

# *Slopes & Trails*

## **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

### **MAILING OF *SLOPES & TRAILS* IS COMING TO AN END!**

Following up on the notice in the January newsletter, our plans are proceeding to do away with mailing of *Slopes & Trails* to everyone except those who indicate that they want to keep receiving it in that form. The purpose of this is twofold: first, those who continue to receive the newsletter through the mail will get better service because we plan to mail it first class, and second, if we have to do less mailings, the club will save money. To date, I have received about 35 replies to my January message expressing a willingness to access the newsletter via our website; only two members expressed a desire to keep on receiving the paper copy through the mail.

Since we have over 200 memberships, there are obviously quite a few of you from whom I have not heard as yet. We need to hear from you if we are to act according to your wishes. In the absence of input from you, we will assume that you're willing to access the newsletter via the website; and we will cease mailing it to you. Clearly, this raises the question: "When will this occur?"

We will start the countdown in March, 2006; and it will end with the last mailing to all members with the May, 2006, issue. Starting with the June, 2006 issue of *Slopes & Trails*, only those members who have told us they want to continue receiving the newsletter through the mail will receive such a copy. All others will access the newsletter via the Buck Ridge Ski Club website at: [www.buckridgeskiclub.org](http://www.buckridgeskiclub.org) You will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader on your personal computer in order to read the newsletter from the website. It's free from Adobe Software and can be downloaded by accessing their website at: [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

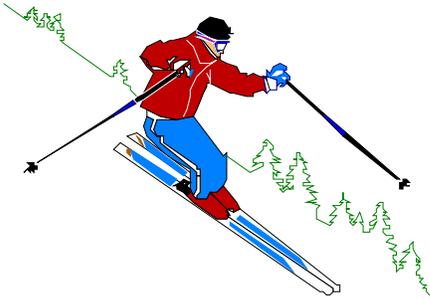
Those people who have already contacted me or Bill Raney need not contact us again; we have your names. Those of you who have not, please get in touch ASAP and let your wishes be known. Our information is in the club directory, but I'll repeat it here anyway.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

*Art Schwabenbauer, President*



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**BRSC is an outdoor club for people of all ages who enjoy companionship in outdoor activities**

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**REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE *FIRST WEDNESDAY* OF THE MONTH  
AT MASONIC HALL SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE COUNTY) PA**



## COUNTDOWN CLOCK



This issue of Slopes & Trails is the third-last paper copy that will be mailed to all members!!

There are only **2** more issues to be mailed to all members!

Please update your E-mail information in the directory in order to assure prompt notification; many mass emails get returned as non-deliverable. Send your correct email information the Merle Roemer at [mroemer@reading.org](mailto:mroemer@reading.org) . Thank you!

## ***MORE CHANGES AHEAD!!***

### **ATTENTION! ATTENTION! MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY!**

Effective with the February, 2006, meeting Buck Ridge Ski Club began meeting on the first Wednesday of the month instead of the second Wednesday. At the February Board of Governors meeting it was agreed to make this change permanent. Accordingly, the club will meet on the first Wednesday of the Month from now on. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. Thank you.

*Art Schwabenbauer, President*

### **SLATE OF OFFICERS SELECTED FOR 2006/2007**

The slate of officer nominees for the 2006/2007 year has been selected. They are:

President: Jack Schmader

Secretary: Pat Beccia

Vice-President: Larry Hardin

Treasurer: Terri Walklett

A vote on the election of this slate will take place at the general meeting on April 5, 2006. Please plan to attend and vote your preference.

## THE TORCH PASSES

I am happy to report that we have found an editor and webmaster to replace Keith Richards when he steps down in May of this year. Mike Fernandez and Lydia Hill have agreed to take over Keith's duties, and they will be phasing into the job over the next few months. It is a testimony to the impressive job that Keith has done that he is being replaced by not one but two people.

We wish Keith and Marvelene all the best as they pursue their post-retirement plans over the coming years; and we thank them both for their many contributions to Buck Ridge Ski Club, Keith for his work as editor and webmaster and Marv for her tireless efforts as our Biking Chairperson. I have personally enjoyed working with both of them over the past couple of years of my presidency; they were always ready to help me with their input and suggestions.

