



Lift Lines



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Bucks Mount Ski & Snowboard Club

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President

Welcome to the 43rd year of the Bucks Mount Ski club. It is a wonderful feeling to begin thinking about the upcoming season.

Although our membership was down last year we adjusted our thought process and managed to have a successful ski season. Our first trip to Telluride over Christmas was cold, snowy and fantastic skiing! Over 25 members enjoyed each other's camaraderie and a great New Year's Eve Party.

Bretton Woods/Loon proved to be a new favorite as our members filled the bus to capacity. We satisfied our appetites at Woodward's Resort and had great snow at Bretton Woods. Bud, our bus driver, did his best not to slip on the ice unloading our bus this year.

Our annual trip to Tignes, France, led by Karl celebrated its 10th anniversary. A small contingent of skiers, some led by guides, romped and frolicked their way around the 100 chair lift system.

The perennial favorite Elk Mountain, another success story, because it was led by our favorite secretary, Rita, went off flawlessly. The Danish have been purchased for this year's trip.

Sunday River, our final trip, was not quite full, but we scraped (skied) the best we could. Wildcat actually had better grooming and we took advantage of it. This trip is not officially dead yet.

Killington was cancelled; unfortunately, the economy has taken its toll on our trips. This has happened before. WE WILL BE BACK!



Our 43rd Year

By not overextending ourselves with too much skiing and too much eating we have remained financially stable.

The 2010-2012 season was kicked off at our August 18th planning meeting. Since our treasury has strengthened we flew to Rome, Italy and wine and dined on the plaza. ...Well... we did have pizza on my deck.

Since the needs of our members have changed we decided to send out a questionnaire. Thus far 25 responses have been recorded and you now have another chance to respond with this newsletter.

Our meeting schedule is set with many familiar favorites, but we added a Mexican Night. We need as many people as possible to help bring food to take the pressure off the officers.

The trips will appear slightly different. Bretton Woods has been a popular trip over MLK weekend and it is almost a sure thing. The Friday Elk trip is secure. The Sunday River trip can go if we get enough people. Western trips will be run less formally. We know you are interested if you filled out the questionnaire. Paper copies will be available at the Sept. 21st meeting.

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2011/2012 Club Meetings

September 21st
Pizza & Beer Night

October 5th
Wine & Cheese Night

October 19th
Chili Cook-Off Night

November 2nd
Dessert Night

November 16th
Hoagie Night

November 30th
Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut Night

December 14th
Holiday Cookie Night
(Pre Trip 7pm)

January 4th
Pizza & Beer Night

January 18th
Stromboli Night

February 1st
Italian Night

February 15th
Seafood Night

February 29th
Mexican Night

March 14th
St. Patty's Pretzels & Beer
Night

**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!

2012 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: **Bretton Woods/Loon Mountain 4:00 pm & Sunday River/Wildcat 4:00 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.

BRETTON WOODS/LOON MOUNTAIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 13 - 16

\$560 Double \$496 Triple \$464 Quad

Ski 3 days. Last years hit *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 two different areas: Bretton Woods for the first two days and Loon Mountain on the last day. 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 3

\$96 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. 5 and be in the drawing for a free trip.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE and WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 17 - 20

\$530 Double \$518 Triple \$507 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 40% more snowmaking than anyone else in New England and #1 rated lifts in the East, we are returning with confidence for the 2nd 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.

\$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. 16th meeting
SUNDAY RIVER – Jan. 4th 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. 19th meeting.



**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



Hi, skiers and riders,

Are you thinking about getting out on the snow? Well, we had a planning meeting on August 18th and we need your input. As the needs of our members change we are trying to adjust.

Please reply to these questions ASAP so we can start booking.

Are you interested in any of the following? For how many people?

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Western trip between Christmas and New Years? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 2. Trip to Tignes, France over MLK holiday? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 3. A bus trip to Sunday River? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 4. A Western trip in February? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 5. A Western trip in the Spring (March)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 6. A golf outing on a Saturday in September? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 7. An easy hike maybe Washington Crossing to New Hope along the canal? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 8. An easy bike ride along the bike path from Princeton to Griggstown? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |
| 9. A fall restaurant night? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No. of participants |

Name: _____

Your phone number: home _____ cell _____

Get There Safely

Have you ever noticed that the drivers stuck in ditches tend to be behind the wheels of big 4WD vehicles? Well, that's often because they have a false sense of security. On snowy roads 4WD does provide great traction, but for stopping on ice, it's no more effective than any other drive train.

Savvy winter drivers know that the best way to avoid crash is to practice driving on ice in wide-open areas such as parking lots. This let's you get a feel for how your car handles in slippery situations as you practice skid control.

Antilock breaks, all-wheel-drive, snow tires and weight all affect how your car handles on snow and ice. Recognize your car's limitations, and remember that though you may feel comfortable on snowy roads, the drivers around you may not. AAA recommends that you stay 8 seconds behind the car in front of you.

Road Warrior's Winter Driving Check List

1. Good snow tires are one of the best investments you can make. Four are better than two, but if you can only buy a pair, place them on the axle that powers the car.
2. Cold-proof your car. A 50/50 water/antifreeze solution protects to -30 degrees F. If you're headed into colder country for vacation, use a 70/30 mix which protects to -84 degrees. A stronger solution will not protect further. Every few years, flush the entire system as the rust inhibitors in antifreeze break down over time.
3. Make sure your battery is strong - as the temperature drops, so does its ability to charge.
4. Fill'er up. A full tank prevents gas-line freeze up.
5. Invest in winter wipers. They're rubber-coated to shed ice and snow and greatly improve visibility.
6. Before you hit the road, equip your car with water, food, chains, sand, flairs, a flashlight and warm clothes. You never know when or where you might get stuck.

~Natalie Kurylko
February 2000/SKI

Officers for the 2011-2012 Season

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There was a definite interest in the hike along the canal. Interest was also shown for a bike ride. Other activities such as eating out and golf will be discussed at the meeting. We could use some enthusiastic organizers.

PLEASE GET YOUR CHECKBOOK, fill out the form and send your membership dues to Vern or pay it at the first meeting. COST: \$25 SINGLE OR \$40 FAMILY.

Pizza and Beer kicks off the season. I'm looking forward to greeting and talking to all my friends in the Bucks Mount Ski Club.

The snow was great last year. Keep your fingers crossed.

As always THINK SNOW!

Wayne

Death March

The Death March will continue on as long as I am able to continue torturing, annoying and pushing people to their limits. It is so much fun watching others go past what they think they can do and succeed. Due to the age of the DML frequent lavatory stops might be necessary.

Hoping things will improve we have purchased another set of Death March pins. So if you have lost or broken your pin, \$5 gets you a new one and the money is donated to the U.S. Ski Team.

New members from last year include:

- #167 Kevin McMann - Telluride
- #168 Steven Wentworth - Bretton Woods
- #169 Michael Kline - Bretton Woods/Loon

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

2011 Events

November 6
Eastern Pennsylvania
Ski Council Winterfest
Clarion Hotel Park, King of Prussia

December 10 or 17
Holiday Party

www.bucksmountskiclub.org/

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