



Slopes & Trails

February 2007 www.buckridgeskiclub.org

From the President...

Greetings. Here it is 2007 and I'm again trying to get used to writing the correct date on checks, etc. Hope everyone had wonderful holidays but now is the time to look forward to the ski season. As I write this Mother Nature has yet to cooperate. Mel Stiles had to cancel the Northern Vermont Trip scheduled mid-January for lack of snow but most who signed up are heading to Utah instead. Have to love the warm weather for the heating bills but we need cold weather for snow on those slopes. Club trips are filling nicely. Glenn Weisel tells me we still need one woman to even out the Jay Peak rooming arrangements.

As you know we had no January meeting but there is a nice program planned for the next meeting on February 7. Yoga instructor Ron Coughenour will join us to lead a yoga session that can be done sitting in a chair. Lots of stretches and relaxation - sounds good - so if you're not away skiing please come. The Lodge mid-week trip conflicts with the February meeting so many regulars will be away. If you have a yoga mat, bring it, but it's not necessary to have one to participate. Let's have a good turnout - you'll enjoy it and your newly limbered muscles will thank you.

Have a Very Happy New Year, make your plans to use the Lodge this winter, and think SNOW.

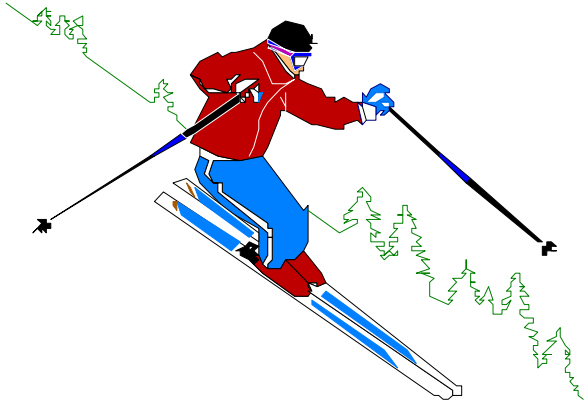
Jack Schmader, President



New Members

Welcome John Canosa from the Trenton, NJ area.
Email: Laurant@comcast.net

John joined us at the Hunt for Snow weekend, and has since been back to the lodge twice. He's a snowboarder, but we won't hold that against him since he is also a roofer!



The deadline for articles for the Slopes and Trails is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to:
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 1118 Kings Highway
 Swedesboro, NJ 08085
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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.

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Hiking Chair	George Wiedersum	610-358-5891
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Program Chair	Kay Schmader	610-527-3969
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Ski Co-Chair	Rudy Pittelli	610-363-7093

WOODBRIIDGE 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:
 Sally Lewis, Membership Chairman
 1009 Main Street
 Upland, PA 19015-3001
 610-876-7334

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 FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT MASONIC HALL ON RT 320, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA. NO MEETING IN JAN, JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 7: Yoga! See the presidents' message on the first page for details.

March 7: Come out to hear fellow member Dave Singer give a program on a trip he made to Africa. Lots of great pictures - promises to be a fun evening.

Apr. 4— Canoeing with Dan Jones

May 2- Equipment swap and slides on different ski trips this season.

ACTIVITIES & TRIP REPORTS

HIKING

The club's local short hikes are done for the season. However, in order to promote use of the Woodbridge Lodge as a year-round destination, this month is the first of our "featured hikes" that are within an easy drive of the lodge. They make for a great outing in any season (well, maybe not spring mud season!). -ed-

