



Slopes & Trails

June 2007 www.buckridgeskiclub.org

New & Notes From the Editor...

Just as Jack has turned over the President's duties to Mel and will take a break, this will be the last newsletter until later in August so I get to take a break too. The next issue will see the new officers and activity chairs in place, and news from the summer board meeting on July 28. We should also have a report on Eliot Woodridge's induction to the PA Ski and Winter Sports Museum Hall of Fame Class of 2007. This is quite an honor!! Also look forward to announcement of the date for the annual Corn Roast in September at Linvilla Orchards. The Linvill's have been gracious hosts of this event for many years now.

At the lodge this year there will be two work parties—one in early August (tentatively the 3rd thru 5th) for construction activity and one in late September (tentatively the 28th thru 30th) for annual cleaning & maintenance tasks. Contact Mel Stiles for further information.

If you have never been to the Lodge in the off season, give it a try—in addition to hiking, biking, and boating, there are numerous fairs & festivals to attend, including:

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 29th—Summer Board Meeting

Note that regular club meetings have ended until September. At that time, we will return to our previous meeting night of the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at the same time, 7.30 pm. See you on September 12!

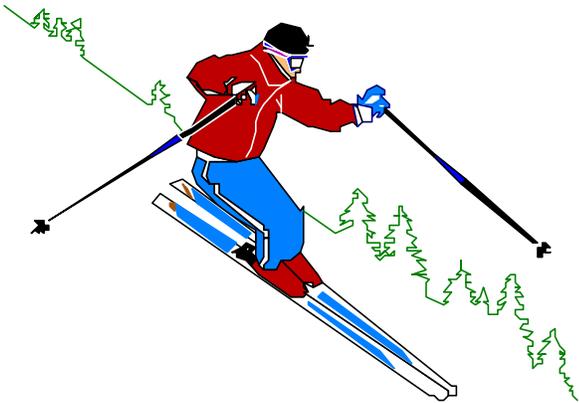
Future meetings will include:

- ***Ski program—September***
- ***Get Ready to Ski—October***
- ***Fashion Show—November***
- ***December Social!***

- **Marlboro Music Festival**—world renowned chamber music concert series at Marlboro College (between Wilmington and Brattleboro) on Saturdays and Sundays from July 14 thru August 12 (www.marlboromusic.org)
- **Vermont State Fair**, August 31 thru Sept. 9 in Rutland (www.vermontstatefair.net)
- **Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair**, August 23-26, Wilmington (www.dvfair.com)
- **Southern VT Garlic and Herb Festival**, Wilmington, September 2-3. (www.lovegarlic.com) Cooking demonstrations, herbal workshops, garlic planting and garlic braiding demos, food and beverages.

So have an enjoyable summer, but look forward to the snow!

Mike Fernandez, editor



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

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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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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:

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
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 Lewes, DE 19958

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**REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7.30 pm AT SPRING VALLEY MASONIC HALL ON RT 320, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA.
 NO MEETING IN JAN, JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.**

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

S K I I N G

With ski season now over, we can look ahead to next year— see page for the 2007/2008 ski schedule. The registration form for the Breckinridge trip, held during the EPSC Winter Carnival, can be found on page . And its not too early to save the date for the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council's Winterfest - Silent & Live Auction. It will be on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Williamson's Restaurant, Horsham, PA. Last year was a huge success due to the generous support from donors, sponsors and participants. EPSC was able to donate to the ASIA Program, Eastern PA Region National Ski Patrol, and Center for Adaptive Sports Ski Program as well as support numerous EPSC programs and events.



B I K I N G

Biking season is getting under way- the first big trip—the 25th annual Memorial Day Spring Fling, sponsored by the Baltimore Bicycling Club in Chestertown, Maryland—will be under way or over by the time this newsletter is out. Other bike trips upcoming this summer:

Farewell Ride for Keith & Marveline Richard June 10, 2007

Come and join your fellow Buck Ridge Bikers as we say "see you later" to Marveline and Keith Richards as they are moving to Vermont this summer. As you know, Marveline had been our intrepid bike committee leader for many years now.

