



Lift Lines



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President

a recent yearly visit to the doctor I was informed of my current health. Most of my blood test numbers were within the limits, however, the doctor was not happy with my weight. He said, "I want you to lose 30 lbs.", which caused me to choke on my cheesesteak. That seemed excessive but I know that I should lose some weight. I know everyone isn't overweight but I thought there were probably others in the club who share my plight.

Being a Physical Education teacher I know I should not only be able to touch my toes, but actually see them when I look down. It's not quite that bad, but I need to change some eating habits, plus increase the amount of exercise performed. Therefore as DML, I will attempt to set an example and lose some weight, so I can ski in comfort. I'm sure there are others who feel the same as I do, so I'm setting a goal of 500 lbs. for the club. Those who wish to participate can tell me or they can remain anonymous. Either way I would like the results by Christmas for the newsletter. No names, just e-mail the club or tell me, and we will keep a running total. **Good luck to all participants!**

O yeah, the trips. What a line up! We are going to France in January, Colorado twice, Steamboat and Aspen, Elk in February (full), Okemo, Mt.Sunapee, Stowe, Sunday River, Attitash, Mt.Orford, Mt.Sutton and Jay Peak. Come and join the fun.

For Aspen and Steamboat we are staying right next to the gondola, in walking distance. This is unfortunate for Death March candidates, who will have to take a bus 2 blocks away first, then walk to the gondola.

This promises to be a snow filled season with fluffy powder every ski day, no rain, no ice, no lift lines, sunshine and 25°. Can't wait for winter and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting.

THINK SNOW!
Wayne



Our 36th Year

Go Take A Hike!



Join the club for a hike from the Pocono Environmental Ed Center (www.peec.org/prog/trails.html) on Saturday, October 2nd (rain date is Sunday, October 3rd). 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.

7th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally



Make plans to join us at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 16th (rain date is Sunday October 17th) 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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2004/2005 Club Meetings

September 22nd
Pizza & Beer Night

October 6th
Wine & Cheese Night

October 20th
Death by Chocolate Night

November 3rd
Hoagie Night

November 17th
Fondue Night

December 1st
Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut

December 15th
Holiday Cookie Night

January 5th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 19th
Stromboli Night

February 2nd
Italian Sausage Night

February 16th
Wings & Dips Night

March 2nd
Seafood Night

March 16th
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!

2005 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 4:30 pm, Stowe 4:30 pm, Sunday River 4:00 pm and Mt. Orford/Mt. Sutton/Jay Peak 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 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 MOUNT SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE	January 14 - 16.
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\$324 Double \$294 Triple \$290 Quad

Ski 2 days. Going back to Vermont's historic inn and observatory, the *Hartness House*, the home of the governor of Vermont in 1920. We will be served 2 buffet breakfasts and a buffet dinner in the Victorian dining room and maybe take a tour of the house or the underground museum. The bar and sitting areas will be open for us to enjoy. The Mueller family who owns both areas is respected for their state of the art snowmaking and grooming. The plan is to ski Mount Sunapee Saturday and Okemo Sunday. A \$150 deposit per person holds your reservation.

STOWE, VERMONT	January 28 - 30
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\$346 Double \$336 Triple \$322 Quad

Ski 2 days. No two trails are alike at Stowe. Ski all 48 and you can earn a pin and membership into the exclusive Club 48. Three minutes from the slopes, the *Mountaineer Inn* features the hospitality of the traditional Vermont country inn. Relax in the 20 person hot tub, the indoor pool, the fireside lounge. We have arranged for 2 full breakfasts and a buffet style dinner. \$150 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA	February 4
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\$66 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. 5 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and ATTITASH, NEW HAMPSHIRE	February 18 - 21
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\$434 Double \$428 Triple \$418 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 16th year. Take it a little easier the last day at Attitash Mountain and try the cruisers on Bear Mountain. 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.

