experimenting with various boards and rider styles, free-riding with radical tricks and jumps in half pipes and terrain gardens; or more disciplined racing, traditional slalom and G.S.,

arcng the boards to high speeds.

A generation attracted to a specific aspect of winter sports is not unique. In the 1940's and 50's the sport of skiing took off. Kamakazi skiers on long boards gave the sport a dangerous air, one that eventually attracted more mainstream skiers to the adventure. In the 1970's those crazy hippies went nuts over freestyle, doing inverted aerials, attacking Volkswagen-sized bumps and donning short skis for ballet maneuvers. Red, white and blue metallic warmups offended the old school and freestyle skiing was blamed as the desecration of a family sport.

Time to trek to the 90's and once again we see a generation attacking the slopes. Why it seems to skip every decade is a mystery, but the economic effect is significant and the boost to the winter sport industry is now welcomed by most. There is still a lot of hoopla going on about how snowboarders have invaded skier's space and that the sport is dangerous, leading to accidents that skiers would not otherwise have.

Perhaps it gets back to the perceived surfer mentality, "my beach - my wave," but more likely it is the generational thing. If kids were not snowboarding they would be doing some other kid thing, jumping off of rocks, yelling or creating some other kid ruckus. But snowboarding is no longer only attracting the young. Longtime skiers see the sport as a new challenge. More and more 30-40 somethings are trying it out and liking it. Ski areas and snowboard manufacturers are picking up on this trend and offering lessons, boards and clothing targeted specifically to skier transplants.

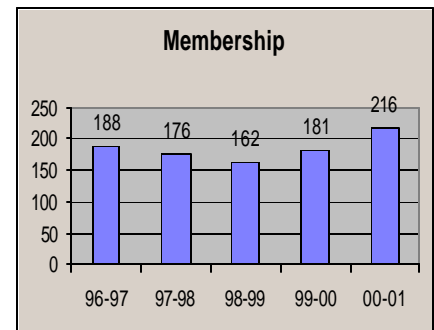
So it appears that the snowboarder/skier face-off has passed its crest and is on its way out as more and more winter sport enthusiasts discover another way to get down the hill.

~Tammie Thompson, *Sunny Day*

Membership

Membership renewal for the 2001-2002 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 19th).

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 225 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 16th. Let us know which trip you want to use the prize and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

\$100 Trip Giveaway

Win \$100 off the cost of one of your weekend trips!!! Again 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:

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Officers for the 2001-2002 Season

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Lunch Lines

Park City, Utah
3/27/01

It had been an adventurous day already. This was my first visit to Park City. The early morning slopes provided iced corduroy, glazed and marbled moguls (one could feel the whining in the air). A late morning run off the Silverlode started to show some relief. Redemption began up in McConkey's Bowl, or maybe it was the Chili Bread Bowl at the Summit Lodge. Anyway, a death march ensued crisscrossing Thaynes, Pioneer and McConkey's lift (which ended solo). And we were off to Main Street. One could easily add 1,000 feet of vertical (if you're counting) to peruse the entire street. Fortunately, there is a free trolley.

The shopping began to take its toll and I was becoming famished. We needed a restaurant. The menus are posted outside: Italian, Latino, Thai, Chinese, and even burgers and beer. This one got my attention: steaks, ostrich, lamb, venison, pheasant to name a few. It wasn't till we sat down that I realized the name, *Game Keepers' Grille*. I asked our server's for his opinion. He highly recommended the Grilled Elk Chops,

which I had been considering. It was a difficult decision to pass on the soup/salad choices, Wild Game Chili, or Smoked Pheasant on wild greens accompanied by toms, arts, 'shrooms, goat cheese, or a Caesar Salad. I had to go for the Baked Brie in Apple Brandy Glaze, it's difficult enough to get a drink in this state. I'm a little partial to Maryland Crab, so I passed on the S'west Crab Cake in Mustard Cream. Smoked Buffalo Ravioli or Spicy Buffalo Tamale options were appealing, but I was suspect of the New Zealand Mussels with no based reason. I had already decide on the Elk served with roasted tomato demi-glace, whipped Yukon Gold spuds (skins on) and vegetable medley coupled with a California Petite Syrah. The meal was fabulous. I thoroughly enjoyed the tenderness and unique flavor of the elk and will look for it in the future (no Mad Cow or Foot and Mouth to worry about!). I believe the preparation and selection of sauces used in any of the 12 entrées (including the vegetarian meal) would satisfy most palates. So if you are in the mood for a wild night, check it out!

