



Lift Lines



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President

Although skiing is still more than three months away I'm sure most of us have conjured up in our minds the thought of cruising down our favorite trail freshly groomed, or floating through eight inches of powder, or skiing in the woods dodging moguls and trees. Soon the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club will make it all happen for you.

We have an exciting line up of ski trips for the 2003-04 season. First at Winter Break: Big Sky, Montana, slopeside accommodations. We have never been there before. For those interested we will take a day trip into Yellowstone National Park. Then, a return to Tignes, France: led by Karl, scheduled for the middle of January. Next our four weekend trips to New England and our day trip to Elk. Finally to top off the season at Spring Break: a week at Vail, Colorado. Don't miss out. See trip page for details.

I knew if we kept eating we would gain national notoriety. The National Ski Club Newsletter which has six publications a year has recognized our slogan "No Meeting Without Eating." Under club ideas we were listed first for ways to make your club more successful.

Which leads us to another issue - revenue. I've been scoffed, scorned, and scolded by our treasurer who

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Our 35th Year

Go Take A Hike!



Join the club for a hike in the Poconos on Saturday, October 4th (rain date is Sunday, October 5th). Barbara Zurlo is planning a hike near Camelback. 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.

6th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally



Make plans to join us at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 11th (rain date is Sunday October 12th) for our 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

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2003/2004 Club Meetings

September 17th

Pizza & Beer Night

October 1st

Better Wine & Good Cheese Night

October 22nd

Death by Chocolate Night

November 5th

Hoagie Night

November 19th

Fondue Night

December 3rd

Meatball Sandwich Night

December 17th

Holiday Cookie Night

January 7th

Pizza & Beer Night

January 21st

Better Junk Food Night

February 4th

Italian Sausage Night

February 18th

Wings & Dips Night

March 3rd

Seafood Night

March 17th

St. Patty's Dessert 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!

2004 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from 700 New Rodgers Rd. in Levittown 19056 at the Middletown Township Bldg., former police bldg.. (directions and map on the web site). Prices include lift tickets, transportation on a lavatory equipped bus, videos and refreshments on the bus, driver's tip, lodging, meals, and a box dinner on the return trip home. Friday departure times for weekend trips vary: **Okemo 5:00 pm, Sugarbush 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Killington 4:30 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.

OKEMO, VERMONT AND (SUNAPEE, NH OR ASCUTNEY, VT)	January 16 - 18
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\$308 Double \$278 Triple \$274 Quad

Ski 2 days. Staying in Springfield, VT minutes off I-91 at Vermont's historic inn & observatory. The *Harness House* was originally the home of James Hartness, inventor, astronomer and Governor of Vermont in 1920. We will be in the newer wing but enjoy dining in the Victorian atmosphere of the original house. The chef will prepare one dinner and two breakfast buffets for us.

Saturday we will ski at Sunapee or Ascutney (Decision will be made in January based on current conditions.) Sunday we will ski at Okemo. A \$150 deposit per person holds your reservation.

SUGARBUSH, VERMONT	January 30 - February 1
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\$390 Double

Ski 2 days. This "walk to the lifts" location continues to be a hit! Three bedroom *Castlerock Condo*, one bedroom *Village Gate* studio or two bedroom *Mountainside Condo*. 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). Condos will be stocked with breakfast food this year. Dinner will be down in the town at the *Waitsfield Inn* for a hearty French country dinner. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA	February 6
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\$60 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. 7 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE	February 13 - 16
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\$410 Double \$403 Triple \$393 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 15th 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 five dinner entrees. Indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. A \$200 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

KILLINGTON, VERMONT	March 19 - 21
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\$388 Double \$352 Triple \$334 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* which we tried and loved last year. 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.