MT. ORFORD and MT. SUTTON, CANADA and JAY PEAK, VERMONT	March 10 - 13
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\$384 Double \$368 Triple \$354 Quad

Ski 3 days. Cross the border into the Eastern Townships of Quebec. *Auberge Estrimont* will offer us first class hospitality and a great price. We have included 2 dinners and 3 breakfasts. Lounge by the fireplace and bar or try the indoor/outdoor heated pool and whirlpool. For skiing we will travel to Mount Sutton for the first day, then shuttle the 5 minutes over to Mount Orford on day two. We will depart the hotel and cross the border to Jay Peak for the last day. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

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

\$1,250 Per Person \$306 - 6 day adult lift ticket

Steamboat's location in the Rocky Mountains of Northwest Colorado is an ideal setting for the New Year's Holiday. It has a reputation for light champagne powder and uncrowded spaces. We loved it so much two years ago that we decided to return. Let's have a repeat.

Located just across the street from the Silver Queen Gondola and ski area base, our mostly 4 bedroom/4 bath condos in *The Phoenix* have an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs. Camaraderie in our large units is sure to make your vacation fun and give everyone someone to ski with. Steamboat has almost 3,000 acres served by 22 lifts, including the 8 passenger gondola. The authentic western town is 3 miles away (shuttle served) for *more* shopping and *more* restaurants. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$105 insurance.

TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE **January 14 - 22**

\$2,054 Single \$1,897 Double \$1,810 Triple

Our 8th 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. \$350 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance: \$134 single, \$124 double and \$124 triple.

ASPEN, COLORADO **March 24 - April 1**

\$1,089 Per Person 6 day lift ticket \$186, 7 day \$217

Eight nights and seven possible skiing days. Springtime in the heart of Aspen. Come see why this small town has a world famous reputation. Experience the ambience and culture of a historic town with scenery that thrills.

Four distinct mountains within a 12 mile radius, over 4900 acres, Aspen Mt., Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass. Resort skier shuttle between the four mountains is complementary during ski hours with a small fare at night. They even have a ski check concierge service so you can have your skis delivered to the mountain you are skiing the next day.

The Aspen Mountain Collection-Durant Condominiums have the perfect location. You can easily walk to the gondola, the transportation center and all the bars, clubs, restaurants and shops. Free buses also operate within the city of Aspen. \$400 to confirm reservation. Insurance \$95.

Officers for the 2004-2005 Season

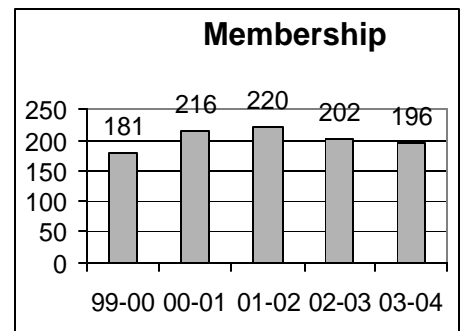
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Membership

New member rates will be in effect at the September 22nd meeting. (If you have not already sent your renewal dues for the 2004-05 ski season, you can still mail them before the September 22nd meeting.)

Renewal Rates: \$20.00 single
 \$35.00 family
 New Member Rates \$25.00 single
 (after Sept. 21st) \$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 19th. 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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Treasurer's Report

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

The 2003-2004 ski season was a financially successful year for the Club. After last year's small loss, our income this year exceeded our expenses. The net gain was small but 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. This is something that our Trip Director works very hard to accomplish. Thank you Maureen!!

Here are some financial highlights from the past season. All funds received for last season were approximately \$192,100, while expenses incurred were about \$191,600. As would be expected, our biggest income and expense items were the ski trips. Trip income was just over \$183,500 and expenses were about \$180,700. Other Club income that is derived from membership dues and 50-50 money was approximately \$3,400. 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 because this is how we communicate and have fun (or should I say eat) when we are not skiing. The good news is the small net gain from the ski trips was able to absorb the net loss from our non-trip expenses and provide the Club with a modest net gain of approximately \$600.

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. Bring your own No-Doze!! Please call ahead for an appointment.

~Vern Shaw
Treasurer

Club Discount Day at Endurance Sports

Endurance Sports is offering our ski club a 10 percent discount off everything in the store on Tuesday, October 12th. 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 will open at 10:00 am. The store is offering half-price ski tune up including binding function test (regularly \$45) and snowboard tune up (regularly \$40). New this year: purchase \$250-\$499 (counted at regular price) merchandise (services not included) and get a 2 night hotel stay coupon, purchase \$500 or more and get a 7 night hotel stay coupon.