The location is yet to be determined, but will probably be on one of the near-by bike trails. Call Sue Pitelli at 610-363-7093 for information or to let her know you would like to go.

Vermont Adventure II August 17–20

August 17 thru 20 will be the 2nd Vermont Adventure with BRSC and the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club at the Woodbridge Lodge. Last year's inaugural running of this trip in September was popular; it has been moved to earlier in the summer to take advantage of warmer weather. Full details on page 8.

C A N O E I N G

Learn to kayak and canoe

The Philadelphia Canoe Club (PCC) has an extensive training program with over 50 ACA certified instructors. Training is less expensive than with commercial outfitters. After you take a course you are welcome to go on trips if you have the necessary skills. PCC can supply you with a boat and equipment if you get a member to sign it out for you.

Our courses include solo and tandem canoeing up to white water and recreational kayaking, whitewater kayaking, and sea kayaking. After you complete training you can practice our new skills on Thursday evening on the Schuylkill River. Club boats and equipment are furnished for \$10. A one-time fee of \$10 is charged for ACA insurance that is good for the season.

The complete training and trip schedule as well as training applications are on the PCC web site at www.philacanoec.org. A list of some of the course offerings follow. Please note that the on-water training is only done on weekends; any midweek date listed is for an evening lecture or pool session. Get you application in early so you will be informed of the equipment our will need to start the course and to ensure your place, as some courses fill up quickly. Contact the course head instructor for further information. The following courses are offered this year:

1. Novice River Whitewater Canoe Training

Dates: June 13, 14, 16, 17, 23, 24

Prerequisite: Basic River Canoeing (May 20).

Instructors: Rebecca and Charlie Field, ph. 215-765-3599, email cwfield@casioninc.com

2. One Day Introduction to Whitewater Kayaking

July 21: Janice Fiore, 856-467-8932, email whitewaterpaddler@yahoo.com

July 28: Looie Voorhees, 215-493-7405, email looielooie@netscape.com

August 4: Rosemary Rau, 215-743-6938, email rosemaryrau@comcast.net

August 18: Wayne Mackin, 856-985-4744, email wjmcpa@jerseycpas.com

3. Introduction to Canoeing

May 19: Looie Voorhees, 215-493-7405, email looielooie@netscape.com

July 31: Digger Vermont, 215-727-2728, email digger@verizon.net

August 18: Forrest Mayo, 215-387-7652, email oneshot3123@hotmail.com

Canoe & Kayak Training (Continued from page 3)

4. Basic River Canoeing

May 20: Looie Voorhees, 215-493-7405,
email looielooie@netscape.com

July 22: Digger Vermont, 215-727-2728,
email digger@verizon.net

August 9: Forrest Mayo, 215-387-7652,
email oneshot3123@hotmail.com

5. Intro to Flatwater Canoeing—Pine Barrens Rivers

June 1, 2, & 3 or July 27, 28, & 29

Steve Sher, 215-624-1549 or voice mail at 215-895-2128,
email steven.r.sher@drexel.edu

6. Intro to Recreational Kayak

July 29: Looie Voorhees, 215-493-7405,
email looielooie@netscape.com

7. Novice Training for Whitewater Kayak

June 13, 14, 16, 17, 23, & 24

Craig Stoneking, 856-797-3554,
email stoneking@erols.com

8. Intro to Sea Kayak, Recreational, and Touring Kayak

June 9: Sid Hostetter, 610-458-9472,
email s.m.hostetter@rcn.com

July 14: Andy McAloon, 215-752-5534,
email andrewmcaloon@yahoo.com

9. River Rescue and Safety for Kayak and Canoe

July 14-15: Rick Shandler, 610-446-1867,
email RSSandler@aol.com

If all else fails, contact Dan Jones, Buck Ridge canoe chair, at 856-429-1585 for advice and help to get registered for the course you want. See you on the river! - Dan Jones

HIKING

SPRING SHORT HIKES

Our short hikes are done for the season—look for them to re-start in the fall with cooler weather!

