



Lift Lines



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President

As we begin the "second" forty years for the Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club I hope the results will be at least as good as the previous years. It has been a privilege to lead this wonderful group of skiers through the last thirty years.

Watching everyone improve their skiing and riding over that time has been a joy! People pushed themselves to levels they thought not possible. Watching the kids grow into young adults has been a pleasure, especially when you realize they are now better skiers than their parents are (as it should be). Parents, you have done a great job with your kids, as it is always fun to be with them on the bus and on the slopes. They are awesome!

Last year we had to deal with a down economy but managed to struggle through. Our membership numbers were down but we still were able to run all our trips. Our Christmas trip to Steamboat was wonderful! We appreciated each day on the slopes, especially after our multiple attempts before successfully landing at Hayden Airport and after the truck delivered the rest of our luggage from Salt Lake the next night. The weekend trips were not full but everyone seemed to have fun. We made the best of conditions, recovering from rain during the days before our arrival. Rita's day trip to Elk Mountain was the best one ever!

This Christmas we are traveling non-stop to Utah, staying in Park City. We



Our 41st Year

will be enjoying the same Bear Hollow condos that we rented a few years ago. We hope to sample many of the nine areas that are within driving distance: Park City, Powder Mountain, the Canyons, Snowbird, Alta, and Snow Basin. In addition to the great skiing, our New Year's Eve Party is always a success. If you are interested let us know NOW!

By September 18^h Maureen needs to cancel any un-booked airline seats, so don't delay and miss out. Good holiday flights are hard to come by. Check out the attached flyer.

We are looking for a host or hostess for a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12th or 19th. We will help arrange the food and drink. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer your home.

Our officers have been re-elected to another term and approved by the Shah of Iran. Looking forward to seeing you at the first meeting on September 16th. Think Snow!

THINK SNOW!

Wayne

2009/2010 Club Meetings

September 16th
Pizza & Beer Night

October 7th
Wine & Cheese Night

October 21st
Chili Cook-Off Night

November 4th
Dessert Night

November 18th
Hoagie Night

December 2nd
Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut Night

December 16th
Holiday Cookie Night

January 6th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 20th
Stromboli Night

February 3rd
Italian Night

February 17th
Seafood Night

March 3rd
Wings & Appetizers

March 17th
St. Patty's Pretzels & Beer

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!

2010 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: **Loon Mountain, Bretton Woods, Waterville Valley 4:00 pm, Sunday River/Wildcat 4:00 pm and Stowe 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.

[LOON MOUNTAIN, BRETTON WOODS, WATERVILLE VALLEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE](#) January 15 - 18

\$528 Double \$483 Triple \$451 Quad

Ski 3 days. Try something new with us. [Woodward's Resort](#) will be our host for the Martin Luther King Weekend. This family owned resort is known for customer service and excellent food. We will enjoy three breakfasts and two dinners in the full service restaurant. We will be skiing three different areas: Loon Mountain, Bretton Woods and Waterville Valley. After skiing we can enjoy the indoor pool and jacuzzi or relax in the lounge overlooking the lighted ice skating pond. A \$250 deposit per person holds your reservation.

[ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA](#)

February 5

\$86 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. 6 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

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

February 12 - 15

\$507 Double \$497 Triple \$487 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.

[STOWE, VERMONT](#)

March 12 - 14

\$392 Double \$378 Triple \$368 Quad

Ski 2 days. The [Mountaineer Inn](#) is happy to be our host again. We will be staying right on the Mountain Road. They prepare a delicious dinner and 2 full breakfasts. We will take the short 3-minute trip up the road to Stowe Ski Area each day. You may use the local shuttle to come and go as you like. After skiing relax in the hot tub, indoor pool, fireside lounge and bar. \$200 deposit per person will hold your reservation.

