



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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Wayne C. MacMath

President

Another summer has come and gone but not without national implications. Our country has suffered a severe blow, but what makes us unique is our resolve to rebound from virtually any tragedy. Say a prayer for those grief stricken people. The Club sent a \$100 donation to the Red Cross. Send a donation yourself, if possible.

Frank, our long time bartender, retired as of last year, but he will be at the first meeting to say "hi" and introduce our new bartender, Bill Stout. Please welcome him behind the bar.

Our great trip director has cooked up a fantastic line up of trips for the upcoming ski season, including two new destinations for our Western trips. The week trips include: Crested Butte at Christmas; Tignes, France in January; and Sunshine/Lake Louise staying in Banff at Easter. In February we have our day trip to Elk, using two buses this year. The weekend trips include: Okemo/Sunapee for MLK weekend (Hopefully we will go in the right direction this year, my bad.), Stowe/Sugarbush the weekend before Super Bowl, Sunday River/Attitash on President's weekend and Eastern Canada in March.

Some new information for you to consider if you are thinking about going to Canada, France, or Colorado:

First, reserve your airport parking space ahead of time, as last year many lots were full. Second, consider beginning the process to get a passport now if you don't already have one or if yours is expiring in the next 6 months.

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Our 37th Year

Go Take A Hike!



Join the club for a visit to the Lakota Wolf Preserve (www.lakotawolf.com) on Saturday, October 1st. We have a 10:30 reservation for a tour

and hike at the preserve. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. After the hike, hot dogs, salad, etc. along with wine, beer and cheese will be provided at the campsites of Jim & Lisa

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8th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally



Make plans to join us at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 22nd 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 partici-

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2005/2006 Club Meetings

September 21st

Pizza & Beer Night

October 5th

Wine & Cheese Night

October 19th

Death by Chocolate Night

November 2nd

Hoagie Night

November 16th

Fondue Night

November 30th

Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut

December 14th

Holiday Cookie Night

January 4th

Pizza & Beer Night

January 18th

Stromboli Night

February 1st

Italian Sausage Night

February 15th

Wings & Dips Night

March 1st

Seafood Night

March 15th

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!

2006 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 13 - 15

\$338 Double \$308 Triple \$302 Quad

Ski 2 days. Going back for the third time to the lovely *Hartness House*, Vermont's historic inn and observatory, the home of the governor of Vermont in 1920. We will be served a buffet dinner and 2 buffet breakfasts in the Victorian dining room. Tours have been requested of the underground museum. The common areas of the mansion will be lavishly decorated for the winter holidays. We enjoyed Mt. Sunapee last time, so we will split the trip again to two areas. Mount Sunapee Saturday and Okemo Sunday. A \$150 deposit per person holds your reservation.

STOWE and SUGARBUSH, VERMONT

January 27 - 29

\$357 Double \$347 Triple \$333 Quad

Ski 2 days. A new twist this year. We will drive down to the expansive Sugarbush ski area on Saturday. Sunday we will ski three minutes away at Stowe. *The Mountaineer Inn* proved to be most enjoyable last year so we are returning. 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 3

\$70 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. 4 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and ATTITASH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 17 - 20

\$458 Double \$450 Triple \$438 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 17th year. Last year we had a 10" snowstorm at Attitash on our last day, so we are going to head back and hope for the same luck. 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 9 - 12

\$400 Double \$385 Triple \$370 Quad

Ski 3 days. We are repeating this trip because we have always had such great conditions. Cross the border into the Eastern Provinces of Quebec. *Auberge Estrimont* will offer us first class hospitality. 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.

CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO**December 26 - January 2****\$1,262 Per Person \$349 - 6 day adult lift ticket**

Ideally located to catch great ski conditions, the mountain stands where Colorado's best weather patterns hit head-on. Big, open and uncrowded, Crested Butte boasts a vertical drop of 2,700' served by 15 lifts. From gentle slopes to gnarly extremes, each person can find the right degree of comfort or challenge. Spend New Year's Holiday in the charming Victorian town, 3 miles away: "A quaint little drinking town with a skiing problem." They claim more restaurants per capita than any other town in the U.S. Our spacious three or four bedroom condos in the Chateaux face the ski area 600 yards down the hill. Relax after skiing in the outdoor heated pool or hot tub. Complimentary public transportation is available throughout the area. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$86 insurance.

