



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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President

This year marks a very important milestone in ski club history. During 2008-2009 we will celebrate 40 years of skiing and riding, but more important 40 years of wonderful friendships, fantastic vacations, exciting social activities and yes, even a few met at the club marriages during that time span.

Before we settled on the Soby Post, some of Bucks Mount's first meetings were held at a Nursing home near Bristol Rd.

Some of the club's first ski adventures were meeting at the Blue Fountain Diner on Sunday morning and driving to Timber Hill (all T-bars). The "Winter Weekend" was at Elk Mountain staying at Marge and Rocco's farmhouse bunk lodge or a weekend at Big Boulder-Jack Frost. We thought we were the *cat's meow*. Little did we know how much we would grow and all the fantastic areas we would visit.

Original trips were carpools to the Poconos, eventually bus trips to New England and finally flights to many wonderful destinations.

Accommodations have grown from quad occupancy single sex rooms to deluxe slopeside condos. For those who remember the Worthy Inn at Stratton, men were in one part of the building, women in another (even husbands and wives split).

Meetings used to be contentious, following Roberts Rules of Order and constant debate over Constitution and By-Law rewriting. The members of the board many years ago decided that it was not fun to attend meetings and this might have been causing loss of membership. We

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Our 40th Year

Bike Ride/Poker Rally

Make plans to join us at 9:45 am (check-in) at Bull Point Park, above Stockton, NJ on Sunday, October 5th (no rain date) for our annual bike. Riders should wear a helmet and bring a spare inner tube in case they get a flat tire.

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 opened. The best poker hand in each category wins \$25.

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Go Take A Hike!



Join the club for a mystery hike in the Poconos on Saturday, October 11th (rain date October 12th). A caravan of cars will leave from the Yardley

Park & Ride Lot at 8:00 am—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 Billy Lane at (206) 419-8172.

2008/2009 Club Meetings

September 17th
Pizza & Beer Night

October 1st
Wine & Cheese Night

October 15th
Chili Cook-Off Night

October 29th
Death by Chocolate Night

November 19th
Hoagie Night

December 3rd
Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut Night

December 17th
Dessert & Holiday Cookie Night

January 7th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 21st
Stromboli Night

February 4th
Seafood Night

February 18th
Italian Night

March 4th
40th Party Barbecue Night (7pm)

March 18th
Mystery Potluck

**Meetings are held at 8:00 pm
On Wednesdays at the
Jesse Soby
American Legion Post
Richardson & Bellevue Avenues
Langhorne, PA 19047
Non-Members Welcome!**

2009 Ski Trips

All day/weekend ski trips depart from 5 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA 19047. This is the Middletown Township Police Building, which is two lights north of Maple Avenue (Rt. 213), off of North Flowers Mill Road. (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, Sunday River/Wildcat 4:00 pm and Killington 4:30 pm.** Most accommodations can be priced for double, triple or quad occupancy. Indicate your choice on the waiver form.

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 receive a \$10 discount off of the total cost of each weekend trip and are entered 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](#)

January 16 - 18

\$410 Double \$379 Triple

Ski 2 days. We are looking forward to going back for the sixth time to the [Hartness House](#), Vermont's historic inn, originally the home of James Hartness, inventor, astronomer and Governor of Vermont in 1920. Located in Springfield, VT minutes off I-91, we have always enjoyed the Victorian atmosphere of the original house. The sitting areas with windows seats, couches, fireplaces and bar offer comfortable areas for us to gather. The innkeepers will keep up the festive holiday garlands and trees for us this year. We plan to enjoy the excellent terrain and grooming at Okemo both days. The chef will prepare one dinner and two breakfasts buffets for us. A \$200 deposit per person holds your reservation.

[ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA](#)

February 6

\$92 Per Person

Ski 1 day. Friday. The camaraderie of friends makes this trip special. We enjoy uncrowded weekday slopes and have fun in whatever weather nature provides for the day. Our favorite in PA, Elk boasts 27 trails and 6 lifts. Meet the bus at 5:30 a.m. Park your car. Have juice, have a Danish; then let the bus driver do the work. You can go back to sleep until we arrive. Sign up by Jan. 7 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

[SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE](#)

February 13 - 16

\$545 Double \$535 Triple \$525 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 lifts in the East, we are returning with confidence for the 20th year. Spend the last day enjoying stunning views of Mt. Washington from scenic Wildcat Mt. The [Town and Country Inn](#) hosts us with spacious rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, bar and entertainment. Three large buffet breakfasts and two sit down meals from choice of three dinner entrees each night. A \$250 per person deposit will hold your reservation.

[KILLINGTON, VERMONT](#)

February 27 - March 1

\$436 Double \$421 Triple \$406 Quad

Ski 2 days. We have been hearing requests to ski Killington, so we are excited about the trip we have put together. We will be staying at the recently refurbished [Ramada Inn](#) in Rutland. Dinner will be next door at the [Sirloin Saloon](#). Killington offers the most extensive variety of terrain in the East. Use your map on the two days to experience Snowshed, Ramshead, K1, Skyeship and Bear Mountain. \$220 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

STEAMBOAT, COLORADO

December 27 - January 3

\$1,595 Per Person \$365 - 5 day / \$390 - 6 day adult lift ticket

Make your Christmas/New Year Holiday Break special this year! During this sold-out time period we have reserved 30 spaces with a convenient schedule. We are flying Delta from Philadelphia into Hayden Airport, 30 minutes from our condos. Vacation just up from the base of the gondola in the luxury accommodations of the 4-bedroom/4-bath *Phoenix Condominiums*. If you have a child 12 or under they can ski for free at Steamboat! Enjoy the camaraderie of a New Year's Eve party, group dinner and lots of après ski. Come alone or with your own small group. Trip is already over half full, so call to see what we can work out for you. Check out the links on our club website. \$600 deposit due now to hold your reservation. \$96 insurance.

\$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:

- OKEMO – Nov. 19th meeting
- SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 7th meeting
- KILLINGTON – Jan. 21ST- meeting

Come to the sign-up table at the meetings.

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!

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.

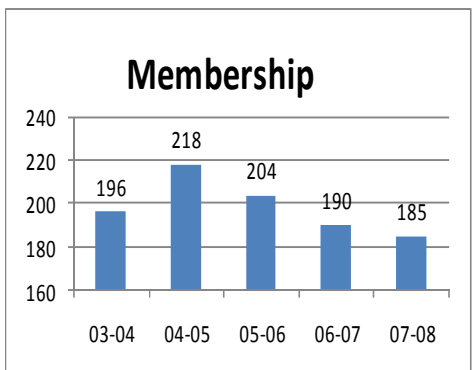
Membership

Don't wait until September 17th meeting . Mail your 2008-09 dues payment now. Get the early bird discount.

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

One Rate from \$25.00 single
September 17th on: \$40.00 family

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



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Treasurer's Report

Once again its time to provide the club with the yearly Treasurer's Report to keep you informed of our financial condition.

Although the 2007-2008 season was a successful skiing year for the Club, it was financially, a non-eventful year, which is good. The club absorbed a small loss of approximately \$600 for the past season. 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. 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 \$206,931, while expenses incurred were about \$207,539. As would be expected, our biggest income and expense items were the ski trips. Trip income was just over \$199,448 and expenses were about \$193,261. Other Club income that is derived from membership dues and 50-50 money was approximately \$3,953. Other Club expenses include

bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter, trip assistance, meetings, social events and other miscellaneous expenses. These expenses were approximately \$10,478. 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 most of the net loss from our non-trip expenses and provide the Club with a minor net loss of approximately \$600.

The Club currently has approximately \$8,000 in its treasury. This money allows the Club to fund lodging and bus deposits prior to members signing up for future trips.