FEATURED HIKE

This is the last in a series of "featured hikes", typically within a one hour drive of the lodge, intended to promote the Woodbridge Lodge as a year-round destination. This one may stretch the one-hour limit a little, but is a worthwhile destination. -ed

This month's featured hike:

Mount Ascutney

This 3150' high mountain is Vermont's only monadnock (an erosionally isolated remnant of a larger mountain or land mass—in this case an ancient volcanic intrusion). It is located on the border of NH along the CT river—that big mountain next to I-91 about 40 miles north of the MA border. It figures prominently in the hiking history of the state—in 1825, Vermont's first mountain hiking trail

was cut on Ascutney. Later, in 1909 it provided inspiration for creation of the Long Trail, which eventually spawned both the Green Mountain Club and the idea for the Appalachian Trail. In addition to an auto road, there are three trails to the summit. All will generally entail about 2200' elevation gain and a round trip distance of about 6 miles of moderately steep hiking.

Directions:

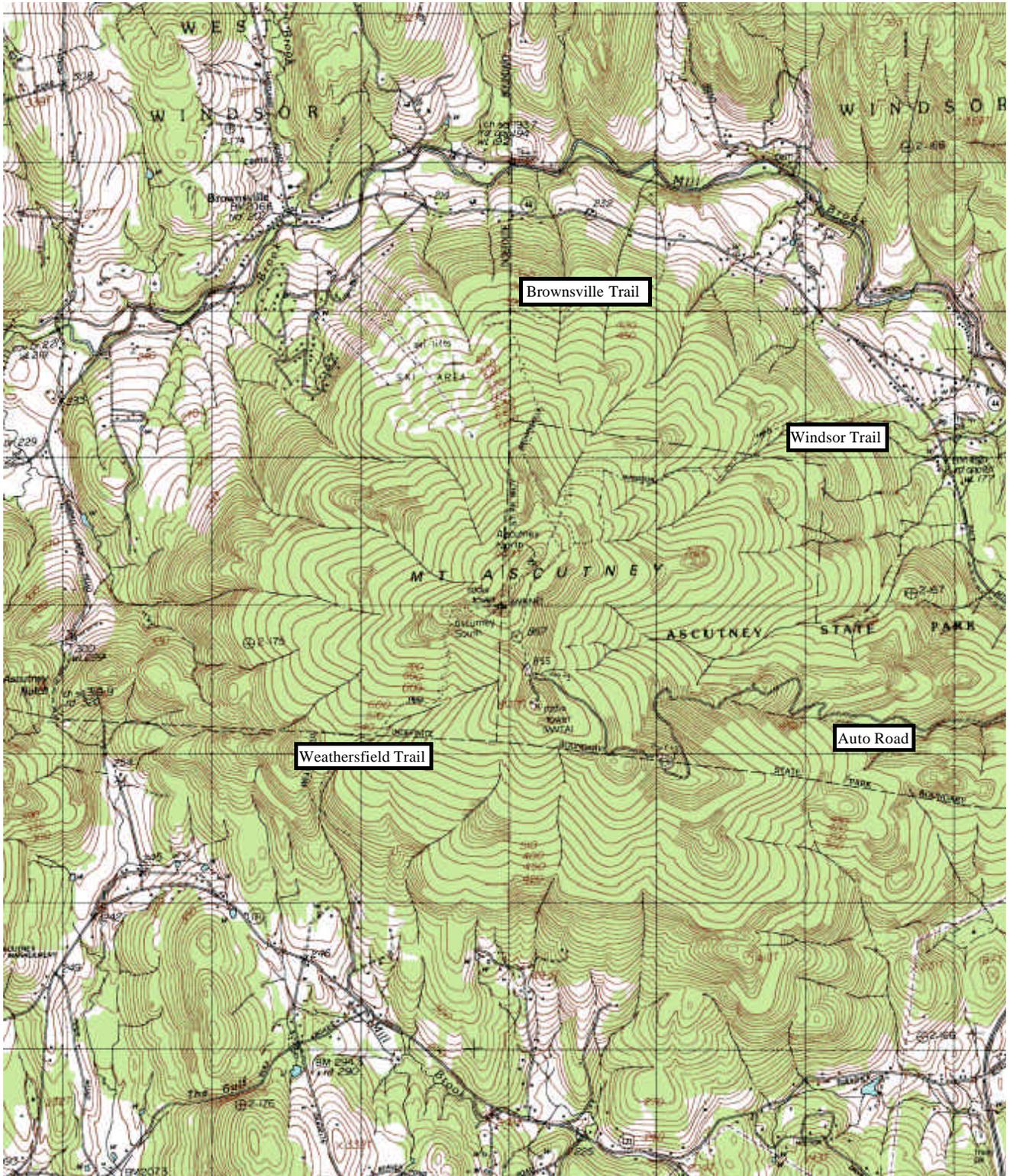
From the lodge, the fastest route is to take Rte 100 south to Wilmington, then Rte 9 east to I-91 north in Brattleboro. Take I-91 north for about 40 miles to exit 8 (VT 131 / US 5). West on 131 will bring you to Cascade Falls Road and the trailhead for the Weathersfield Trail; east and north on US 5 will bring you to Rte 44A, which will lead to the other trailheads as well as the auto road to the summit.