TIGNES/VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE**January 13 - 21****\$1,906 Single \$1,738 Double \$1,645 Triple**

Our 9th 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 (lift ticket \$259 extra) 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: \$94.

BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA**April 13 - 21****\$1,385 Per Person 6 day lift ticket INCLUDED**

Eight nights and seven days to ski and go sightseeing. Come and experience the dramatic scenery of the Canadian Rockies at this amazing price. Our flights are from Philadelphia to Calgary, connecting through Denver. We have the option of using our mini vans or the town shuttles to go to the ski areas. We will ski Sunshine Village (3,800 acres/107 named runs) and Lake Louise (4,200 acres/113 runs). The modern Hidden Ridge Resort features a large outdoor hot tub and a covered barbeque area. You can take a stroll along one of the hiking trails that start outside your door. Get brochures and plan a day of sightseeing using the included mini-vans to explore the Johnson Canyon, the Bow River Valley, Icefields Parkway or just drive up to the Fairmont Chateau for lunch over-looking the famous scenic Lake Louise. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. Insurance \$76.

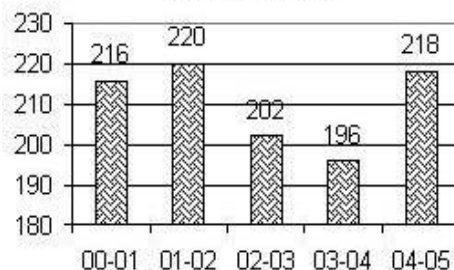
Membership

Don't wait until September 21st meeting. Mail your 2005-06 dues payment now. Get the early bird discount.

Early Discount for \$20.00 single
Renewals: \$35.00 family

Only Rates from \$25.00 single
September 21st on: \$40.00 family

Each new member gets a free Bucks Mount Ski Club pin. (Sorry, you have to earn the other one.)

Membership**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 18th. 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 2005-2006 Season

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Treasurer's Report

It's time to provide the Club with the yearly treasurer's report to keep you informed of our financial condition.

The 2004-2005 ski season was a financially successful year for the Club. Our income this year nearly matched our expenses. The net loss 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. I believe we have completed this goal. This is something that our Trip Director works very hard to accomplish. Once again we need to thank Maureen for her efforts!!

Here are some financial highlights from the past season. All funds received for last season were approximately \$213,500, while expenses incurred were about \$214,500. As would be expected, our biggest income and expense items were the ski trips. Trip income was just over \$202,000 and expenses were about \$198,200. Other Club income that is derived from membership dues and 50-50 money was approximately \$4,400. Other Club expenses include bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter, meetings and other miscellaneous expenses. These expenses were approximately \$7,200. We have other income and expense items that are intended to offset each other for the most part with some subsidy by the Club. 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 net gain from the ski trips was able to absorb almost all of the net loss from our non-trip expenses and left the Club with only a small net loss of approximately \$1,000.

The Club currently has approximately \$13,000 in its treasury. This money allows the Club to fund lodging and bus deposits prior to members signing up for trips.

As usual, the books are open for inspection. Please call ahead for an appointment do to the treasurer's travel schedule.

Vern Shaw
Treasurer

E-Mail Alert—We just updated the BMSC e-mail list. If you did not receive a reminder that this newsletter was ready, please let us know at bm_skiclub@yahoo.com

Club Discount Day at Endurance Sports

Endurance Sports is offering our ski club a 20 percent discount off non-sale items and an additional 10 percent discount off sale items in the store on Wednesday, October 26th. Half-price ski tune up including binding function test (regularly \$45) and snowboard tune up (regularly \$40). **50 percent off custom insoles.** They will 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.

