



# Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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**Wayne C. MacMath**  
*President*

Hello fellow skiers and snowboarders.

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer even though there have been so many 90°+ days. The weather has been perfect for golfing, hiking, swimming, biking, boating; you know, those things we have to do when we are unable to ski.

Anyway, we are excited about the great line up of trips for the upcoming season, featuring three big week trips to: Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Tignes, France and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Our trip director, Maureen, has done extensive research and calling to find just the right ski areas for our club. We have airfare and lodging reserved. All we need now is a great response from our members to make it happen. Maureen and Karl need to know ASAP if you intend to go because deposits have been sent and we have September deadlines to adjust the number of rooms or condos held. It is too expensive to hold onto space we are not sure we will use. There were a lot of

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## Go Take A Hike!



Join the club for a hike in the Poconos on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (rain date is Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>). 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 34th Year*



## Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately, Vern was away on vacation and no report was filed. We hope to have a report in the January newsletter.

We don't want to say Vern has gone fishing, but please read the article by Lisa Waltz on page 5.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally

Make plans to join us at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (rain date is Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>) for a new, improved version of the annual bike ride. After completing our 18-mile ride (Bull Point



to Frenchtown and back) and award ceremony, we will retreat to the Bull Point Park Campground picnic area for an old-fashioned WEINER ROAST. Hot dogs, marshmallows, beverages, and conversation will be a welcome way to relax and rest your butt.

The poker rally is easy and fun for all ages. Along the bike route, each participant collects 5 sealed envelopes containing playing cards. At the end of the ride, the envelopes are open. The best poker hand in each category wins \$25.

What a great way to spend a Fall day. Whether you opt to ride the canal path or roadway, you will certainly be treated to Fall's splendor.

Call Lyn Huttemann at (215) 757-2693 if interested.

## 2002/2003 Club Meetings

**September 18th**

Pizza & Beer Night

**October 2nd**

Better Wine & Good Cheese Night

**October 16th**

Fondue Night

**October 30th**

Death by Chocolate Night

**November 6th**

Hors d'Oeuvre Night

**November 20th**

Meatball Sandwich Night

**December 11th**

Holiday Cookie Night

**January 8th**

Pizza & Beer Night

**January 15th**

Italian Sausage Night

**January 29th**

Stromboli Night

**February 5th**

Seafood Night

**February 19th**

Dessert Night

**March 5th**

Hoagie Night

Meetings are held at 8:30 pm  
On Wednesdays at the

Jesse Soby  
American Legion Post  
Richardson & Bellevue Avenues  
Langhorne, PA 19047

Non-Members Welcome!

## 2003 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from a new location in Levittown this year (address and maps once site is confirmed). Prices 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: Sugarbush 4:30 pm, Killington 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Canada 2:00 pm. 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.

#### SUGARBUSH, VERMONT

January 17 - 19

##### \$395 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). Breakfasts at the panoramic slopeside *Mushroom Bar*. Dinner at the popular *Sugarbush Inn* again this year. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

#### KILLINGTON, VERMONT

January 31 - February 2

##### \$397 Double \$360 Triple \$343 Quad

Ski 2 days. Endless variety of seven mountains, 200 trails, 32 lifts, including two heated express gondolas. Staying 20 minutes away at the area's most luxurious *Cortina Inn*...comfort, service and ambience. Indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, exercise room, sleigh rides and courtesy slope shuttle. Two deluxe hot buffet breakfasts. Cook to order pasta buffet dinner in *Theo's Tavern*. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

#### ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA

February 7

##### \$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. 8 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

#### SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 14 - 17

##### \$404 Double \$397 Triple \$387 Quad

Ski 3 days. The perfect place for the busy President's Weekend. Spend two days exploring the 127 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 14<sup>th</sup> year. Spend the last day enjoying stunning views of Mt. Washington from scenic Wildcat Mt. The *Town and Country Inn* hosts us with attractive family rates. Buffet breakfast and choice of six dinner entrees. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

#### MTS. ORFORD & SUTTON, QUEBEC and JAY PEAK, VERMONT

February 27 - March 2

##### \$383 Double \$368 Triple \$353 Quad

Ski 3 days. Enjoy a great price because of the Canadian rate of exchange. The Eastern Townships of Quebec and the *Auberge Estrimont* offer us first class French hospitality. Indoor pool, whirlpool, exercise room and piano bar restaurant. Three breakfasts, two dinners, cash for two Canadian lunches. All three areas are known for their gladed terrain and favorable "snow belt" location. A \$200 deposit per person holds your reservation.