~Larry Ortmann

Wine Festival



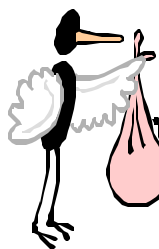
Come to the historic Dilworthtown Inn on Old Wilmington Pike in West Chester to sample your favorite wines and support the Chester County SPCA. The annual wine festival features: over 100 wines to taste, art & boutiques galore, live music, raffle & door prizes, gourmet food at LOW prices, live entertainment and a silent auction. The date is Sunday, October 7, from noon to 4pm. Admission is \$25/person. Major credit cards accepted. Tickets available at the door. Directions to the festival are available at www.dilworthtowninn.com.

Halloween Bash



Get into the spirit of things by coming to the Halloween Bash to be held on Saturday, October 27th 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.

Officers Deliver Baby in Parked Car



Two Middletown Township police officers helped deliver a baby girl in a car in the police station parking lot recently.

Bernadette Abudual-Aziz, 34, of Bensalem was in labor and was being driven to Saint Mary Medical Center in Middletown "when it was decided that she would not make it (to the hospital) before the baby's arrival," police said. The driver pulled into the parking lot of the police station and began blowing the car's horn in an effort to summon help at 2:20 am.

Officers **Lisa Zurlo-Waltz** and Dan Donahue were in the police station and went to investigate. The two officers immediately called for an ambulance and began treating the mother. At 2:38 a.m., before the ambulance arrived, the officers helped deliver a healthy baby girl in the front seat of the vehicle.

Mother and daughter were taken to the hospital by PennDel-Middletown Emergency Squad, and were fine. Police said it was Abudual-Aziz's third child - and the first that either officer has helped deliver.

Ski Club Appreciation

Head on over to Langhorne Ski Shop on Saturday, November 10th from 6:30 to 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 8th at 7:00 pm. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: HAVE A PARTY AT YOUR HOUSE! If you would consider hosting this party call Maureen. You know we'll organize it and of course bring plenty of food.

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 2001/2002 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 12th meeting. Unused tickets are refundable before the end of the season.

Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Titans take on the Atlantic City Admirals on Saturday, November 24th. Game time is 7:05 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.

Pool Party

The day was delightful! We want to thank the Shaws for the weather guarantee and the perfect aquatic temperature control.

Fifty-six skiers abandoned their hats, goggles and parkas for bathing suits. Nametags might be required next year because some guests couldn't recognize anyone out of ski attire. Wayne and Gordon (Mary's brother) cooked steaks with mushrooms and fried onions, burgers and hot dogs. They shelled clams and served mussels and seasoned shrimp.

The adults and teens ate, lounged, worked on tans and discussed the newly unveiled ski trips for 2002. Will Longworth and the Ridler children occasionally came out of the water for food. Jeffrey Murtha was timed at no longer than five minutes.

Special thanks again to Vern and Mary for providing such a lovely site for our annual Pool Party. Thanks this year for bringing in family members to cater to us.

Using The Club's WEB Site *by Karl Flesch*

Have you checked out the Club's WEB site (<http://communities.phillyburbs.com/home/bmski>)? Have you checked it recently? Unlike the Club's newsletter, the Club's WEB site is constantly changing and being updated, so check it often. Here are some of the latest additions and pointers on how to use the site.

PHOTOS – Currently, photos can be found in two places. The most obvious is under *Photo Album*. This can be found by looking under *Page Links*, found at the bottom of most pages. Click on *Photo Album*. This sends you to the Photo Album page. Next click on either *Photo Album #1* (Tahoe trip) or *Photo Album #2* (Canada trip). This will show you a page with "thumb prints" (i.e., small versions) of all the photos in the album. Click on the individual pictures to enlarge it. Additional photos can be found under the *Page Link - Ski Trips*. Click on *Tignes, France* and then click on either *Tignes 2001 Photos #1* or *Tignes 2001 Photos #2*.

Do you have photos of Club events you want to be shown on the WEB? Either give me the photo to scan or send me (see Members E-Mail Addresses below) the JPEG file of the photo.

MEMBERSHIP FORM – From the Home Page, click on *How to Become a Member/Renew*. "Click to Open File" to view the Membership Application, which can then be printed. You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat on your PC to view the membership form. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, you will be asked if you want to download

Snow Flakes...

Congratulations to Joe and Jená Huttemann on the birth of their daughter Emma Lyn Huttemann, born 7/11/01, 8 lb., 11 oz.

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS

Coming this fall! Available at meetings.

Thanks to Ellen Chauncey and Wayne Radel for hosting the annual banquet in June. Fun time for all!

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DIRECTIONS – Need directions to a Club activity? Under *Page Links*, click on *Calendar*. On the monthly calendar, days are highlighted on which Club activities occur. The calendar can be moved forward or backward one month at a time. Shown are this weeks events. Click on either the highlighted day or the event underlined. Click on *Give Me a Map* for a map of where the event is. There is an option also to *Give Me Driving Directions*.