Trenton Thunderous Game

June 24 was a warm, clear night as advertised. Our group of 47 club members and guests watched the Trenton Thunder defeat the Reading Phillies 7-3 at Waterfront Park.

Some members had a chance to show off their baseball skills. Jeffrey Murtha threw out the first pitch for our group. Julie Maholic caught a fly ball hit into the picnic area. As usual we enjoyed the picnic buffet, the beer and socializing with our ski club friends during the off-season.

~Clare Longworth

EPSC Winterfest

Wayne has 10 ADVANCE sale tickets for \$23 per person (\$29 night of event). Live and silent auction, door prizes and food! Held at *Williamson's Restaurant* in Horsham on Friday, November 11th.

The ticket includes 2 drinks, hors d'oeuvres and music. Last year we had two tables from BMSC and had great fun! The silent auction will be full of lift tickets and ski related items donated by shops and ski areas. Last year Bucks Mount donated a basket of fine wines and cheeses for auction. If you have any goods or services you could solicit or donate, the EPSC would appreciate the help. Check out their website.

Wine & Beer Festival



Raise your glass or lift your stein – to animals and animal welfare when a wine festival to benefit the shelter adds beer to the mix and moves to Dul-

ling-Kurtz House and Country Inn at 146 S. Whitford Road in Exton for the Chester County SPCA Wine and Beer Festival on Sunday, October 9.

This year's festival, which will be held from noon to 4 pm, includes more than 100 selections of fine wine, freshly brewed beers, live entertainment, specialty shops, and a silent auction. In addition, cuisine will be prepared by the Dulin-Kurtz House and Country Inn, which was named "Best Restaurant in Chester County" by Main Line Today magazine and received the AAA 4 Diamond Award for excellent cuisine, service and atmosphere in 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005! Much of the outdoor autumn event will be held under tents in case of rain, however the restaurant will also be open to guests of the festival.

Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 the day of the event. Pre registered groups of 10 or more people will receive a 20% discount off their total reservation. To reserve tickets, call (610) 692-6113, ext. 219 or reserve online at www.ccsPCA.org.

Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Titans take on Wheeling Nailers on Friday, November 18th 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 \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 14 and under. Contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244 to reserve your seat.

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 5th. Enjoy wine, cheese, socializing and entertainment. Show usually starts about 8:00pm. Party is from 6:30 pm 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.

Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club
The Last Great Colorado Ski Town
Crested Butte, Colorado
December 26, 2005 – January 2, 2006



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip airfare on United Airlines (Philadelphia to Gunnison)
- 7 nights lodging at the Chateaux Condominiums (8 per 4 Bedroom/3 Bath)*
- Ground transfers (Gunnison Regional Airport - 27 miles to condo)

OPTIONS:

- Discounted Lift tickets – \$349 – 6 days adult lift - \$296 – 5 of 7 days
- Travel Insurance: \$86 covers total package & lifts (Coverage is good for pre-existing conditions if purchased within 14 days of initial deposit.)

Crested Butte Mountain (skicb.com)

Chateaux (resortquestcrestedbutte.com Find Lodging by Name~Chateaux)

The Town of Crested Butte

Spend New Year's Eve in one of the most charming towns in the Rockies. With a mining history that dates back to the mid 1800s, Crested Butte's designation as a National Historic District provides guests a quaint, Victorian setting for restaurants and shopping along with lively nightlife. Steeped in history and salted with irreverence there is no place like Crested Butte. Ask people who visited what they like and words like "authentic", "genuine", and "real" will come up again and again.

Winter comes alive on Crested Butte Mountain with 2,775 vertical feet of world class skiing and snowboarding and some of the shortest lift lines in the state. The mountain is extraordinary, both for its soft cruising slopes and for extreme skiing. Skiing is diverse and well planned for all levels. It has long been a favorite with families. With almost half of its runs designated as beginner/intermediate, Crested Butte Mountain has something for every type of skier, no matter how adventurous. If you are up to sampling the legendary extreme terrain, check out the special Extreme Limits Ski Guide. Expert areas are lift served and include steep trees and bowls on either side of the mountain.