**STEAMBOAT, COLORADO** **December 27 - January 3**

**\$990 per person 6 day lift - \$292 5 day lift - \$250**  
 No Easter trip this year (too late). One time only New Year's vacation trip. Known for lack of crowds, Steamboat Springs was chosen because its lift capacity is greater than the lodging capacity. Located near the base of the mountain, *The Rockies* condominiums have a pool, hot tubs and private shuttle. We have 7 nights and 6 full days to ski one of North America's largest ski mountains (3,000 skiable acres) known for its champagne powder. This family friendly area offers kids 12 and under free skiing. \$300 deposit is due now to hold your reservation. Insurance is \$72.

**TIGNES, FRANCE** **January 17 - 26**

**\$1,750 Single \$1,535 Double \$1,463 Triple \$1,778 Quad**  
 Our 6<sup>th</sup> year returning 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. Six days to ski on endless choices of trails for skiers of all abilities: from the high alpine glaciers to the village below the Tignes dam. We will be staying seven nights in the ski-in, ski-out three-star plus *Village Montana Hotel*, the quads are actually a suite in the nearby 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. The eighth night will be in the interesting city of Grenoble, France, sight of the 1968 Winter Olympics. \$350 deposit due now to hold your reservation.

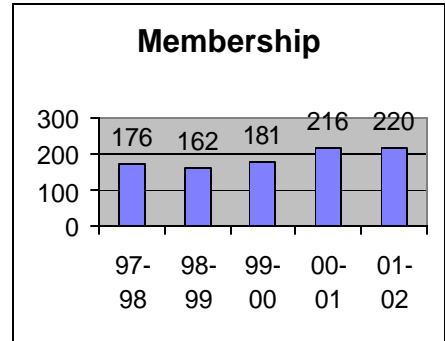
**JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING** **March 14 - 21**

**\$1,150 per person 6 of 8 day lift - \$290 5 of 7 day lift - \$246**  
 Situated in the Teton Village area, our deluxe 5 and 6 bedroom private homes are near the base of the mountain on a convenient shuttle route. With expanded intermediate terrain accessible on the new high speed quad or 8 passenger gondola there is terrain to suit everyone on 2,500 acres. Experts can take a guided trip into the immense backcountry from the top of the aerial tram. Rental vans will give us freedom to go into the authentic western town of Jackson (12 miles) or to take a day trip to Grand Targhee or to an elk preserve. \$400 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$81 insurance.

## Membership

Membership renewal for the 2002-2003 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 18<sup>th</sup>).

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



We only need 5 more new members to reach our goal of 225. Help 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 2002-2003 Season

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**Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790**

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**No Website at this time!**



## Lunch Lines

**Paul Bocuse  
Lyon, France**

Every now and then, life gives you a reward. Maybe it's the daily lottery number, or you got upgraded to F<sup>1</sup> class on a flight. Just something that is enough to make the journey a little more enjoyable. As I sit here in the midst of a heat wave, I can look back with contentment on the early January gift that came my way. I had accepted a relatively below average ski season. Poor December conditions and lack of enthusiasm were conspiring to a lack luster year. Then I received the call: "Hey, can you fill in on the France trip?" A 10 second review of my schedule, and I was ready to go. Little did I know my fallen ski brethren had only reserved the 3 star accommodations. It was unbearable; in the evening we watched with envy, our faces pressed against the icy window as the elite members in the 4 star enjoyed exquisite dining, while we suffered through our mediocre mush. Then one evening I was invited to the realm for cocktails. A few members of the elite had reserved a large table at some fancy, schmancy restaurant during our stay in Lyon, and they needed some bodies to fill the table. I was questioned on my wardrobe, and having the bare minimum attire, I was invited to partake. So who or what was this *Paul Bokoosy*? Well, let's start with legendary. I'm not one to part with a dollar very easily, unless it's for a ski trip, but another brass ring was coming up, so I accepted. Our day in Lyon did not work out too well due to transportation complications. I made a dash to the main shopping promenade. This is a town I definitely want to come back and explore. My little excursion found many dining as well as shopping venues. But I had already made the commitment, so it was back to the hotel a little early for preparation for the evening. I waited in the hotel lobby for the balance of our party, and learned that another group from our trip was also headed off to *Paul Blackuse*. Maybe this place does have something. Little did I know, this 74-year-old man had revolutionized the cooking world with his nouvelle cuisine. Coming from a family of chefs dating back to 1765 Bookoos had emerged during the French restaurant evolution following the war as the premier gastronomist of the time. We sardined into a taxi-van for a short ride to the restaurant. As we approached, one could see the well-lit signature sign identifying the place, *PAUL BOCUSE*. Well, I don't think I will ever forget that name now, or those "PB" initials. You walk through the courtyard, and approach the grand entrance hall,