MEMBER'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES – You can add your personal information, modify it and see other member's information. From the Home Page, click on *Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club Members Only*. For new users, please set up a new user profile. You will need to provide your e-mail address, a user name (what you want to call yourself, i.e., "skibunny") and a password. Your profile will need to be approved first (determined if you are a member) and you will eventually receive an e-mail confirming your access. Once approved, if you want to also include your mailing address and phone number, return to the *Members Only Page* and Log In. Next click on *My Profile*. Click on *Edit User Profile & Password*. Fill in the information.

Please note that to Log In from the Home Page or leave a message on the Message Board, a different user name is required, since it is considered a different site and is open to visitors and not just ski club members. Deleted user names can not be reused.

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Treasurer's Report

come comes from membership dues, bank account interest, 50-50 money and merchandise sales and totaled over \$8,000. Other expenses include bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter and meetings. These expenses were approximately \$14,000. The Club currently has approximately \$15,000 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

Diary of a Snow Shoveler (for those can't remember what winter is like!)

December 7: 4:30 PM. All unpacked. I love Vermont. Cant wait for the snow to start falling.

December 8: 6:00 PM. It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window, watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses Print. So romantic we felt like newly-weds again, I love snow!

December 9: We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the Whole World? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had. Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks.

This afternoon the snow plow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

December 12: The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment. My neighbor tells me not to worry, we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man. I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14: Snow, lovely snow! 8" last night. The temperature dropped to 20°. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15: 20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife

wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

December 16: Ice storm this morning. Fell on my ass on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like hell. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17: Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. God I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

December 20: Electricity's back on, but had another 14" of the damn stuff last night. More shoveling. Took all day. freakin' snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

December 22: Bob was right about a white Christmas because 13 more inches of the white shit fell today, and it's so cold it probably won't melt till August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel and then I had to piss. By the time I got undressed, pissed and dressed again. I was too tired to shovel. Tried to hire Bob who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter; but he says he's too busy. I think the asshole is lying.

December 23: Only 2" of snow today. And it warmed up to 0°. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What is she...nuts??? Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did but I think she's damn well lying.

December 24: 6". Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the son of a bitch who drives that snowplow, I'll drag him through the snow by his balls. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over where I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents, but I was busy watching for the freakin' snowplow.

December 25: Merry Christmas. 20 more inches of the @\$%^& slop tonight. Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's an idiot. If I have to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to kill her.

December 26: Still snowed in. Why the hell did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27: Temperature dropped to -30° and the pipes froze.

December 28: Warmed up to above -50°. Still snowed in. THE BITCH is driving me crazy!!!

December 29: 10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave-in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30: Roof caved in. The snowplow driver is suing me for a million dollars for the bump on his head. The wife went home to her mother. 9" predicted.

December 31: Set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling!

January 8: I feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed?

Save Receipts, Save Lives

Many of you shop at Genuardi's markets. You get your receipt, check it and toss it in the circular file. Instead of tossing the receipt, bring it to the next ski meeting and give it to a charity called the tuberous Sclerosis Alliance.

Tuberous Sclerosis (TS) is a genetic disease (one caused by inheriting a gene or having a gene mutate during development) that causes tumors in all organs of the body, like the skin, brain, liver, kidneys, heart. You

can help to fund research to develop treatments that can help reduce the tumor growth by saving the receipts from Genuardi's markets. The National Institute of Health only funds a portion of this research, the rest comes from the people like you.

The Ski Club has collected these tapes for several years now. We collect a cash rebate of 1% of the total amount of the tapes. We usually collect \$400 worth each year.

While this isn't going to buy a lot of scientific research, every penny helps. Save the tapes, bring them to the meetings, and I'll send them to the Genuardi's who will send the TS Alliance a check.

Thanks to everyone who saves the tapes, you can make a difference in our lives and the lives of people with TS. Our son Bill has TS.