THE CHATEAUX IN MT. CRESTED BUTTE Walk 5 minutes down the hill or take the private shuttle to the hub of the modern mountain ski village base area. Enjoy the camaraderie of our four bedroom/3 bath condominiums. Prepare meals as you please in the fully equipped kitchen. Relax after skiing in the centrally located outdoor pool and hot tub. The free town bus system will get you to the historic town 3 miles away.

The mountain, with 1,073 skiable acres and 15 lifts, is ideally located to catch great ski conditions.

Top lift elevation is 11,875 ft. (12,162ft. if you care to hike) and base lift elevation is 9,375 ft..

Space is limited, **first come first served!**

Because of the holiday once the allotment is reached, add-ons are likely to be at a higher price.

Checks payable to:

BUCKS MOUNT SKI CLUB

For more information contact:

Maureen MacMath at 215-624-7751

Price per person:

Adult Price - **\$1262***
(based on 8 per 4 bedroom/ 3bath)

Child - \$625
(1 child per 2 paying adults in parents' room)

Payment schedule:

\$600 to confirm reservation (\$686 with insurance)
\$462 on or before 09/21/05
\$200 on or before 10/19/05
\$349 or \$296 Lift ticket by 11/02/05

*Other unit types are available. Price may vary.

Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

Ski the French Alps

Tignes and Val d'Isère January 13 - 21, 2006

\$1,906 Single*

\$1,738 Double*

\$1,645 Triple*

Tignes (Teen-yuh) is well situated (6,930 feet) in an austere white desert with mountains rising fairly steeply on all sides. Access to the town is via a 3½ hour bus ride, south from Lyon. The ascent to the town is breathtaking, a long tortuous road tacked to the valley wall. Accommodations (7 nights) are at the **Hôtel Village Montana** (☆☆☆). Conceived as an authentic mountain village, the hotel is actually a series of chalets, harmoniously linked to one another and built of local stone and rustic wood presenting an exceptional feeling of warmth and nobility. The sumptuous country-style room includes a master bedroom, sleeping alcove with savoyard-style enclosed bed, balcony, bathroom with hair dryer and towel warmer, separate WC, cable television, and direct dial telephone. After a day of skiing, soak up the warmth and relaxation of Club Relax, where you'll enjoy saunas, a steam room, Jacuzzi, high pressure showers, a swimming pool with counter-currents, massage, physiotherapy, and fitness room.

Highest Lift Elevation.....11,319
feet
Vertical Drop.....6,234
feet
Slope Difficulty.....15% green, 47% blue, 29% red, 9% black
Lifts.....97 (2 railway, 4 trams, 4 gondolas, 52 chairs, 35 surface)

The serious skier's mecca, the powder hound's delight, way above average for the intermediate, and more than just great for the beginner - these are **Tignes** (site of the 1992 Olympic mogul and freestyle competitions) and **Val d'Isère** (site of the 1992 Olympic downhill, giant slalom, and super G). The combined called **L'Espace Killy**, was named for the famous French skier, Jean-Claude Killy. The area is well networked, and lift lines are almost non-existent. The easier runs tend to be well groomed; most slopes are above tree line, often as wide as football fields and sometimes no steeper. It's simple enough to get a little practice in the powder or crud by slipping off into the large ungroomed mass of snow besides the runs. More adventurous intermediates can experience the thrill of off-piste (out of bounds) skiing without a guide on some of the more obvious accessible terrain. It's the accessible off-piste that draws raves from the experts around the globe. It is such a vast skiing space that many skiers never do find and experience all that's available to them. Spreading over 25,000 acres and 6 valleys, speeding from one end of the domain to the other takes about 3 hours, and that's using the shortest route!

Price includes:

- Round trip airfare on Air France from Philadelphia via Paris, France to Lyon, France.
- Round trip bus transfers between Lyon airport and hotel.
- 7 Nights (1/14-20) lodging in Tignes at Hôtel Village Montana, including 6 buffet breakfasts, 6 dinners, hotel tax & gratuity.