As always, the books are open for inspection if you would like to see exact amounts for each category of income and expense. Bring you own No-Doze!! Please call ahead for an appointment.

Vern Shaw
Treasurer

EPSC Winterfest

9th Annual Silent/Live Auction Fund Raiser Event for Eastern PA Ski Council. Friday, November 14th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at *Williamson's Restaurant*, ½ mile north of Willow Grove exit of the turnpike. Wayne will have advance (until October 31st) sale tickets for \$27 per person (\$32 night of event). Admission includes 2 drinks, hors d'oeuvres and food stations.

For the past several years Bucks

Mount has made up a large, beautiful basket of fine wines and cheeses. Our basket always attracts a lot of attention and bidding. We usually have a big Bucks Mount table and have great fun. The bidding tables will be full of lift tickets, ski get-aways, logo shirts and accessories donated by ski shops and resorts. If you have any goods or services you could solicit or donate, the EPSC would appreciate the help. Check out their website.

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 Thursday, October 30^h.

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.

New this year in the store are a full line of Rossignol skis, boots and bindings; Roxy skis for women; and Nils ski wear.

Ski Club Appreciation Night at Langhorne Ski Shop

Enjoy wine, cheese, hot food and socializing. Party will be from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm on Saturday November 8th after Dave and Kathy close the store. Club members will get 20% off new and 10% off already discounted merchandise. Ski tune-ups are discounted at \$24.95.

Hockey Game



Come join the fun and watch the Trenton Devils take on the Florida Everblades on Saturday, November 29th at the Sovereign Bank Arena, South Broad and Hamilton Avenues, Trenton. Game time is 7:00 pm. Seating is in the End Club, where you get to see the Devils attack twice. The cost is \$16.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 14 and under. Contact Clare Longworth at (215) 860-5244 for tickets.

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Bike Ride/Poker Rally

After completing our 18-mile ride (Bull Point to Frenchtown and back) we will retreat to the Bull Point Park Camp-ground picnic area for our award ceremony followed by lunch (hoagie tray, chips, drinks and desserts). It's 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 Ellen Shapley at (215) 280-7502 or email echaunce@comcast.net.

Discount Lift Tickets

Eastern PA Ski Council has discounted tickets available to us. Most tickets are returnable, so this makes the vouchers a terrific value! (Tickets through township recreation departments and stores are not returnable.)

Prices are not out yet for 2009. Last year Blue Mountain tickets were: weekday \$31, weekend \$39 and weekday night \$20. Blue tickets are dated and good for two years. We hope to have these tickets at the November 19th, December 3rd and December 12th meetings. See Jerry Cape at meetings (215) 884-4214

We will print mail-in order forms (also available on the EPSC website) and you can order other ski areas directly through Ken Foster, EPSC, 215-822-1413.

Learn to Ski

Get up to 5 vouchers to introduce a friend or child to skiing. Check out skipa.com before you go. For \$30 you should be able to find a beginner package that includes limited lift ticket, lesson and rentals. Orders must be received prior to December 15, 2008.

4th and 5th Grade Snowpass

This program is to get young children introduced to the sport. A paying adult must accompany the 4th or 5th grader. Also on the skipa.com website, you can find out where to send a copy of the child's report card or verifying document to get a \$15 Snowpass. With that you can get up to 3 coupons for complimentary lift/equipment/lesson tickets for the child.

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President's Letter

hope you agree. Finally "There is No Meeting Without Eating" was instituted and club members have responded with record-breaking attendance.

Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club is anticipating another great ski season with the Farmer's Almanac predicting a cold winter despite global warming. We have cautiously prepared our list of ski trips knowing that the economy may have an effect on skier days.

Our Christmas/New Year's trip to Steamboat is confirmed landing in Hayden, Colorado. Our accommodations are at the Phoenix Condominiums in walking distance from the lifts. Kids 12 and under ski free. We have always had good conditions and the town is a short shuttle ride away. A great destination vacation!