glass doors labeled with PB knobs, and there, for the first time, I gazed on the portrait of the illustrious Paul Bocuse. I looked over to the Rotunda dining room. Truly grand, 3-foot candelabras on the table, ceiling to floor drapery, statuettes, artwork, a forbearing message to check your credit card limit. We were seated in the Fireside dining room, equal in décor. There were two pre-fixe menu options: the light fare or the whole enchilada. Our entire party selected the full menu, but first a bottle of champagne was ordered to celebrate our weeklong escapades, and the beginning of an exquisite meal. A toast was called, and we congratulated each other on a fine week past. It was then I noticed the master himself, adorning the standard chef's attire, posing in the next room for pictures with another group. Shortly we were graced with his presence. I will say my first impression was very favorable, here in one of the most celebrated restaurants in the dining capital of the world, was the master chef greeting his guests, posing for pictures, not much different than a few of my local hangouts. That was until someone got the idea that he was a genie, and all you had to do was rub his belly, and you would be given 3 wishes, one of which would be a free meal! I can tell you, this is not true, but if you ever want a man's attention, it is through the stomach. I must say, my memory of the courses has waned, and even checking with some others has revealed a similar result. Gee, how could I remember 10 courses, I can't even remember the names of ski runs! So rather than try, let me sum it up. What ever you may have heard about leaving a French restaurant hungry does not apply here. Start with bread, soup (look there's PB in the bottom of your bowl) then the 1<sup>st</sup> appetizer. Take a break and stroll to the restrooms. Peek into the kitchen on your way and look at the next generation of master chefs diligently preparing the balance of your meal. And if you have a few euros left maybe even pick up a PB souvenir. A favorite is the "Last Supper" superimposed with PB at the table. The next bottle of wine has arrived just in time for appetizer #2, did I forget the ensalade? Are you going to finish that? OK, on to the Pisces. And use the right utensil, we don't want any faux pas here. The Carne arrives, or was it the Fowl, all I remember now is the next wine arrived. The crowd is getting loose, we are now observing other patrons; is that his daughter, look at that dress, ~~no comment on her~~

## Wine Festival



Come to the historic *Dilworthtown Inn* on Old Wilmington Pike in West Chester to sample 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 13<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4 pm. Admission is \$25 in advance ([www.ccsPCA.org](http://www.ccsPCA.org)) or \$35 at the door. Major credit cards accepted. For directions to the festival: [www.dilworthtowninn.com](http://www.dilworthtowninn.com).

## Halloween Bash



Get into the spirit of things by coming to the Halloween Bash to be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Ski Club

### Appreciation

## Night at Langhorne

Head over to Langhorne Ski Shop on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Members get at least a 10% discount on merchandise, including sale items. Call for pricing details closer to the date of party. Ski tune-ups will be discounted. 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Rita, Jim and Jeffery Murtha have generously offered to host the party. Sign up to bring something good to eat. RSVP Rita at (215) 355-0374.

## 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 2002/2003 ski season. Carol Evans (215) 443-0959 will have a supply of tickets at our meetings. We recommend that you plan your order for the season and give it to Carol early. We will try to have the tickets by the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Unused tickets are refundable at the end of the season.

## Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Titans take on the Roanoke Express on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Game time is 7:05 pm. Seating is in the End Club, where you get to see the Titans attack twice. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8.50 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.

## Annual Banquet

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we had our annual banquet at *King George's Inn* in Bristol. Over 30 people wined and dined and socialized in the bar after dinner. An excellent choice for our end of the banquet. Thanks go to Judy Lott and Ellen Chauncey for their efforts in organizing the dinner.

## Pool Party

A great big thanks and three cheers to Vern and Mary Shaw for again hosting our annual pool party. The weather was fantastic, everyone enjoyed the pool, the food and the company. We feasted on hamburgers, hot dogs, steaks, clams, shrimp, scallops and all the other great food prepared by our membership. In all about 50 adults and children attended. Vern & Mary, thanks again.

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Message from Wayne

signatures for interest at the pool party; however, some people plan to be two places at the same time!!! Please go over the flyers for the three long trips. When you make a decision mail a deposit check with your name, address and phone number (include insurance in the same check if you want "pre-existing conditions" coverage to apply). You can't get sign up forms on line at the present time, so we'll get the proper forms to you at the meeting, by e-mail or through the mail later.

Our weekend and day trips are exceptional as well. Sugarbush, Killington, Elk, Sunday River and Canada in that order. Sign ups will open in September for those trips.

Due to the increase of business in the *Pizza Hut* parking area we need to change the departure point for the five bus trips. We'll let you know once the new location is confirmed.

Hope to see you "in line" at the meeting or "on line" signing up for trips. However at the moment we no longer have a web site due to the unannounced closure of the Bucks County Courier's Communities site. At the present time Karl is researching information on developing a new web site for Bucks Mount. If you have any expertise in this area or ideas please call Karl or Maureen.

