



Slopes & Trails

December 2007 www.buckridgeskiclub.org

HOLIDAY SOCIAL!

It's that holiday season again... which means the annual Holiday Social at the December meeting. There will be door prizes and wine, cheese, music, and snacks will be available. Attendees should feel free to make a contribution of their favorite holiday treat (or tune!). The social will begin at 7:30 pm on the usual date (December 12) and place (Spring Valley Masonic Hall). Come join the holiday spirit, but be prepared for something a little different this time:



Above: Jay Peak at Sunset. Above right: Ice Goblins

Henry Martin, our "artist in residence" from Jay Peak, has offered to auction the two paintings he made there last year as a fundraiser. Framed, these would sell for over \$600 in a gallery! So come out and bring your checkbook—one of these could be yours!! You can see more of Henry's

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month at 8 pm. Remember— November is the last month for renewal dues at the regular rate. See the renewal application form on page 11; the rate goes up at the end of the month.

Upcoming programs:

- December 12—Holiday Social. Details above.
- January 9—Open board meeting @ 7 pm. No program, but all are welcome to come socialize.



The deadline for articles for the Slopes and Trails is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to:

Michael Fernandez
 1118 Kings Highway
 Swedesboro, NJ 08085
 Phone: 856-467-5189
 Email: amf72@verizon.net

If you would like a copy of the monthly newsletter, please contact Bill Raney at 610-293-9571 to be placed on the mailing list, or check the web site.

OFFICERS OF THE BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB

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Activities Chair	Marge Tarte	610-874-3162
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WOODBIDGE LODGE

Permanent Reservation Chair

Joan Strachota 610-872-6459
 jstrachota@comcast.net

Lodge Telephone Number 802-464-6591

Only if you have been repeatedly unsuccessful contacting the reservation chair for a key may you call the following people:
 Judie Sheffer 610-461-1848
 Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459
 Eliot Woodbridge 609-921-3229

MEMBERSHIP

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

For a membership application and procedure for joining, contact:

Mary Ann Popma, Membership Chair
 1037 Warren Road, West Chester, PA 19382
 email: mapopma@verizon.net
 610-692-5928

Annual Dues: \$20 Individual / \$23 Family

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your email address and want to keep *Slopes & Trails* in your mailbox or inbox, please notify:

Merle Roemer
 4 Anser Lane
 Lewes, DE 19958

E-mail: mroemer@reading.org

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 8 pm AT SPRING VALLEY MASONIC HALL ON RT 320, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA. NO MEETING IN JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

SKIING

Ski season has arrived, with several areas in Vermont opening in early November. Let's hope for a better start to the season than last year!

TRIP UPDATES:

The Breckinridge trip is full; be sure to get your reservations in for this year's other ski trips — see page 9 for the schedule.

There is one change to note on the schedule. Due to lack of a trip leader, **the family weekend has been changed to a cross-country ski weekend.** The club historically has had a strong XC following, and it has been several years since there was an "official" XC weekend trip. Lets see if this tradition can be revived! Plan on day trips on the Catamount Trail, generally within a half hour drive of the lodge. Rentals should be available from the XC area down the hill at the entrance to Mt Snow if needed. Think of all the money you will save by not paying holiday lift ticket rates!



Folks who had been planning on attending the family weekend are still welcome, but should be aware of the change in focus of the trip.

LIFT TICKETS:

Mount Snow, now under the management of Peak Resorts, is again offering group rates to the club. You MUST present a club ID and a photo ID when purchasing lift tickets. Your club ID will be checked against the BRSC membership roster, so be sure to get your ID from Mary Ann Popma at a meeting or by sending her a self-addressed stamped envelope. Lift tickets may only be purchased at the Group Sales Office in the Sundance base lodge. Tickets may be purchased from 8.30 am to 12 noon Monday thru Friday and 7.30 am to 12 noon Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. A member may purchase of to 4 lift tickets on his or her card, but must pay for all of them. Adult lift tickets at the group rate are \$54 weekends, \$39 mid-week, and \$63 on holidays during the main season.