Trenton Thunderous Game

On June 10th, thirty-one club members watched the Trenton Thunder defeat the New Hampshire Fisher Cats at Trenton's Waterfront Park. Our annual outing was a bit wet once again, but spirits were not dampened. We enjoyed the all-you-can-eat buffet under the canopy on our free seat cushions.

Robbie Kimes participated in the "first pitch". Chase and Boomer stopped by for some photo opportunities. Thanks to all who supported this thunder-ous event.

~Clare Longworth

Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Titans take on Dayton Bombers on Friday, November 12th at the Sovereign Bank Arena at Mercer County, South Broad and Hamilton Avenues, Trenton. Game time is 7:30 pm. Seating is in the End Club, where you get to see the Titans attack twice. The cost is \$15.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children 14 and under. See Bill Rittler (215) 788-3276 to reserve your seat.

Wine Festival



Raise your glass to the Chester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CCSPCA) during the animal welfare organization's 13th Annual Wine Festival on Sunday, October 10th, 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.

Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 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/.

EPSC Winterfest

Wayne has 10 ADVANCE sale tickets for \$22 per person (\$28 night of event). Live & silent auction, door prizes. Held at *Williamson's Restaurant* in Horsham. Ticket includes 2 drinks, hors d'oeuvres & music. If you have any goods or services to donate, EPSC would help arrange pick-up or drop-off. It will be held on Friday, November 12th.

Fashion Show/Ski Club Appreciation Night at Langhorne Ski Shop

Employees of Langhorne Ski Shop will be putting on an upbeat fashion show for the enjoyment of local clubs on Saturday, November 6th. Enjoy wine, cheese, socializing and entertainment. Show usually starts about 8:00pm. Party is from 6:30pm until 10:00 pm. Club members will get 20% off new and 10% off already discounted merchandise. Ski tune-ups are discounted at \$24.95.

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 had over \$2,000 worth of tickets available at the meetings. The tickets are for weekdays (they can be upgraded for weekends at the ticket window) and are good for the 2004/2005 ski season. Bill Rittler (215) 788-3276 will have a supply of tickets at our meetings. We recommend that you plan your order for the season and give it to Bill early. We will try to have the tickets by the December F^t meeting. Unused tickets are refundable at the end of the season.

Death March



Many come but few are chosen! There are pretenders and there are contenders. Which are you? The only way to become a better skier is to challenge yourself. Cruising a groomed blue is a great ego-booster, but how will you and your skis react to ice, hardpack, powder, trees, moguls, tree stumps, grass, rocks, or any combination of the above. Can you adjust to changing terrain and conditions? What will be your epitaph? What will it say on your tombstone? **Little Girlie Man Skier or Kick Ass and Take Names Later Skier?**

This past season we had 16 new DMP winners who decided what their epitaph would be. What a great bunch of skiers! I had so much fun this year leading the group.

More pins have been ordered. Prizes for pin points are being awarded this year. Some DMP winners have earned enough points for lift tickets. So wear your pin proudly. Every time your pin is visible it is recorded on the points list. See our web site.

New Clothing Line

Bring your checkbook, cash also accepted, for the new clothing line introduced this year by (not DKNY, but...) EPB and Chuck Dior. We have in stock for private consumption or holiday presents, are you ready? Zippered hoodies, with the ski club logo, to keep you warm while working outside in the yard or shopping in Steamboat or Aspen. In addition to this we are featuring *boxers* (not briefs) to help entice your partner into taking off his/her hoodie.

These will be hot articles in the sports store so visit EPB & Chuck Dior at the meeting. Or call ahead to make sure you don't miss out.

Pool Party

Despite the dire predictions of the weather channel for rain and below average temperatures, the annual pool party was held on the scheduled day. Although it was not sunny and warm, we had a wonderful time, as the rain passed us by. Our hosts, Vern and Mary, however, were not present as they were summoned to a wedding in Brooklyn, NY. Not to worry, the house was left in the capable paws of Albert. However he was not impressed with us and only came out to visit everyone when I coaxed him from his cushy air-conditioned bedroom.

As usual we (35 people) consumed large amounts of food and drink, including shrimp, clams, steaks, burgers, dogs and an array of other tasty treats brought by our ski club chefs. Thanks to Joe Linus and Wayne for showing their grilling talents. A special thanks to Phil Grisi for coming early to help set up tables, chairs and drinks. Another thanks to everyone who helped clean up, wash dishes and put the house back in order.