See you September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Club Discount Day at Endurance Sports

Endurance Sports is offering our ski club a 10 percent discount off everything in the store on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. They will also be offering us wine and cheese that day from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. For you early birds, the

## Where Is Vern?



Where is Vern? That is the most frequently asked question at the Ski Club. Even though others have attempted to answer that question, I will pass on the information I have acquired.

On a recent trip to Stratton, VT. we passed thru Bennington, and there on the main road I found it! *VERN'S FISH FRY*. I was horrified! Is this the avenue to our hero's undoing? Is this why Vern is nowhere to be found, night after night, week after week? Has he gone forth to peddle his prawns to preppies and townies alike? Has he put out the "gone fishing" sign of life and abandoned our Ski Club?

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store will open at 10:00 am. In addition, the store is offering a \$24.99 (regularly \$35) ski tune up or \$29.99 (regularly \$40) snowboard tune up that night and during the whole month of September.

## Trenton Thunder-ous Game

A thunder-ous time was had at this year's annual Trenton Thunder outing. On a stormy June 6<sup>th</sup> evening, several members cheerfully showed up at Waterfront Park, only to find out the game would not be played. As the new group leader, I collected their soggy wristbands while being reminded "this never happened when Karl was in charge"! At least we left with a free chapstick for next ski season. Karl led the hungry to *DeLorenzo's Pizza* in Trenton. Jim Murtha reported it was the best pizza he ever had.

The group cheerfully returned to Waterfront Park on June 19<sup>th</sup> to see the Thunder defeat the Bowie Baysox, 7-2. Bill "Sully" Sullivan threw out the first pitch. Helen Lewis and Raul Valcarcel received hugs from Boomer, the Thunder's mascot. Ellen Chauncey enjoyed the buffet and socializing (who watches the game anyway?).

So now that I got my feet wet, I look forward to planning next year's event.

~Clare Longworth

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Where Is Vern?

Oh Vern, where are you? We beseech you to return. We love you and don't care if you choose this means to make ends meet. It's just that next time we see you...could we please have two orders of the fried clams to go?

~Lisa Waltz

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guy doesn't have a tie and jacket! We need more wine for the cheese tray. 1<sup>st</sup> dessert arrives (yes I said F!), pick one or two. Now would be a good time for another trip to the restroom, as the chocolate tray is coming. Soon the bill will arrive and you definitely want to feel sweet. Can I borrow some Euros? The midnight hour has struck and it's time for our return. Our taxi has been called, and we exit through the grande doors. The new driver who does not speak English (or so he says) explains that we cannot all return in the same vehicle, you must take two taxis. But we came in one, how could this be? Well this cabby is not going to push us Americans around, we came in one, we leave in one. Oh boy, look what we started. Cabby #2 says, OK I'll take all of you, but I need permission from #1, huh? This could take awhile. So we await the outcome, I should have brought a cigar. Well the determination eventually paid off, and we are on our way back to the hotel, in one taxi. All in all, you couldn't ask for a more enjoyable evening. Great food and wine enjoyed with the best of company. Keep your glass half full, and your tips downhill, next season will arrive shortly.

~Larry Ortmann  
with Linda Riccardi contributing

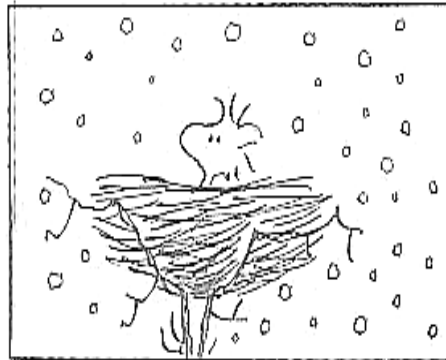
## Snow Flakes...

**Congratulations to Nicole Polk on her graduation from Millersville University.**

**GENUARDI TAPES WANTED: bring to the meeting for our support of the Tuberosus Sclerosis Alliance.**

**ALUMINUM BEVERAGE TABS WANTED: please save for our support of the Ronald McDonald House.**

### CLASSIC PEANUTS



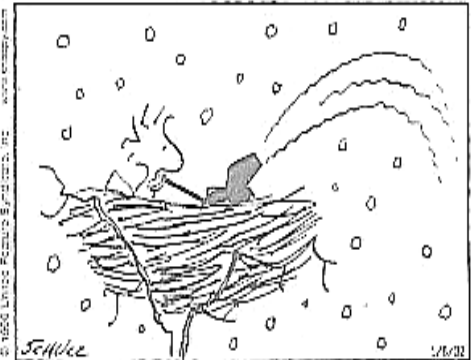
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\$100 Trip Giveaway

SUGARBUSH – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting  
KILLINGTON – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting  
SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting  
CANADA - Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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