You can also purchase discounted lift ticket vouchers for a number of ski areas in Pennsylvania, Vermont, & New York from the Eastern PA Ski Council. The order form for the vouchers is on page 5.

Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council

Council News

The Buck Ridge gift basket, with a PA / VT theme, placed third at the EPSC Winterfest, bringing in \$147. Half of the proceeds will go to benefit adaptive skiing programs. Thanks to all who donated!

HIKING, BIKING, & BOATING

Our fall short hikes, bikes, & paddles have ended for the season... look for them to begin again in the spring. The boating season ended on a good note with a raft trip on the mighty Tohickon, courtesy of Dan Jones—story on page 4.

The onset of colder weather also means that **indoor rolling sessions**, sponsored by the Philadelphia Canoe Club, will be getting underway at St Joe's pool. Instruction will be given on Sunday mornings from 8.30 am to 11.30 am. There will be practice sessions on Saturday nights from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm beginning January 5, 2008, although there will be 3 Sunday sessions for the first three weekends in December.

Complete details on pool regulations, costs, and more are available on the PCC website at www.philacanoe.org/rolling_schedule.html. If you don't have internet access, contact Dan Jones at 856-429-1585 and he will send you details. For any questions Dan can't help with, contact Rosemary Rau, the Pool Ranger, at 215-743-6938.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

John Schimmel

29 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538
H 845-471-6467

Dena Springman

810 Hawthorne Street, Downingtown, PA 19335
H 610-873-0366 / email drsringman@gmail.com
Dena was a family member for 15 yrs., & now is over 21.

Lee Garner, 4516 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143

H 215-387-7157; W 215-813-6449
e-mail lee2garner@aol.com

Gerard & Mary Lee Caggiano

509 Larkin's Bridge Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335
H 610-458-7154 / C 484-678-0643
e-mail: caggs1@comcast.net

PUTTING A WRAP ON THE BOATING SEASON... RAFTING THE TOHICKON

Dan Jones contacted me to fill a spot in his raft for the Tohickon release on November 3. Never having been in a raft, and it being many years since I last boated the Tohickon, I took him up on his offer.

The day dawned gray, damp, & windy as tropical storm Noel passed through. However, it certainly did not deter the many boaters that descend upon the Tohickon during a water release. The scene there certainly has changed over the years... there were vehicles from as far as Indiana, & there was a steady procession of boats down the creek. There were even vendors at the Point Pleasant take-out!



Above: gathering at the put-in
Left: a line to get off the river!



This was my first time ever in a raft, & although I kept wanting to drop into eddies & find a surfing wave, it was certainly a lot of fun. Despite the fact that the creek was flowing at a nice level, we still managed to get stuck a couple of times—at the worst hang-up, we all had to pile into the bow just above a foaming hole to get off. Sorry Dan—I hope it wasn't due to my inexperience in the bow!

Although I had my camera, it stayed inside its dry bag so all I managed were photos from the put-in & take-out. At some point during the day, the skies cleared &

the sun came out. Being focused on the water, I never noticed it until the end at which point the sun was much appreciated. A beautiful day on a beautiful creek—a good way to end the boating season. Thanks Dan!

Mike Fernandez

Holiday Social (Continued from page 1)

work on his website: www.henrycmartin.com.

If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in placing a bid on one of the paintings, we suggest the following: write down the painting (sunset or goblin) and the maximum you would be interested in bidding. Mail or email this to the editor (see p. 2 for address). Your bid will be entered in \$10 or \$25 increments (depending upon the bidding) up to your maximum. In the event of a tied bid, the person present at the meeting will win. If the tie is between two absent bidders, the earliest post-mark or email date will win. What an opportunity!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SKI COUNCIL
Prepaid Voucher Order Form
2007-2008 Discount Lift Tickets