Please give your support and cooperation to Mike and Lydia as they prepare to continue the production and distribution of our fine newsletter and the material on our website.

*Art Schwabenbauer, President*

## HOUSEKEEPING AT THE LODGE

It has come to my attention that some of our members have not been in compliance with the practices and procedures which we expect from members when they stay at Woodbridge Lodge in Vermont. On a recent trip one of the members repeatedly violated the "NO SMOKING" ordinance in effect inside the building. **WOODBIDGE LODGE IS A "NO SMOKING" FACILITY.** No Smoking is permitted anywhere inside the building, not the bunkrooms, not the bathrooms or showers, and certainly nowhere else. If you must smoke while at the lodge, please be considerate of the others who are there by going outside to smoke. Repeated violations of this policy could result in loss of lodge privileges on the part of the offending member and/or guests.

The other infraction of which I've been informed is that of trash removal at the conclusion of a trip. At the end of the same trip referred in the preceding paragraph significant amounts of trash and unused food items were left behind to be disposed of by the next visitors. I understand that it could be advisable to leave food behind for consumption by those who follow you; but unless it is unopened and in otherwise pristine condition, most people would probably be reluctant to use it in spite of your best intentions. You're probably safer just throwing it away or taking it home with you. And clearly, you must always take your trash home with you or dispose of it at some acceptable facility away from the lodge.

Let's all give both of these areas (smoking and trash) our full attention on future trips. We need to be good citizens and responsible users of our lodge so that all members and guests have the most enjoyable experiences possible while they are there.

*Art Schwabenbauer, President*

### HIKES WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 15

The snow, such as it is, will soon be disappearing, so why not begin thinking about coming on some hikes? It's a great way to stay in shape and enjoy the emerging foliage. Our hikes are just long enough, five or six miles, over fairly easy terrain.

The meeting place for all hikes is the Value City parking lot at Routes 320 and 420, one-half mile north of the club meeting place and convenient to Exit 5 of the Blue Route. We leave at 9:30 am sharp; bring water and lunch, wear comfortable shoes, preferably hiking boots, and dress for expected and unexpected weather.

If you have any questions, please call George Wiedersum, 610-358-5891. Here's the Spring schedule:

March 15	Struble Trail	April 26	Wissahickon Gorge
March 22	White Clay Creek Preserve	May 3	French Creek State Park
March 29	Bonner Park	May 10	Jenkins Arboretum / Valley Forge
April 5	Hibernia Park	May 17	Smedley Park & Blue Route
April 12	Myrick Preserve	May 24	Evansburg State Park
April 19	Brandywine State Park	May 31	Ridley Creek State Park



### SUPER MID-WEEK AT THE LODGE

Dan Aronson and Mel Stiles led a most enjoyable ski trip to our Woodbridge Lodge during the week of February 5th through 10th. Mel, Marge Tarte and I arrived in mid-afternoon on Sunday the 5th to find the lodge already warmed up from the previous tenants and Terry McGinn already out on Mt. Snow. Paul Worthington had also arrived ahead of us and was waiting in his car for someone to show up with a key to open the door. By the way, kudos to whomever used the lodge the previous week/weekend; the place was spotless and in tip-top condition.

Pat and Bernie Kline arrived a bit later accompanied by their friends Clarence and Betty Lou Good and Dave Hudson. Several of us went to T.C.'s for an early dinner so we could be ready for the Super Bowl party which Pat had arranged at Dover Forge. The party came off on schedule at 6 PM with pre-game festivities, lots of good food and drink, and quite a bit of good-natured carrying on as the big game approached. I'm happy to say that the week got off to the appropriate start when God's team defeated the



Seahawks handily (hey, the team is owned by an Irish family named "Rooney"; God has to be

on their side). I'm not sure about the others, but as near as I can remember, I had a really great evening.

Skiing began in earnest on Monday with Mel, Dave, Clarence, Bernie, and I trekking over to Stratton to give our Express passes another workout. Paul, Terry and the others skied at Mt. Snow. By the time we all returned to the lodge in the late afternoon, Dan Aronson and Larry Taylor had arrived; and Dan was busily involved in the preparation of his signature chicken l'orange dinner. Dinner was preceded by a very enjoyable cocktail hour, thanks to preparations made by Pat, who had a good variety of snacks to accompany our root beers and cokes. We were also joined by Dave Singer as well as Bob Thomson and his wife, Nancy. The evening activities, which were to be repeated every day, consisted of a relaxing cocktail party and dinner followed by card playing and reading.