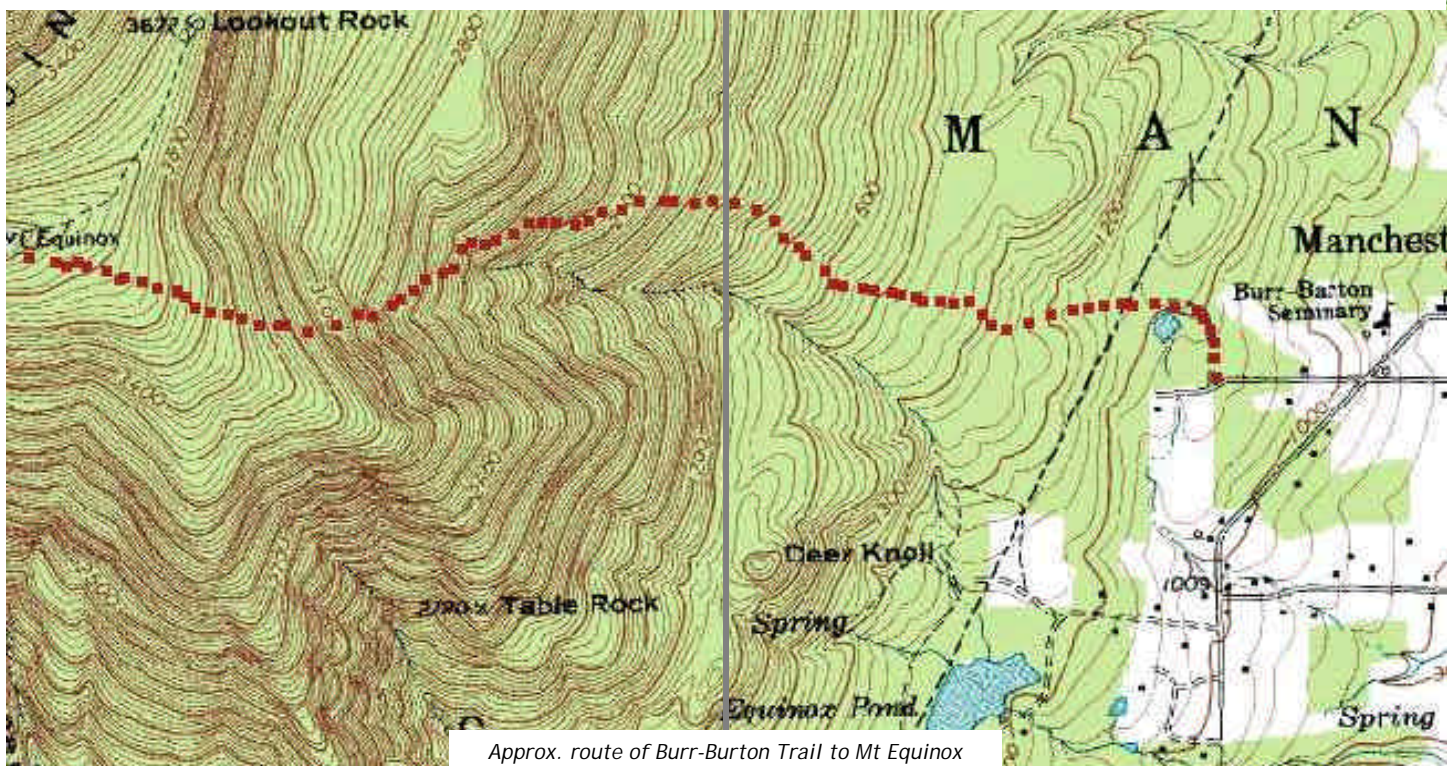
Big Equinox Mountain

Manchester, VT

Mount Equinox is situated just south of Manchester Center, west of Rte 7A. It is the tallest mountain of the Taconic Range, with an elevation of 3860'. It also ranks in the top 10 of the most prominent peaks in New England, meaning that it has the greatest elevation from base to top. For instance Stratton, although taller, is shorter from base to top (2200' base to 3930' top). Equinox is 600' base to 3860' top. The trailhead is around 960 feet so it is quite a climb!

The Burr - Burton Trail (AKA Blue Blaze Trail) is the standard hiking route to the summit, with a total round trip distance of about 6 miles and a vertical gain of almost 3000'. While not a hike for the faint-of-heart, it does have an alternate route to the top - a toll road! Like Mt Washington in New Hampshire, a toll road leads to the summit. If you only have half a hike in you, have a partner go shopping in Manchester while you hit the trail, then pick you up on the summit later in the day. The trail begins on the grounds of the Burr-Burton school, north of where the auto road to the summit starts. Unlike most Vermont peaks, view from the top are outstanding.

Although only about 20 miles from the lodge, getting there can present a challenge. The shortest route is north on Rte 100 to the Arlington - West Wardsboro Road. This road turns to gravel shortly after the turnoff to Stratton, but will continue on to Arlington. In Arlington, take Rte 7A north. In winter the Arlington road is usually closed, which requires traveling north past Stratton to Manchester, then south on 7A.



Approx. route of Burr-Burton Trail to Mt Equinox

CANOEING

Rolling Practice at St Joe's Pool

Rolling practice sponsored by the Philadelphia Canoe Club continues on most Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings thru March. Saturdays are typically for practice only, with lessons available on Sundays. A session can be cancelled any time there is a pool operation problem or the University has an unscheduled need for the pool.