PARK CITY, UTAH

December 27 - January 3

\$1,395 Per Person \$430 lift ticket

Make your Christmas/New Year Holiday Break special this year! With renowned Utah snow conditions, ideal terrain for every level and an impressive array of restaurants, clubs and shops, the area was an exciting and deserving venue for the 2002 Olympic Games. The four-bedroom [Bear Hollow Village Townhomes](#) are in the Olympic Park Area. Relax in our private outdoor hot tubs. Spend New Year's vacation après skiing at the mountains and bar hopping on Main Street. Enjoy the camaraderie of a New Year's Eve party, group dinner and lots of après ski.

We will use our rental vans to get to as many different areas as we have time for: [The Canyons](#), [Park City](#), [Powder Mountain](#), [Snow Basin](#), [Alta](#) and [Snowbird](#). This is your opportunity to seriously add to your pin or hat collection. We have very convenient non-stop itineraries on Delta from Philadelphia into Salt Lake International Airport, 30 minutes from our condos on December 27th and January 3rd. Space will be assigned first come - first served. After September 18th unused airline seats will be let go. If you are purchasing insurance the deposit to hold your reservation is \$655.

\$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:

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Nov. 18th meeting
 SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 6th meeting
 STOWE – Feb. 3rd meeting

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. 6th meeting and qualify for the drawing, which will happen at the Jan. 20th meeting.

Come to the sign-up table at the meetings.

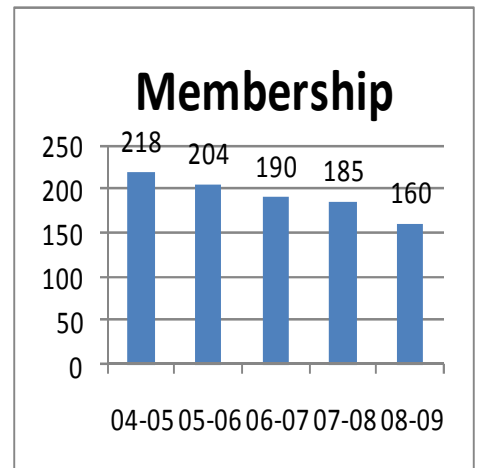
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Membership

Please remit your dues now by mailing them to Vern's house or delivering them in person to the meeting. Our dues help defray mailing costs, and much of the eating we do at meetings. They support the running of the club. Sending them ASAP makes it much easier for our officers. See the form in this newsletter (address at the bottom). Vern Shaw, 705 Autumn Drive, Langhorne, PA 19047.

\$25.00 single
 \$40.00 family



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 20th. Let us know on which trip you want to use the prize and we'll arrange your free day of skiing!

Club Hot Line: (215) 364-4790

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Treasurer's Report

The Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club Year 2008-2009 Financial Report. It's time to provide the Club with the yearly Treasurer's Report to keep you informed of our financial condition.

The 2008-2009 ski season was a financially good year for the Club. Our income was almost identical to our expenses. The net income was small but the purpose of the Club is not to make money but to enjoy the skiing. 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 accomplishing this task!

Here are some financial highlights from the past season. All funds received from last season were approximately \$109,300, while expenses incurred were about \$109,000. As would be expected, our biggest income and expenses items were for the ski trips. Trip income was almost

\$103,600 and expenses were about \$100,200. Other Club income, not directly related to an expense, is derived from membership dues and 50-50 money and was approximately \$3,500. Other Club expenses included bank charges, postal charges, EPSC membership, telephone, newsletter, meetings and other miscellaneous expenses 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 Club currently has approximately \$9,000 in its treasury. This money allows the Club to fund lodging and bus required deposits prior to members signing up for trips.

As usual, the books are open for inspection. Please call ahead for an appointment so you don't interfere with the Treasurer's nap time.

~Vern Shaw
Treasurer

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 11, 2009.

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.

Annual Banquet

Due to the sudden closing of the Mediterranean Café, we rescheduled to the Café Antonio in Morrisville. The atmosphere and camaraderie were great! Twenty members selected the entrée of their choice from the menu. We were permitted to bring our own wine, so you know there was plenty of that! It was great to get together and start talking about next season!