Many Thanks. Joan & Jim Ridler

10 Commandments of Boot Fitting

1. Have both feet measured; length, width and heel to ball length (A Brannock will give you this length if used correctly). If you have access to other foot sizing devices, use them. A different approach to measuring the foot may reveal a potential problem after the boot is skied in. The added benefits of orthotics should be discussed at this point.
2. Be truthful about your ski level when asked.
3. Try ski boots on with ski socks. No cotton!
4. Pick two boots that meet the criteria determined in Commandment #2. Too many selections can be confusing.
5. Buckle boots from the top down. Top buckles first, then flex knees and ankles. This moves the foot and liner back slightly, setting the heel and gives the toes more room. The lower buckles should be latched while the knees are flexed forward!!!!
6. Check the fit. Your toes should be touching the front of the boot when standing. When you flex, the toes should be free to wiggle – this will ensure the correct length, and allow proper circulation.
7. Walk around in the boots, and not just a quick lap around the fitting bench. They should be left on for at least 5 minutes. One of the two selections should start feeling better than the other, thus narrowing the choices.
8. Remove the boot that is less comfortable, and put on either the mate to the boot still being worn or if needed, introduce a third, different boot, thus offering another fit choice.
9. Every good specialty shop will allow you to bring the boots back for adjustments to the liner or shell as most boots will need some custom padding or heat gun work to achieve the fit we should all be striving for.
10. Shopping for a boot fitter is like shopping for a doctor. You are not buying a new pair of sneakers and your new boots should last you years. Choose wisely. If you don't find the right boot the first day, it could be a blessing.

~Brian Babcock, bootfitter with Ski Haus, Salem, NH

Save Those TABS!

Why am I supposed to save these tabs? What are they used for? I think I have heard all kinds of reasons why people are saving aluminum beverage tabs or “pop-tops” as some of us parrot heads call them. But the real story is for people with cancer and other life threatening diseases.

The Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia is the recipient of the tabs. They recycle them for cash. The Ronald McDonald House serves families of children and very sick adults that cannot afford housing in the city while getting medical care.

The can tabs do not cost you anything; they are easy and clean, so please keep bringing them on in to the ski club meetings. We have a wide network of tab collectors operating in several states. They collect them in Western New York during the football game parties, in Washington, DC on the Georgetown Campus dorm parties, in New Jersey at several businesses and by all of our closet collectors in the Bucks Mont Ski and Snowboard Club. Keep saving and if you know of anyone who collects for us, let us know. We would be very glad to thank them. Some day we might need to stay at the Ronald Mc Donald House of Philadelphia.

~Joan & Jim Ridler

Ski for Free. Cookbook “Ski Chow” Now Available. Next Trip to Florida to Ski the Keys.

These headlines are not true. Every time we attend ski club events we ask the members to please bring your recipes when you bring a dish, when you come to the next meeting. The response has been very weak and we have only 5-6 recipes that are not mine. For a club that lists food as a main reason to book a trip location, where are the recipes?

You don't have to cook. You can ask the ski resort for the recipe or you can

ask your non member friends for their recipes that are good. But the real truth is that we really have many members that like to cook, some that have world class recipes that we have come to know and enjoy over the years. We remember that Kathy made that salad or that Carol brought that yummy cake or Raul brought crab cheesecake!

I have been to many restaurants and parties and I know that the club's social life off the slopes is the reason that I

have joined the club. I love to eat good food as most of us do and we love to share that time with good friends. Why not share the memories of good friends by sharing recipes? It is really easy. You can type it, send via email to jimnjoan1@msn.com or bring it to the club meetings.

When we get 20 recipes, I'll be happy to make a Ski Chow booklet, but I would really love to get a book with 50-100 memories.

~Joan Ridler

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Message from Wayne

Okemo: We'll be staying closer to the mountain at the Cavendish in Ludlow, a new place to sleep and eat. Looks fantastic!

Elk: "It's almost full". Get your seats now. Let Rita know early in case we need an extra bus.

Sunday River: The best and least crowded place to ski on President's Weekend. Best rates available and yes there will be six, count them, six choices for dinner. This trip will not die!

Sugarloaf, Maine: You wanted a different place to sleep, different restaurants in which to dine, different trails to ski, which all come with, a longer bus ride. Who cares? We have videos. This is our first time to Sugarloaf!! We are very excited about this trip.

Utah: If you traveled with the club to the Cottonwood Canyons before you'll remember: 55 inches of snow in seven days... sun bloc not necessary. Lodging will be in the same location easily accessing Alta-Snowbird-Brighton-Solitude. We will also ski Deer Valley and the Canyons. Don't miss this one! Availability is limited.

New this year: **Death March Pins** - not for the faint of heart or two hour lunch people. Pins will be awarded on the basis of course completion and the judge's decision will be final. Rules to be determined at a later date by me. Pins will be available by the first weekend trip. Don't you be the weakest link!

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\$100 Trip Giveaway

SUGARBUSH – Nov. 28 meeting
OKEMO – Dec. 12 meeting
SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 2 meeting
SUGARLOAF - Jan. 16 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. 2nd meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 16th meeting.

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Bike Ride

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, there are many lunch options such as Meils in Stockton or the Fish House in Lambertville. Call Lyn Huttemann at (215) 757-2693 if you are interested in pedaling along.



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