THIS INFORMATION IS FOR EPSC MEMBERS ONLY

Club Name: _____ Member No. _____ Date: _____

Mail tickets to _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

AREA	TICKET TYPE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL\$
Big Two	Regular Adult Daily / Midweek (19 +)		\$31.00	
Big Two	Student/Youth (Ages 7-18) Anytime		\$28.00	
Big Two	Night Ticket (4pm to Close)		\$21.00	
Big Two	Weekend - Reg Adult		\$36.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekday (Full day/Twilight)		\$31.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekend		\$39.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekday Night		\$20.00	
Elk Mountain	Weekday (Non-Holiday)		\$35.00	
Elk Mountain	Weekend (Sat & Holidays)		\$44.00	
Sno Mountain	Weekday		\$32.00	
Sno Mountain	Weekend		\$45.00	
Bear Creek	Weekday (all day)		\$24.00	
Bear Creek	Weekend/ Holiday (all day)		\$39.00	
Bear Creek	Evening 4pm-10pm		\$17.00	
Spring Mtn.	Weekday		\$19.00	
Spring Mtn.	Weekend /Holiday		\$29.00	
Spring Mtn.	Night		\$16.00	
Camelback Mtn.	Discounted Rate Coupon, Pay at window			NO CHARGE
Camelback Mtn.	Midweek/Non-Holiday Open to Close		\$32.00	
Camelback Mtn.	Weekend/Holiday Open to Close		\$44.00	
Camelback Mtn.	Night Seven nights a week		\$21.00	
Ascutney*	Adult (Limited Supply Available)		\$34.00	
Bromley *	Adult anytime 13& up		\$37.00	
Bromley *	Jr. 6-12 ANYTIME		\$29.00	
Gore/Whiteface*	Adult ANYTIME		\$42.00	
Jay Peak*	Ages 6-18 ANYTIME (with ID)		\$32.00	
Jay Peak*	Adult ANYTIME		\$34.00	
Okemo*	Adult 19-64 ANYTIME		\$52.50	
Okemo*	YOUNG ADULT/SENIOR 13-18 or 65-69 ANYTIME		\$44.50	
Okemo*	JUNIOR/SUPER SENIOR 7-12 or 70+ ANYTIME		\$34.50	
Mount Snow*	Adult (Use discretion -- only 10% returnable)		\$50.00	
Sugarbush*	ANYTIME - - Go right to the lift line ticket		\$42.00	
Stratton *	Adult ANYTIME		\$48.00	

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

* Indicates returned vouchers will receive credit for next ski season.

Note: Blue Mountain vouchers may be retained until expiration date on voucher.(2 Years)

Always be prepared to show ID.

Make checks payable to: Eastern Pa Ski Council

Mail Order form with check to:

Ken Foster, 163 New Jersey Avenue

Chalfont, PA 18914-3003 Phone: 215-822-1413

Office Use Only:

Date Sent: _____

Check # _____

**NOTICE: Please remember, any unused vouchers which cannot be used next ski season,
 must be returned to me N.L.T. April 1, 2008**

Ski **JAY PEAK, VERMONT** with
BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB
February 24 - March 1, 2008 with transportation by **AMTRAK**



Buck Ridge Ski Club members will welcome new members and old friends from Buck Ridge and other Eastern PA Ski Council reciprocal clubs at the main concourse of the 30th St Amtrak station in Philadelphia at 8:45 AM on Sunday morning February 24, 2008.

We meet at the Red Cap station where all luggage and ski bags will be transported to the train by the red caps. Our Philadelphia departure time is 9:20 AM on train 54 with an estimated arrival in St Albans of 9:25PM.

Upon arrival in St Albans, we will be transported to Hotel Jay via Jay Peak courtesy vans operated by our Jay Peak reps and associates. You will check into your double occupancy Hotel Jay rooms upon arrival. This year we have 20 rooms conveniently located in Hotel Jay.

You will enjoy a buffet breakfast in Hotel Jay's dining room Monday thru Friday and a buffet dinner on Wednesday evening. Dinner on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will be your choice from the extensive menu.

On Monday morning, you will break into ability groups and head off to the mountain with Jay Peak's world famous instructors. This daily group lesson is included with all packages. Lift tickets are included with adult packages and seniors may purchase their lift tickets by the day for \$17.00.

Jay Peak schedules many evening events, such as the famous Monday night welcome party (who ever thought musical chairs would be so competitive?), snow cat rides, ski school graduation and more!