The PCC website (www.philacanoe.org/rolling.info.html) has the complete schedule, along with details on safety instruction, directions, pool rules, ACA waiver, boat inspection, clothing, lessons, borrowing equipment, and fees. Contact Rosemary Rau, PCC pool ranger at 215-743-6938 or rosemaryrau@comcast.net if there are any questions.

Dan Jones

SKIING

Ski trips are filling fast—Alyeska should be full and had record snows in December, but there still may be room left for Jay Peak. See the trip flyer for Jay and the complete Buck Ridge ski schedule on page 6.



Despite the dismal state of winter so far, things are finally starting to look up in the east. Folks venturing to the lodge have been managing to get in some time on the snow, although not up to the standards of previous years. Maybe we need a sacrifice to the snow gods!

The Northern Vermont trip was cancelled, or more accurately rescheduled at the last minute to go to Utah—have to go where the snow is! Folks who may still interested in hitting some of the northern Vermont ski areas may want to take advantage of Ski Club / Ski Council Appreciation Days at Stowe:

STOWE 2006-2007 SKI CLUB/SKI COUNCIL APPRECIATION DAYS March 21-25, 2007

Who? All Ski Club Councils and Members

What? Ski/Ride for as little as \$37 a day

Adult Lift (13-64yrs old)	Child / Senior Lift (6-12, 65+)
1-day=\$37	1-day=\$21
2-day=\$62	2-day=\$26
3-day=\$88	3-day=\$36

You must bring your ski club membership card and a photo ID to get your discounted vouchers!

For directions and the latest snow conditions, check out www.stowe.com



Council News

Discount Lift Voucher Purchase Program

EPSC is once again providing ski club members with the opportunity for dramatic discounts when purchasing vouchers for participating ski areas. The order form on page 5 must be used when ordering ticket vouchers. Orders can be placed with Ken Foster any time during the ski season. Please plan ahead and call him should you have any questions, (215)822-1413 or E-Mail skierzz@comcast.net. Most tickets are returnable at the end of the ski season (April 1, 2007). This makes EPSC vouchers a terrific value - you can't lose!

NOTE:

Montage Mtn. Is now SNO mtn. Blue Mountain tickets are dated and good for two years.

New England area vouchers: You may return only 10% of your purchase for CREDIT next ski season. For Example: If you purchased 20 vouchers @ \$36 = \$720.00 you may only return 2 vouchers equaling \$72.00. Please plan ahead and if you have vouchers you are not able to use, return them to Ken asap, and he may be able to resell them for you.

Ticket voucher order forms should be forwarded to Ken at the address on the form. Please be advised, vouchers may be purchased by EPSC Members Only.

Please remember - Any unused vouchers which cannot be used next year, must be returned to Ken NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2007 **Think Snow!!**



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SKI COUNCIL
Prepaid Voucher Order Form
2006-2007 Discount Lift Tickets

Club Name: _____ Date: _____

Mail tickets to _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

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 and 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 NLT April 1, 2007

AREA	TICKET TYPE	QTY	PRICE	TOTALS
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)		\$29.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekend		\$37.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekday Night		\$20.00	
Elk Mountain	Weekday (Non-Holiday)		\$32.00	
Elk Mountain	Weekend (Sat & Holidays)		\$40.00	
SNO Mtn.	Weekday		\$29.00	
SNO Mtn.	Weekend		\$39.00	
Bear Creek	Weekday (all day)		\$21.00	
Bear Creek	Weekend/ Holiday (all day)		\$34.00	
Bear Creek	Evening 4pm-10pm		\$16.00	
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		\$30.00	
Camelback Mtn.	Weekend/Holiday Open to Close		\$44.00	
Camelback Mtn.	Night Seven nights a week		\$21.00	
Bromley *	Adult anytime 13& up		\$35.00	
Bromley *	Jr. 6-12 ANYTIME		\$27.00	
Gore/Whiteface*	Adult ANYTIME		\$44.00	
Killington*	Adult ANYTIME		\$47.00	
Pico*	Adult ANYTIME		\$35.00	
Okemo*	Adult 19-64 ANYTIME		\$51.00	
Okemo*	YOUNG ADULT/SENIOR 13-18 or 65-69 ANYTIME		\$44.00	
Okemo*	JUNIOR/SUPER SENIOR 7-12 or 70+ ANYTIME		\$33.00	
Sugarbush*	ANYTIME - - Go right to the lift line ticket		\$40.00	
Stratton *	Adult ANYTIME		\$48.00	
Jay Peak*	Ages 6-18 ANYTIME		\$34.00	
Jay Peak*	Adult ANYTIME		\$38.00	

BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2006-2007

Chairman: Dan Aronson – 610-643-1608
Co-Chairman: Rudy Pittelli – 610-363-7093

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	* DEPOSITS	GUESTS
Dec 8-10 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	\$30	\$40
Jan 5-7 Fri-Sun	January Junket	Vermont Lodge	Keith Richards 610-566-9563	\$30	\$40
Jan 19-24 Fri-Wed	Northern Vermont Trip	Bolton Valley, Stowe, & Mad River Glen	Mel Stiles & Dan Aronson 856-478-4621 215-643-1608	See Flyer	
Jan 28-Feb 2 Sun-Sat	Sugarloaf Mid Week	Sugarloaf, ME	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See Flyer	
Feb 4-9 Sun-Fri	Mid Week	Vermont Lodge	Mel Stiles 856-478-4621	\$75	\$100
Feb 15-19 Thur-Mon	Family Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Claire Lozowicki 215-481-0306	\$60	\$80
Feb 23-25 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Lev Barinov 610-668-8996	\$30	\$40
Feb 25- Mar 3, Sun-Sat	Jay Peak Mid Week	Jay Peak, VT	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See Flyer	
Mar 17-24 Sat-Sat	Alyeska Ski Trip	Gridwood, AK	Sally Lewis 610-876-7334	See Flyer	
Mar 30- Apr 1, Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow II	Vermont Lodge	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	\$30	\$40

**Woodbridge Lodge
2006—2007 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

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 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(S):

DATE:

SPOUSE (or Guardian) SIGNATURE:



JAY PEAK
SUNDAY FEB. 25 – SATURDAY MARCH 3 , 2007

Buck Ridge Ski Club members will welcome new members and old friends from Buck Ridge and other Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council reciprocal clubs at the main concourse of the 30th St Amtrak Station in Philadelphia at 8:45 AM on Sunday morning February 25, 2007. We will meet at the red cap station where our luggage will be transported to the train by the red caps. Our departure time is 9:20 AM in Philadelphia on train 54 with an estimated arrival in St Albans of 9:25 PM . Upon arrival in St Albans, VT, we will be transported to Jay Peak via Jay Peak courtesy vans operated by our Jay Peak reps and associates. You will check into your double occupancy rooms in Hotel Jay upon arrival. This year all of our rooms are conveniently located in Hotel Jay. You will enjoy a buffet breakfast in Hotel Jay 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. Our group will choose a time to meet in the Hotel Jay dining room each night for dinner. On Monday morning, you will break into ability groups and head off to the mountain with your famous Jay Peak instructors. This daily group lesson is included with all ADULT packages. Jay Peak schedules many evening events, i.e. the famous Monday night welcome party, snow cat rides, slope-side bonfire, and ski school graduation - a lot of fun for all! We will meet approx 6:00 AM Saturday morning in the Hotel Jay dining room for a quick continental breakfast, and depart for St Albans via Jay Peak vans at approx 7:00 AM . Our Amtrak train 57 is scheduled to depart St Albans 8:30 AM Saturday morning on route to PHL with an estimated arrival time in Philadelphia of 8:19 PM.

NEW RATES FOR 2007 ---- ALL INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION, MEALS, and HOTEL JAY LODGING

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

SENIOR PACKAGES (65 and over) ----- \$ 625.00
(lift tickets available on a daily basis of 15.00)

Baggage, Jay Peak Transfer, and Hotel Jay gratuities included. Traditionally, voluntary ski instructor tips are paid at the graduation party @ suggested \$5.00 per day.

THIS YEAR , PACKAGES WITH TRAIN DELETED WILL ONLY BE SOLD AFTER THE FIRST 20 FULL PACKAGES ARE SECURED.

Deposit of \$125.00 due October 6, 2nd payment of \$300.00 due November 15, and balance due January 12 , 2007

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, email: glennskisail@enter.net

Jay Peak Registration - Buck Ridge Ski Club

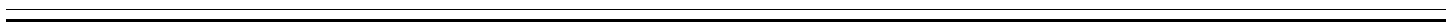
Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Emergency contact _____

Sharing room with _____



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

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