For a more scenic route, one can proceed north on 100 from the lodge as if going to Okemo. Once in Ludlow, turn right onto Rte 103, then left onto 131 in Proctorsville, which will take you to exit 8 on I-91.

The Trails:

- **Weathersfield Trail** — The one trail on the south face of the mountain, the base of this trail is located in a parking lot at the end of Cascade Falls Rd, off of Vermont Route 131. Highlights of this trail include Cascade Falls, the largest waterfall on the mountain, and a launch platform for hang gliders.
- **Windsor Trail** — This trail originates from a small parking area off Vermont Route 44-A just east of the junction with Vermont Route 44. About 1/3 of the way up, the trail comes to a small waterfall, and about 2/3 of the way up there is a small log lean-to shelter. Near the top, it merges with the Brownsville Trail.
- **Brownsville Trail** — This trail begins at a parking area along Vermont Route 44, a little over a mile west of junction with Vermont Route 44-A. The lower end of the trail follows an abandoned logging road for some distance — the road terminating at the location of an old granite quarry. The trail offers many good viewing opportunities to the north and west. With a little bit of a road walk, this can make a loop hike with the Windsor Trail.

At the top, a relatively level trail follows the ridge-line and crosses the summit. The top of the mountain is well below the tree-line and is therefore covered in forest, however a number of rocky cliffs allow good viewing, and there is an observation tower as well. There are also two large communications towers. The summit can also be reached via a short trail from the parking lot at the end of the only road up the mountain, the Mt. Ascutney State Park Mountain Road.



Topographic map of Mt Ascutney area, showing main hiking trails & auto road. Ascutney ski area is on the north-west slope of the mountain, west of the Brownsville Trail.

BRSC/DVBC Vermont Adventure II

August 17-20, 2007

Join members from both of our great clubs Buck Ridge Ski Club (BRSC) and Delaware Valley Bicycle Club (DVBC) for a biking adventure at BRSC's Woodbridge Lodge in the Green Mountains of southern Vermont for a weekend or long weekend of biking with several other activity options. This time of year should give us lush foliage, warm days, cool nights and quiet roads for a fun packed adventure, with one of the most economical packages that you could imagine.

Activities available from the Lodge: Road biking for all abilities with cue sheets and support; mountain biking at nearby Mount Snow, self proclaimed "mountain bike capital of the East"; kayaking on Grout Pond, a pristine wilderness area that also includes hiking trails; hiking on the Appalachian/Long Trail to nearby Mount Snow and Stratton Mountain summits; or relax and just go sightseeing/antiquing/shopping at nearby towns and villages. *For details on mountain biking at Mount Snow check it out at: <http://www.mountsnow.com/summer/mountainbiking.html>*

Woodbridge Lodge: Owned and operated by BRSC since 1950 – a rustic mountain getaway that sleeps 23 with all of the necessary facilities, just a short distance from Mount Snow resort In southern Vermont. *Please call or email trip leaders for more information about the lodge and driving directions to get there.*

Reservations: Complete reservation form below and send in with appropriate deposits. Email confirmation will be sent. *Contact the trip leaders, Mel Stiles: (h) 856-478-4621, stilesmj@verizon.net or Edward Sobolewski: (h) 610-358-3055, sobolewski3@comcast.net for questions.*

Costs: Lodging \$7.50/person/night; optional lodge key deposit, \$75 (check returned when key is received). Shared food cost approximately \$20 to \$30 dollars per person depending on how many meals are shared. BRSC activity fee is \$0.25/person/day; other activities, i.e., mountain biking, see link above. Approximate cost for one person for 3 nights and 4 days with shared food at lodge is ~\$85.