We will meet for breakfast on Saturday morning at 6:00 AM in the Hotel Jay dining room. Departure for St Albans via Jay Peak vans will be at 7:00 AM. Our Amtrak train 57 is scheduled to depart St Albans at 8:30 AM Saturday morning March 1 on route to PHL with an estimated arrival time in Philadelphia of 8:19 PM.

ALL PACKAGES INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION, MEALS, LODGING, TAXES AND GRATUITIES

ADULT PACKAGES --- \$ 725.00
Includes daily lessons and 5 day lift ticket

SENIOR PACKAGES (65 and over)--- \$ 600.00
Lift tickets available on daily basis @ \$17.00 per day

2008 SPECIAL ---- Any participant who went on ONE Jay Peak trip in the last two years (2006 OR 2007) gets a \$30.00 credit and anyone who went **TWICE** in the past two years (2006 AND 2007) gets a \$60.00 credit. **It pays to go with BUCK RIDGE !!!**

RESERVATIONS WITH AMTRAK DELETED WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE FIRST 30 FULL PACKAGES ARE SOLD!!

A deposit of \$100.00 is due by October 5, 2007; a second payment of \$300.00 is due by November 16, 2007 and your final balance will be due by January 11, 2008

JAY PEAK

RESERVATION / RELEASE FORM

2/24/08 – 3/01/08

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

ROOM MATE PREFERENCE (OPTIONAL): _____

In consideration of the benefits derived by me from membership in the Buck Ridge Ski Club and the use of its facilities , I release said club, trip leaders , and its members from all responsibility on account of personal injury to me or my minor children , or damage to my personal property which may occur by reason of my /our participation in the activities of the club.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make all checks payable to BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB and send to:

Glenn Weisel 28 East Hillcrest Ave., Chalfont , PA 18914-2717
Home/office 215-822-9459 , fax 215-822-9249 , cell 215-534-6364

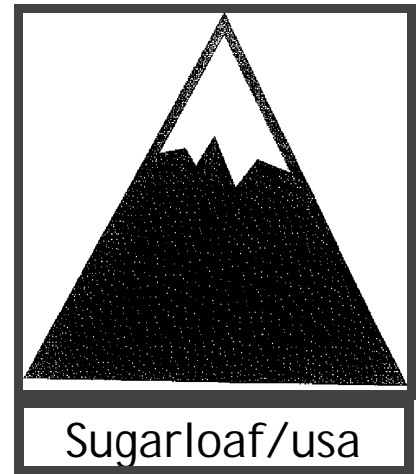
SKI SUGARLOAF / USA Carrabassett Valley ME

Buck Ridge Ski Club - Drive yourself trip

January 27 - February 1 , 2008 \$ 325.00 per person

2 , 3 , and 4 bedroom condos booked with 2 per room.

Reserve your condo early!



Your package includes 5 nights lodging (Sunday – Thursday) in mountainside condos, 5 full day lift ticket to Sugarloaf / USA, daily adult ski or snowboard lesson age 19 and over, use of Sugartree Health Club with indoor pool, hot tubs, sauna, tennis, and more, and Maine state lodging tax.

Full payment due 11/30/07, after 12/15/07 payment is \$360.00. Full refund in event of cancellation before December 15, December 16–January 4 \$25.00 refund, no refunds after January 5, 2008

When placing your reservations, please try to book full condos when possible although individual reservations will be accepted and you will be placed as room is available.

SUGARLOAF / USA RESERVATION / RELEASE 1/27/08 – 2/01/08

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

CONDO PREFERENCE (circle one):

2BR 3BR 4BR NO PREFERENCE ANYWHERE

CONDO SHARED WITH: _____

In consideration of the benefits derived by me from membership in the Buck Ridge Ski Club and the use of its facilities , I release said club, trip leaders , and its members from all responsibility on account of personal injury to me or my minor children , or damage to my personal property which may occur by reason of my /our participation in the activities of the club. I further understand that this is a drive yourself trip and any traffic violations, citations, or accidents resulting in damages to my vehicle and equipment will be my full responsibility under my personal auto insurance carrier.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make all checks payable to BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB and send to:

Glenn Weisel 28 East Hillcrest Ave., Chalfont , PA 18914-2717

Home/office 215-822-9459 , fax 215-822-9249 , cell 215-534-6364

WOODBIDGE LODGE – RESERVATION FORM

Note: Ski season reservations may only be made after October 1.