Three weekend bus trips are set for Martin Luther King and Washington Birthday weekends and the first weekend in March. Our one-day trip to Elk led by Rita will probably be overflowing so get your reservation early.

We will have a new departure point, the Middletown Township Police Station parking lot off Flowers Mill Road. Thanks Lisa for arranging it!

Due to the economy and the weak dollar Karl has not planned a trip to France this year. We have planned a Christmas trip but have not decided about the April 4 – 12 Spring Break dates. We held airfare but are not sure if we can get enough people to run a group trip.

We have made and must make some sizeable deposits in September that are non-refundable and we need 25 adults for group discounts. From feedback we received, this is what we thought we could handle.

Transportation costs are a huge consideration this year. Lodges and ski areas have tried to hold prices near last year's level but buses have risen dramatically. Things are tenuous but I'm positive this fantastic group called Bucks Mount Ski Club will come through and our 40th year will be a resounding success.

We are planning some activities for this year's 40th celebration, including a barbecue, a \$40 drawing at each meeting, plus our normal 50-50, possibly some new Bucks Mount shirts for men and women. John Lewin is heading the anniversary committee so give him your ideas and thoughts.

THINK SNOW!

Wayne

Death March Pins



We hope the enthusiasm for earning these coveted pins will continue this season.

At the pool party Mike Concannon, Mike Butch, Jerry Cape and Mary Shaw all earned a certificate and check for their dutiful wearing of their pins. Only Mary was able to guess her pin number. Know your number, it could be worth extra points.

Are you a pretender or a contender? Step up; face your worst fears, trees, bumps, moguls, rocks and ice. Ski some of my favorite trails, Thin Cover", "Unmarked Obstacles", and "Cliffs Ahead." Good Luck.

Pool Party

The annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 20th. All forty-two enjoyed the 95° day in the pool. Thanks to Mike Butch and Joe Linus for standing in the heat to grill steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs for us. Thanks to Wayne for all the shopping he did, especially for the mussels, clams and shrimp.

Four Death March members were surprised to receive their awards for earning 50 points: Mike Concannon, Mike Butch, Jerry Cape and Mary Shaw.

Vern and Mary please know how much we appreciate all you do to get ready for our visit. Thank you for hosting the party again this year.

2008 Events

October 5

Bike Ride/Poker Rally

October 11

(Rain Date October 12)

Hike

October 30

Club Discount Day
at Endurance Sports

November 8

Ski Club Appreciation Night
at Langhorne Ski Shop

November 14

Eastern Pennsylvania
Ski Council Winterfest

November 29

Devils Hockey Game

December 13 or 20

Holiday Party

[www.bucksmountskiclub.org/
Calendar2009.pdf](http://www.bucksmountskiclub.org/Calendar2009.pdf)

Ten Years Ago in *Lift Lines*: August 1998

Open letter to the editor from Fish Head denying the rumors that his equipment and hat were up for sale.

Our president and first family just finished touring Vermont colleges.

On Board! The Life of a Knuckle Dragger Part II by Jason "Jaspoon" Krenzel informed us of the fashion for snowboarders. "There isn't a snowboarder on the mountain that would be caught dead in a ski parka! In fact all snowboarders must wear a two-piece suit."

Bucks Mount Ski Club - The Beginning (1969): Abbey Feinberg was the Club's first president. A friend of hers, Joe Gross, who worked for the *Courier Times*, helped her put an article in the paper about forming a ski club. Anyone interested was to meet at Abbey's house on Fallentown Road in Levittown. About 15 interested people showed up and the Club was formed. There was a contest to create a name for the group. The winning name was actually Bucks Mont, named for the neighboring counties Bucks and Montgomery. However, it was decided to change "Mont" to "Mount" since skiing is done on mountains, even though there were no mountains in Bucks County. A 1972 bus trip to Elk cost \$13, which included a deluxe bus and lift tickets!

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