The group spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Mt. Snow where we found the snow to be even better than on Monday. In fact, conditions improved such that they were better with each day than the preceding one. By the time we had finished skiing on Wednesday we had found some serious soft powder on a number of the trails.

On Thursday Mel realized a life-long dream by driving up north to ski at Mad River Glen. He was accompanied by Mike Fernandez, our newly-appointed editor, who had arrived with Lisa Aronson, Dan's daughter, the night before. Meanwhile, Paul, Dave Hudson, Clarence, Bernie, Larry, and I made our way over to Bromley, where we found bright blue skies, absolutely perfect snow, and one of the most enjoyable terrain parks I've ever skied in. We liked it so much in fact that Terry, Mel, Larry and I went back to Bromley on Friday for one more great day before packing up and going home. If anything, Friday at Bromley was even better than Thursday.

Everyone agreed that this was one of the most pleasant and fun-filled weeks that any of us had ever experienced at Woodbridge Lodge. The camaraderie established during the evening activities carried over into the skiing the following day, and the convivial atmosphere that began at our Super Bowl party on Sunday evening lasted throughout the entire week. We were blessed with good weather for our trip to and from the lodge, good companions while we were there, and no major mishaps on the slopes (unless you count the black eyes I got from my goggles when I did a very graceful face-plant at Mt. Snow on Tuesday).

A couple of us went through life-changing experiences: Dan Aronson is now a confirmed die-hard euchre player; Clarence and Betty Lou and Dave Hudson and his wife Kay have applied for membership in Buck Ridge Ski Club; and, thanks to some really good one-on-one instruction by Mel, my fear of bump skiing has been replaced by an even greater fear of Bernie.

We all owe a vote of thanks to Dan and Mel for a really wonderful ski trip. Can't wait to do it again.

*Art Schwabenbauer, President and sometime skier*



Twenty four Buck Ridge skiers joined over 300 skiers from other clubs on the EPSC Winter Carnival Trip to Telluride. With the Town of Telluride at 8,750 feet and the summit at 12,255 feet, everyone felt some affects from the altitude. Saturday night's arrival included a pasta buffet dinner and a review of the week's itinerary. Sunday included a continental breakfast followed by mountain tours. Early in the week, plenty of sunshine and spectacular scenery especially from the top of Chairlift 14 offered great opportunities for pictures of the Rocky Mountains to the East and South and the Colorado Plateau to the West. Skiers also enjoyed viewing beautiful multi million dollar homes from Chairlift 10 on their way to the Prospect Bowl. On Tuesday, Barbara Sudell, Vic Lepage, Lisa Aronson and I participated in a challenging Scavenger Hunt. We came in fourth place after becoming confused on the sixth and last clue. On Wednesday, Buck Ridge skiers who participated in the Carnival Races fared very well with their teams coming in second and seventh out of 16 qualifying teams. On Thursday, snow from the night before allowed for some fresh tracks to be made early in the morning. Friday evening concluded with a Farewell Banquet Dinner, racing awards and a "mad hatter" contest.

For non-skiers and those who took a day off from skiing, the historic mining town of Telluride offered a walking tour of 1800's historic buildings, beautiful homes and western sights. Historic sights included a bank robbed by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid which is a store today and a Historical Museum which was a hospital during the flu epidemic of 1918. The Museum also told the story of Telluride being the first City to use AC electricity. Skiers and non-skiers also enjoyed the scenic gondola ride from the town to the village as it gave a beautiful way to overlook the ski slopes, town and mountain village.

Dan Aronson

Looks like some Mad Hatters



*On-line bonus – additional photos from Telluride! Unfortunately, the new editor misplaced Dan’s key to the photos & can’t name names in the pictures above or below, other than Lisa Aronson (below center). One benefit of on-line retrieval will be the ability to use more color & pictures in the newsletter. - ed*



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*Lots of changes to note in this issue:*

Slopes & Trails going digital!

New meeting day!

New Slopes & Trails editor & webmaster!

New slate of officers!

Changing Seasons - Spring hike schedule on p. 5!