BIG SKY, MONTANA **December 26 - January 2**

\$1,259 Per Person 4 days Big Sky lift, 1 day Bridger Bowl lift, 1 day Yellowstone \$316

Sitting slopeside at the base of the ski area, our spacious four bedroom plus loft *Beaverhead Condominiums* with private hot tubs are at the edge of the Mountain Village and also on the free shuttle route. From the famed Lone Peak Tram to the four passenger gondola to the high speed quads there is terrain and adventure available for everyone on 3500 acres across two majestic mountains. Rental vans will give us the freedom to go to Bridger Bowl (1500 acres), Moonlight Basin (new adjoining area this season) or to Yellowstone National Park in chartered Snowcoaches or to the Museum of the Rockies dinosaur exhibit. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$98 insurance.

TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE **January 16 - 25**

\$2,023 Single \$1,733 Double \$1,688 Triple

Our 7th 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*. 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 historic and gastronomic city of Lyon. \$350 deposit due now to hold your reservation.

VAIL, COLORADO **April 8 - 16**

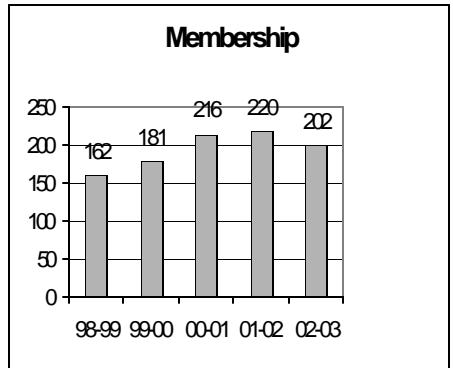
\$935 Per Person 5 day lift ticket \$145, 6 day \$174, 7 day \$200

The Easter trip is back!. Eight nights at the Vail Racquet Club Townhome Resort in scenic East Vail.. Bighorn Bistro restaurant, fitness center, outdoor pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, racquetball and squash courts. Located 4 miles from the slopes With the intra-resort bus system, it is easy to come and go as you please.. Rated as one of the top ski areas in North America, Vail (5,000 acres)has earned the premier designation for terrain, snow conditions and challenge. The ultimate ski town Vail Village features more than 250 shops and 100 restaurants and bars. Beaver Creek (1600 acres)is close by and should not be missed. We will also have mini-vans for our convenience and for side trips. \$300 deposit to hold your reservation and (airline seats into Eagle-Vail first come first served). \$85 insurance.

Membership

No one can remember the last time our dues increased. We are eating a little over budget so we need a \$5 increase. New rates will be in effect at the September 17th meeting. (If you have not already sent your renewal dues for 2003-04, you can still mail them before the September 17th meeting.)

Renewal Rates: \$20.00 single
 \$30.00 family
 New Member Rates: \$25.00 single
 \$40.00 family



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 21st. Let us know on 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.

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Officers for the 2003-2004 Season

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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 2002-2003 ski season was another successful year for the Club. Our income almost matched our expenses for the year. 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 some financial highlights from the past season. Total funds received for last season were approximately \$191,200, while expenses incurred were about \$191,600. As would be expected, our biggest income and expense items were the ski trips (we're not here just to eat). Trip income was just over \$181,800 and expenses were about \$179,900. Other Club income is derived from membership dues and 50-50 money that was approximately \$3,300. Other Club expenses include bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter, meetings and other miscellaneous expenses. These expenses were approximately \$5,600. Naturally, the newsletter and meetings are the biggest expenses and rightfully so, this is how we communicate and have fun when we are not skiing. Unfortunately, the Club's bottom line shows a loss (we don't do Enron accounting) of approximately \$400 for the entire season. Let's take note that, with the amount of money that flows through the Club account, the Budget Committee is doing an outstanding job (thanks Maureen!!).

The Club currently has approximately \$14,000 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!! Please call ahead for an appointment.

~Vern Shaw
Treasurer

Wine Festival



Raise your glass to the Chester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CCSPCA) during the animal welfare organization's 12th Annual Wine Festival on Sunday, October 12, at the historic Dilworthtown Inn, 1390 Old Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA. Proceeds from the outdoor fall event benefit CCSPCA programs and services.