Photo Contest

The winner of the [2009 Photo Contest](#) is John Lewin for his photo "Botox Gone Wild". Tied for second were Joe Huttemann's photo "Where there is a will, there is a way!" and Mia Svoboda's photo "Mount Washington". Congratulations to the winners.

Ski Sharpening

Have you been neglecting your skis? Call Billy Rees (215) 322-4788 or Joe Huttemann (215) 757-2693 to arrange to take good care of your equipment.

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 21st 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.

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 2010. If you want tickets, let us know. We will print mail-in order forms (also available on the [EPSC website](#)) so you can order directly through Ken Foster, EPSC, 215-822-1413.

Death March Pins



Even over the summer points can be accumulated if you wear your pin.

By faithfully wearing their pins, a number of Death Marchers are close to earning a certificate and check. These awards will be presented at meetings. We currently have 161 pin winners and we have only a few more pins left for people to earn. They are going to become very valuable vintage memorabilia before you know it! My knee is feeling great, so I am looking forward to anyone who wishes to be a "contender, not a pretender". Will it be you?

Bucks Mount's Banquet or The Geriatric Jamboree (you decide) reprinted from 8/1999



So you think your polyester leisure suit is out of style? Well, think again! This years (1999) Ski Club Banquet,

held at *Pippo's* in Southampton was just the occasion to resurrect that old classic.

The Banquet began as most banquets do with cocktails and small talk in the bar. We then proceeded to the banquet room where we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner of either Chicken, Pork or Salmon. I must say that all the entrees looked delicious. The service was very attentive and accommodating.

Now wait, don't stop reading yet! This is directed to all of you that decided to go to the shore or the mountains or wherever it is that club members go off season. The few brave souls that stuck around after dinner have seen the Holy Grail! We have found the elephants graveyard, so to speak.

Those of us that went downstairs to the Dance Club have found...wait for it...the June Taylor Dancers! Yes, they are alive and well and dancing at *Pippo's*! Hey Ed Walton, I found someone to share your early bird dinner with!

To say the very least, our Club was rather the juveniles at the Dance. I now know what a snowboarder feels like trying to get on the poma lift without unstrapping his/her bindings: real uncomfortable.

To make matters worse, our group choose to sit in a booth along the wall. Oh, that's safe you say, inconspicuous. Not when the booths are decorated like a pleated, open clamshell that was extremely reminiscent of a baby's bassinet.

All in all, we had a good time and I am very relieved that when my time comes, I'll have a place to go to yell "Freebird" and to dance like John Travolta. Yippee!

~Liz Waltz

JUMP START



2009 Events

November 6
Eastern Pennsylvania
Ski Council Winterfest

November 21
Ski Club Appreciation Night
at Langhorne Ski Shop

December 12 or 19
Holiday Party

[www.bucksmountskiclub.org/
Calendar2010.pdf](http://www.bucksmountskiclub.org/Calendar2010.pdf)

Ten Years Ago in *Lift Lines*: [August 1999](#)

Open letter to the editor from Jim & Joan Ridler requesting that members save the tabs from soda, beer cans, etc., they benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. (We still save them to this day.)

Barb Zurlo wrote an article about the various places for better dining while skiing Sunday River.

In a more active time, a golf outing was planned at the Middletown Country Club.

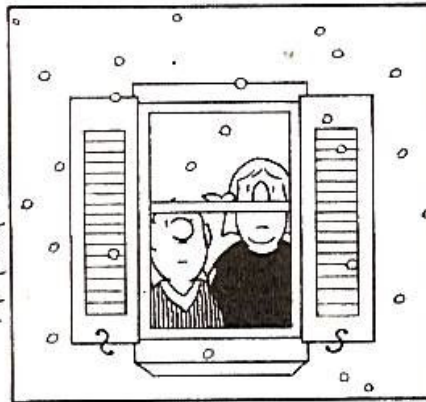
Audrey forgot to attend our annual banquet at *Pippo's* in Southampton. At the September meeting she could claim one Chicken Marsala.

Members hit the waves in Avalon, followed by pizza at Linda Ricciardi's townhouse.

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