Many people renewed their membership and were informed of the upcoming trips for 2005. Deposits were taken for the Steamboat trip between Christmas and New Year's.

Again thank you Vern and Mary for allowing us to have our picnic.

Retirement

This subject has been on my mind for years. At work more of my friends leave me each year. What would I do with all that time? Ski more, golf more, oh well only a distant dream retirement. Not an option at this point.

Retire from the ski club – can't, we just had another election. After everyone finished counting the hanging chads, the officers were re-elected for another year.

Retiring from the ski club – not an option for me. Where else can someone be cheered, booed, derided, ignored, upstaged by children, argued with by his wife, and heckled all in less than an hour, and still be surrounded by wonderful people and great friends. Thanks for your support over the years, it is still a lot of fun, you all "Make My Day."

However other people can retire from various positions they hold. This year our greatest

Planning Meeting

In August we had our annual planning meeting attended by twelve of our most devoted members. They perform a marvelous service for our membership giving freely of their time. Of course serving pizza, cheesesteaks, beer and wine do help make the meeting more fun.

As always, "There Will Be No Meeting without Eating." Each meeting will provide a unique dining experience. See meeting schedule for food featured.

We are actively pursuing new restaurants for our banquet and Chinese or Italian or Moroccan night. Have any ideas?

If you would like to trust us in your home around Christmas time (December 11?), let us know. We are seeking a house to have our annual Holiday Party. The Club will make arrangements for food and drink. R.S.V.P. Maureen at (215) 624-7751.

We have scheduled the Hike in the Pocos with Barb and the Bike Poker Rally with Joe and Lyn. Come out and join the fun.

Fiscal responsibility is always on our minds. **We have updated our mailing list and have an option for e-mail only and not snail mail.** Let us know at BM_SKICLUB@YAHOO.COM

asset will be missing from behind the bar. Frank Sellers has decided to hang up his bottle opener and call it a career.

Frank has been behind the bar for almost 20 years. Each week he would arrive early to organize his area behind the bar, getting ice and bottled beer ready for our arrival. Always friendly, everyone liked to hang out at the bar and talk to Frank. He even earned a Death March Pin for putting up with all the Anti-Death March people.

Thanks for all you have done for the club, you are a true friend and will be dearly missed. On behalf of everyone...THANK YOU!

~Wayne MacMath

P.S. Frank promises to stop by to say hello.

Look Out For Texans



The Official Skiing Hazards Identification Team (O.S.H.I.T) met last spring to develop safety initiatives. Mottos suggested to increase beginner awareness are: "Are you boots on the right feet, If in doubt fall and There aren't any snow snakes here."—the team also recommended a new freestyle terrain symbol. The proposed orange circle would join the family of black diamonds, blue squares and green circles, and serve to warn skiers and riders of downslope halfpipes, parks and jibs. Since Dick and Neilan Hagan, along with their granddaughter Crystal will be on the trails with us in Steamboat, Colorado over the New Year's break, we should all become familiar with the new "Look out for Texans" sign!

2004 Events

October 2

Hike

October 10

Wine Festival

October 12

Club Discount Day at Endurance Sports

October 16

Bike Ride/Poker Rally

November 6

Fashion Show/Ski Club
Appreciation Night at Langhorne Ski Shop

November 12

Titans Hockey Game
ESPC Winterfest Auction

December 11

Holiday Party

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Calendar2005.pdf](http://www.bucksmountskiclub.org/Calendar2005.pdf)

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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.

Photo Contest

The winner is John Lewin! Our 1st annual photo contest winner was selected by vote at the pool party. The composition and subject of his "King of Corks" captured the attention of the committee. See: http://www.bucksmountskiclub.org/Photo_Contest_2004/index.html As some of us know, he has been collecting wine corks for years to make something (which we've never seen). John will not have to pay for his lift ticket on his next Club trip. His prize was a ski ticket on us. Now that you see the idea...no limits. Think about entering the contest this year so we can enjoy each other's photography. Bring pictures to the meeting and they will be pasted to the black display board.

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\$100 Trip Giveaway

DRAWINGS:

OKEMO – Nov. 17th meeting

STOWE – Dec. 1st meeting

SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 5th meeting

CANADA – Jan. 17th 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. 5th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 19th meeting.

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