This year's event, which will be held from noon to 4 p.m. with more than 100 selections of fine wine, gourmet food prepared by the Dilworthtown Inn and live entertainment. Other features include a Galleria of specialty shops (under tents in case of rain), door prizes and a silent auction.

The CCSPCA in West Chester is a private, non-profit animal welfare organization that offers a variety of programs and services to the community including pet adoption programs, emergency animal ambulance services, animal cruelty investigations, pet visitation programs and animal lost-and-found services.

Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 the day of the event. To reserve tickets, call 610-692-6113, ext. 222, or purchase tickets online at www.ccspca.org. Major credit cards will be accepted. For directions to the festival:

www.dilworthtowninn.com/.

Ski Club Appreciation Night at Langhorne

Head over to Langhorne Ski Shop on Saturday, November 8th from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Members get at least a 10% discount on merchandise, including sale items. Ski tune-ups will be discounted at \$24.95. Enjoy wine and cheese, socializing, and entertainment with an upbeat fashion show that starts at 8:00 pm.

A Day at the Beach



In August the Bucks Mount Ski Club traded their skis and ski clothes for bathing suits and beach chairs and gathered in Wildwood Crest for the annual day at the beach. Cathy and Bill Rees graciously offered their home (undergoing renovation over the years and now with a beautiful custom kitchen) for the day as a place to change and eat.

The day started out cloudy with the look of serious rain heading in our direction. Undaunted, we went to the beach, set up our beach chairs (no beach umbrellas needed) and got comfortable. In spite of a few drops of rain, we stayed on the beach, ate our lunch and generally relaxed. The younger kids (and a few big ones too) played in the sand and cold water.

Later, back at the house, dinner was served: steamed clams, shrimp, ribs, chicken and hot dogs for the kids. At about the time we were eating dessert, the rain began in earnest. We moved inside for cover. Although it was not the best weather, we had a great time with good friends and good food.

~Judy Lott

Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Titans take on Atlantic City on Friday, November 21st at the Sovereign Bank Arena at Mercer County, South Broad and Hamilton Avenues, Trenton. 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. See Karl Flesch (215) 493-0676 to reserve your seat.

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. Last year we sold 95 tickets for a value of \$1,928. The tickets are for weekdays (they can be upgraded for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 2003/2004 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 3^d meeting. Unused tickets are refundable at the end of the season.

Death March

This past ski season was an overwhelming success in terms of trip support and new Death March Pin recipients. In all thirty-three pins were awarded to skiers and non-skiers alike, ages 7 to 83. Non-skiers include Frank Sellers, our bartender, Pat Trovato, our travel agent, and Henry Lovett, our local fireman and anti-death march leader.

As you know points are awarded when your pin is visible in the presence of the Death March Leader.. Pin holders had a chance to earn big points this summer at club events, but sadly only a few took advantage. Points can be awarded if you come to the DML's house for some reason or see the DML in the mall. Make this pin a fashion statement!! Wearing the pin in unusual places can earn big rewards. See web site for current totals. Points will be redeemable for lift tickets, once you reach a certain number.

Pool Party

It was an eating fest! The steaks succulent, the shrimp firm and delicious, the steamers *sweet*. Wayne shopped 'til he dropped to be sure we would eat well and Joe Linus grilled 'til we were filled. The weather was excellent, the water was warm and about fifty satisfied picnic goers talked about plans for the 2004 ski tips. Thanks Vern and Mary for hosting us again. You're the *best!*

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Message from Wayne*

actually attended a planning meeting. By his demeanor I knew that we were in for a long lecture on fiscal responsibility. We have reached the point where we are out eating our income. Therefore it was duly agreed upon by the officers that we should raise the annual dues. As President I tried to sell the idea of spending less on food but they just laughed at me. So as of September the new rates go into effect. See section on Membership.