Payment Schedule (make checks payable to: **BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**):

\$350 due with reservation

\$350 due 10/08/05

Final payment due 11/19/05

Cancellation Fees: See trip contract.

Trip Insurance (see contract) cost: **\$94 payable to BMSSC. Note: for Pre-Existing condition coverage, insurance must be taken within 14 days of initial deposit.**

** The above prices are based on 12 paying participants and will be adjusted accordingly for less. Land package is based on exchange rate of 1 USD = .75-.77 EMU. A currency adjustment will be made prior to final payment due date based on currency fluctuation. Airline Departure Security Tax (\$158) is approximated and included in price, however it is subject to change until time of ticketing. Six day lift ticket (without carre neige ski insurance is \$259).*

For more information contact: Karl Flesch (215) 493-0676 or Maureen MacMath (215) 624-7751 or the Club's web site at www.bucksmountskiclub.org

Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club
The Canadian Rockies
Banff, Alberta, Canada
April 13 – 21, 2006



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip airfare on United Airlines (Philadelphia to Calgary International Airport)
- **8 nights** lodging at *Hidden Ridge Resort* (6 per 2 bedroom w/loft condo / 2 bath)
- Rental vehicles (5 per mini-van, gas and taxes not included)
- Lift Tickets (6 of 8 day)

OPTIONS:

- Travel Insurance: \$76 (Coverage is good for pre-existing conditions if purchased within 21 days of initial deposit.)

The town of Banff in Banff National Park

Banff's main street is lined with galleries, boutiques and more than 100 bistros and fine restaurants. Stores stay open late and are stocked with everything from skiwear to native Indian crafts. Currency rates favor international visitors. Minutes away, a quiet walk along the banks of the Bow River reminds you that the town is located inside Canada's first national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Banff National Park draws people from every corner of the world; people who want to catch a glimpse of big-horn sheep, elk, moose or mountain goats. It lures the adventurer who wants to enjoy the endless activities throughout the six-month winter from November to May.

The Big 3: Sunshine Village – Lake Louise – Norquay (skibig3.com)

Nestled in the heart of Canada's Rocky Mountains, the "Big 3" promises memorable skiing and snowboarding amidst the world's most incredible scenery and breathtaking slopes. All within the boundary of the National Park, the three areas offer more than 7,700 acres of terrain on one convenient lift ticket, fully interchangeable at the 3 resorts. Free, frequent and hassle-free shuttles are included to the ski resorts.

The Sunshine Village ski area access road is located 5 miles west of the Banff town site. The majority of the 3,358 skiable acres are above the 7,000 foot level which means the snow stays softer and drier. They receive over 30 feet of natural snow in a season. Sunshine is renown for the longest season in the Rockies, staying open through May and earning Snow Country Magazine rating for "Canada's Best Snow". The 8-passenger gondola will take you to Goat's Eye Mt. or the main village area. Three mountains atop the great Divide await you.

A 45-minute drive on a scenic divided highway will take you to Lake Louise, rated as North America's most scenic ski area. The 4,200 skiable acres are spread across four mountain faces that allow skiers to follow the sun all day long. With dozens of long protected tree lined runs and 65% of the terrain below tree line you can ski Lake Louise even when it is snowing. With Canada's largest snowmaking system they guarantee skiing from early November to mid May. Peak elevation at Sunshine is 8,954 feet and Lake Louise, 8,650 feet. Bases are approximately 5,400 feet.

Hidden Ridge Resort (bestofbanff.com)

Tucked away on Tunnel Mountain, the resort is quiet and secluded with spectacular views. The recently built, modern condos feature wood burning fireplaces, full kitchens, balconies and a giant outdoor hot tub.

From Calgary to the Town of Banff is 1½ hours by four-lane highway.

This is our first trip to this destination, so interest is expected to be high. Don't be left behind! Sign up today!

Checks payable to:
BUCKS MOUNT SKI CLUB
For more information contact:
Maureen MacMath at 215-624-7751

Price per person:

Adult Price eight nights - **\$1385***
(Based on 6 per 2 bedroom/loft)

Child - **\$625**

(1 child per 2 paying adults in parents' room)

Payment schedule:

\$600 to confirm reservation (with insurance \$676)
\$600 on or before 11/16/05
\$185 on or before 1/04/06

*Other unit types are available. Price may vary.