WOODBIDGE LODGE USAGE RATES (rev. 7/2004)

Season	Nov 1 – Apr 30	May 1 – Oct 31
Members	\$15.00	\$7.50
Guests	\$20.00	\$10.00

Rates are the same on weekends and weekdays. Children 6 and under are free.

Member's Name	Date: (nights)	COST
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

TOTAL: _____

GUESTS are welcome when accompanied by a member. Maximum three (3) guests per member.
Inviting member is responsible for guests complying with the Lodge rules and regulations.

Guest's Name	Accompanying Member	Dates: (nights)	COST
1.			
2.			
3.			

TOTAL: _____

Name, phone number, or Email where you can be reached:

Make checks payable to BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB LODGE. Mail reservation form and payment to:

Joan Strachota, 114 Maple Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086

Key Deposit - \$75. Issue a **SEPARATE CHECK** and send with reservation form & payment.

Enclosed is my check for \$75. I understand that this key is due back **within 2 weeks after my planned trip** or my deposit check will be cashed. My check will also be cashed if key is lost in the mail.

Signed: _____

Any questions, email jstrachota@comcast.net

RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS

BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2007-2008

Chairman: Dan Aronson – 610-643-1608

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	* DEPOSITS	
				MEMBERS	GUESTS
Dec 14-16 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	\$30	\$40
Jan 4-6 Fri-Sun	January Junket	Vermont Lodge	Keith Richards 802-334-1254	\$30	\$40
Jan 19-26 Sat-Sat	EPSC Winter Carnival	Breckinridge, CO	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	See Flyer	
Jan 27-Feb 1 Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf Mid Week	Sugarloaf, ME	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See flyer	
Feb 3-8 Sun-Fri	Mount Snow Mid Week	Vermont Lodge	Pat Kline 302-945-2474	\$75	\$100
Feb 14-17 Thur-Sun	Cross County Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 856-467-5189	\$45	\$60
Feb 22-24 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Lev Barinov 610-668-8996	\$30	\$40
Feb 24- Mar 1 Sun-Sat	Jay Peak Mid Week	Jay Peak, VT	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See Flyer	
Mar 21-23 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow II	Vermont Lodge	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	\$30	\$40

**Woodbridge Lodge
2007—2008 Season**

Member's Rate:
Guest Rate:

**\$ 15.00 Per Night
\$ 20.00 Per Night**

*To sign up for ski trips, please send a (signed) release form to the trip leader along with your registration form and deposit for each Buck Ridge ski trip. * NOTE: Above deposits are based on the lodge fee times the maximum number of days in the trip. Please adjust (increase or decrease) deposit to account for the number nights that you will be staying at the lodge. No deposit required for children six years of age and under, but the trip leader needs to know his/her name.*

REGISTRATION FORM

TRIP NAME: _____ DATE OF TRIP: _____

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

OPTIONAL: Please indicate your roommate preference(s): _____

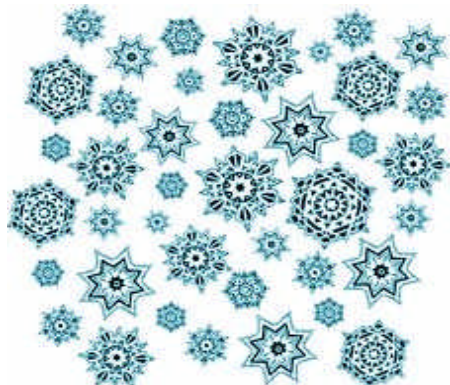
RELEASE FORM

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SIGNATURE(S): _____ DATE: _____

SPOUSE (or Guardian) SIGNATURE: _____

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Snow!!

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