Our weekend trips will again depart from the Middletown Township Building on Route 413, just off I-95 and Route 1. We have found this location to be convenient due to its proximity to main routes. So get there early for good seats, but you won't find Dick and Neilan Hagen there ahead of you this year.

We have some sad and happy news to report. Dick and Neilan are returning to the Houston, Texas area to be able to spend more time with their family. They have been members and great trip supporters since the early 90's. We will greatly miss their contributions to Bucks Mount – especially Dick's humor and teasing.

Club Discount Day at Endurance Sports

Endurance Sports is offering our ski club a 10 percent discount off everything in the store on Thursday, October 23rd. They will also be offering us wine and cheese that day from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. For you early birds, the store

Hopefully he'll find that bag of yellow M & M's in Texas. The happy news is we might see them in Big Sky. Thanks for all your support.

Our e-mail system has had great results this past year. Please include your e-mail address on your membership form and keep it up to date. We will periodically send out short updates on meetings. If something happens where we need to contact everyone quickly this method is very effective.

Our bartender, Frank Sellers, is once again returning to serve up your favorite beverage. He was holding out for bigger bucks and better food but I convinced him we would do our best to make his return a pleasant one. Besides, his best customers, the Anti-Death March Group, need him.

We have a great line up of pre-season activities: hiking, biking, winning, hockey and a Holiday party. Our trips look to be interesting and popular with lots of fresh snow and good friends.

See you at the meetings and on the slopes!

~Wayne

will open at 10:00 am. In addition, that night the store is offering half-price ski tune up including binding function (regularly \$45) and snowboard tune up (regularly \$40).

Trenton Thunder-ous Game

On June 12, twenty-nine club members watched the Trenton Thunder defeat the New Haven Ravens (4-0) at Trenton's Waterfront Park. Our annual outing was greeted by a little "thunder" in the sixth inning, but by then we had consumed the all-you-could-eat buffet and were relaxing on our free seat cushions

under our private canopy.

Will Longworth participated in the "first pitch". We were visited by Chase the golden retriever, the Thunder's latest addition to the roster. A fun time was had by all!

~Clare Longworth

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Bike Ride

are opened. 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.

Photo Contest

New event this year. A photo contest will be conducted. Go through your favorite club outing photos. Bring one or two in to put on the contest bulletin board at meetings. We are looking for the unusual, fun or awe inspiring. Put your name on the back of your entry. Vern Shaw has volunteered to be an impartial judge. Top prize will be a lift ticket for one of your trips.

Holiday Party



Volunteer Needed

Party House. Are you up for a Holiday Party at your house? We are looking for a location for Saturday, December 13 (tentative date). The Club will make arrangements for food and drinks. RSVP: Maureen (215) 624-7751.

Annual Banquet

This year's feast was held at the *Washington's Crossing Inn*. We had our own room which made it pleasant. The food was great. Thanks Judy for arranging our annual affair.

Snow Flakes...

Wedding Congratulations:

Kim Kaiser & Bill Craven
Bettina Rommel & Franz Liebler (in Germany)
Heather Corley & Jeff Cahill

Baby Congratulations:

Gwyn & Tom Linus

College Graduation Congratulations:

Rachel MacMath—University of Vermont
Amanda Lewin—Temple University

Don't know what to do with your ski poles in the summer? Ask Judy Lott— she uses them to stake her tomatoes!

For Sale, Snow Shovel, barely used except for last winter. Contact Dick or Neilan Haggan in Texas

Rooms for Let, see Wayne or Maureen MacMath.

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\$100 Trip Giveaway

DRAWINGS:

OKEMO— Nov. 19th meeting
SUGARBUSH— Dec. 3rd meeting
SUNDAY RIVER— Jan. 7th meeting
KILLINGTON— Jan. 21st 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. 7th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 21st meeting.

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