Banff flyer2006



BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
TRIP WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM
(Must be filled out and signed by all members)



Name: _____ Phone (home): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Referred by: _____ E-mail: _____

- ☐ I opt to receive the newsletter via e-mail only.
☐ I opt to receive the newsletter by regular postal mail.

Intending to be legally bound hereby and as a condition of membership in the **BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB** (hereinafter referred to as **CLUB**) do hereby release and full discharge said **CLUB** and all its members, representatives and officers from all liability, claims, or obligations due to or as a result of, any personal injury or bodily harm sustained or suffered by me or my family as a result of any social, athletic, or sporting activity sponsored or conducted in part or whole by said **CLUB** including transportation to and from said activity. Further, all activities are at my own risk. I further release said **CLUB**, its members, instructors and representatives from all claims or liability for any property or valuables lost, mislaid, or stolen.

I sign this fully realizing that my participation or engagement in the activities of said **CLUB** may subject me to personal injury or bodily harm.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I DO UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THE TRIP AND THE CLUB'S REFUND POLICY, AND I HEREBY RELEASE THE **BUCKS MOUNT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB** AND ITS MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY OR CLAIMS DUE TO OR AS A RESULT OF ANY PERSONAL INJURY OR BODILY HARM SUSTAINED OR SUFFERED WHILE ON A CLUB SPONSORED TRIP. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT SKIING/SNOW BOARDING IS A STRENUOUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN WHICH MY GOOD HEALTH AND OWN SKILLS ARE NECESSARY TO SKI/RIDE SAFELY AND IN CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.

I FURTHER HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE RELEASE-INDEMNITY.

Name (print)

Name (print)

Name (sign and date)

Name (sign and date)

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

The undersigned, the parents or legal guardian of, have read the following, WAIVER AND RELEASE on behalf of ourselves and the said minor, intending to be legally bound hereby.

Minor's Name and Age

Minor's Name and Age

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Signature and Date

Parent's Signature and Date

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8th Annual Bike Ride/Poker Rally

pant collects 5 sealed envelopes containing playing cards. At the end of the ride, the envelopes 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 be certainly treated to Fall's splendor.

Call Lyn Huttemann at (215) 757-2693.

Discount Lift Tickets

Last year members bought \$2,528 worth of discount lift tickets. 2006 prices are not available yet. Typical Pocono prices were \$25 Big Two, \$29 Blue, \$19 Bear (all week-day but upgradeable at the window for week-ends.)

Vermont areas are available, but we do not stock them. You will need to pre-order. Sample prices last year were \$43 for Killing-ton, \$35 Pico, \$46 Okemo, \$36 Sugarbush, \$34 Jay Peak. These are all adult tickets good ANYTIME. Bill Rittler (215) 788-3276 will have a supply of PA 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 November 30th meeting. Unused tickets are refundable at the end of the season.

Death March



The *Death March* is alive and well and promises to be back with more challenges and awards. The

Death March now has 102 members. Thirty-one new skiers were inducted into the *Hall of Death March*. Congratulations to the new inductees, you worked hard for your pins. However, due to grumbling from some members of the *Death March*, there will be a hard line taken on those who attempt to be among a new set of *Opportunists*. Therefore, Rule #9: On Eagles game day, pins cannot be earned. See the Death March point list for updates on point totals. Twelve free tickets have been awarded.

SALE: gray zippered and hooded BMSC sweatshirts \$10...available at meeting.

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Go Take A Hike

Waltz and Steve & Kathy Woltman. A caravan of cars will leave at 7:30 am from the Yardley Park & Ride Lot – take the Yardley-New Hope exit off I95, going north on Taylorsville Road 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.

Pool Party

Once again the Bucks Mount Ski and Snowboard Club's *July Food Extravaganza* was a huge success. Thanks again to Vern and Mary for opening their home and pool for our annual bash. This year they decided they should stay and guard their home from looters and other ne'r do wells. Once again members brought their favorite salads and desserts for us to enjoy. While Joe and Wayne cooked up clams, steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs, forty-one members went looking for their South Beach diet book. We all had a great time in the pool, too! The water was warm. To make cooking a more enjoyable task, Vern provided us with three grills, in case we needed them. Some local restaurants don't have that much grilling space!

Thanks, Vern and Mary.

Beach Party

This year the Sun Gods of Wildwood were smiling upon us; as we had perfect weather for the beach and barbecue that followed. Cathy and Bill were most gracious hosts doing the shopping and the food preparation, including cooking the ribs, chicken and hot dogs. There were forty club members who played on the beach and enjoyed the warm waters of the Atlantic, before enjoying the tasty food and drinks provided. I must have been observed eating too much, because I was *given* the South Beach diet book before leaving. Anyway, thanks to the Rees' for a great time!

Planning Meeting

A few weeks ago, eleven devoted, hard-working officers and committee heads attended the planning meeting on the MacMath's deck. Our VP of Trips, Maureen, who had everything planned well in advance, conducted the meeting. As usual, as President, it was my job to take individual drink orders and call in the food order to the local pizza shop. I was also in charge of plates, cups, and napkins. God, I love this job!

Anyway, in spite of me, much was accomplished and the upcoming ski year will be loaded with fun activities and great ski destinations. Look for the Hike, Bike Ride, Hockey Game and Christmas Party.

If you would like to trust us in your home around Christmas time (December 10 or 17?), 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.

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

Foreign Travel

New passport phase in:

By December 31, 2006—all air and sea travel to or from Mexico and Canada.

By December 31, 2007—all air, sea and **land** crossings.

Make certain that your medical insurance policy covers you during your trip to Canada or France.

Your valid US license is good for trips in Canada. Confirm that your car insurance covers you.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious offense in Canada. Any prior conviction, no matter how long ago or how minor the infraction, could be cause for exclusion from Canada at the border. A waiver of exclusion may be obtained from a Canadian consulate in the US, but several weeks are required. There is a processing fee for the waiver. You can also call Calgary immigration at 1-403-292-6380.

Photo Contest

What fun this year! Karl posted a selection of 20 photos that had been submitted during the past year. Members voted, each choosing their five favorites. The winner was Kathi Keefe for her entry, titled by Karl, "Oops, Dick Forgot to Jump!" Kathi may have a free lift ticket credit for the ski trip of her choosing. CONGRATULATIONS!

Other big vote getters were Bill Peranteau for "Tumbling Chrissy", Joe Linus for "Roberto's Steep and Deep" and Henry Glaeser for "Zak".

If you haven't sent us any photos before, e-mail some pictures to bm_skiclub@yahoo.com or give them to Karl at a meeting and he can scan them into our album.

2005 Events

October 1
Hike

October 9
Wine & Beer Festival

October 22
Bike Ride/Poker Rally

October 26
Club Discount Day at Endurance Sports

November 5
Fashion Show/Ski Club
Appreciation Night at Langhorne Ski Shop

November 11
Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council Winterfest

November 18
Titans Hockey Game

December 10 or 17
Holiday Party

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President's Letter

Stronger regulations are being phased in for crossing US borders. The rules for travel to Canada are changing. Avoid waiting until the last minute.

Due to increased gasoline and energy costs, the ski trip costs are up slightly for bus, lifts and lodging. That will not prevent us from enjoying good skiing with scads of powder. Our officers and committee heads were once again re-elected in a landslide, there was evidence of ballot stuffing, but nothing was proven. Thanks to all for your dedication to our mission.

I am looking forward to greeting you in September and skiing with all of you in January.

THINK SNOW!
Wayne MacMath

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\$100 Trip Giveaway

DRAWINGS:

OKEMO – Nov. 16th meeting
STOWE/SUGARBUSH – Nov. 30th meeting
SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 4th meeting
CANADA – Jan. 18th 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. 4th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 18th meeting.

FRANK AND ERNEST



Lift Lines



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