Deposit to hold spot: Equal to number of nights stay X \$7.50 X number of people in party. *Releases for both clubs will be sent and need to be signed, upon confirmation of reservation.*

Cancellation Policy: *Cancellations should be made to the trip leaders as soon as possible but no later than Thursday August 16, 2007. A full refund will be issued from the lodge treasurer. After 8/16/07, no-shows forfeit deposit to the Lodge capital improvement fund.*

Reservation Form

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____ Email _____

BRSC/DVBC Vermont Adventure for the nights of:

8/17, 8/18, 8/19 or others _____ (circle nights of stay) X \$7.50 X no of persons = \$ _____ (amount of deposit).

I plan to arrive on: date _____ time _____ and depart on date _____ time _____

Make checks payable to **Buck Ridge Ski Club** and send to:

Mel Stiles, 456 Woodruff Trail, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Key Deposit - \$75. Issue a **separate check** and send with reservation form and 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 _____

BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2007-2008

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

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 610-566-9563	\$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 14-18 Thur-Mon	Family Weekend	Vermont Lodge	T B A	\$60	\$80
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

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: _____

Breckenridge, Colorado

January 19 – 26, 2008

Members \$1,255.00 pp

Join Buck Ridge Ski Club on EPSC’s Winter Carnival to Breckenridge. With four interconnected peaks, Breckenridge offers skiing terrain for all levels. Visit the town of Breckenridge where the future meets the past! Choose from exciting events and endless shopping, dining and entertainment options. The interchangeable lift ticket is also good at Keystone and Arapahoe Basin Ski Areas. The four world class resorts, Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail, and Beaver Creek, are within 20-60 minutes and provide you with over 12,000 skiable acres. Daily transportation to Keystone is complimentary or visit Vail via Vail Resorts Express for a nominal fee (approximately \$25).

Trip Includes: Round-Trip, Non-Stop Air between Philadelphia and Denver & Ground Transfers between Denver and Breckenridge, 7 Nights Lodging at The Village at Breckenridge Hotel, 5-of-6-day Lift Ticket, Welcome Party on arrival night with light fare (cash bar), Orientation Breakfast on first morning, on-Mountain BBQ on Wednesday, Farewell Banquet Buffet w/DJ Party (cash bar), Carnival Race on Wednesday with free Gate Practice Runs the Day before, and Discounts at local Bars and Shops. Baggage Handling Tips for both the Bus Driver and Hotel Personnel.

The Village at Breckenridge Hotel: It's ski-in/ski-out location is ideal. The Village is also home to rental shops, a tavern, shopping, Blue Sage Spa at the Village, and Maggie Pond with ice skating. Even more offerings are steps away on historic Main Street. **Location:** The Village is “Where Breckenridge Meets the Mountain”, just off Main Street at the base of the Peak 9 Quicksilver Super 6 Chairlift.

Lift Tickets: The Breckenridge Lift Ticket is good at Keystone & Arapahoe Basin at all times. If you purchased a five day ticket, two of your days are good at either Vail or Beaver Creek. If you purchase a six day ticket, three of your days are good either at Vail or Beaver Creek

Mountain Facts: 2,208 acres, 146 Trails, 27 Lifts, 3,398’ Vertical Drop, 300” Average Annual Snowfall, Base El.: 9,600 ft, Summit El: 12,998 ft, 15% Beginner, 33% Intermediate, 20% Advanced and 32% Expert.

Options: No lift tickets - deduct \$160, 6 Day lift ticket - add \$45, No Airfare - deduct \$300. There are no Senior discounts.

September 10, 2007 Deadline: The lodging contract requires a commitment on the Hotel Rooms by 9/10/2007.

Payment Information: \$200 by 7/10/07; \$400 2nd deposit by 9/10/07; \$400 3rd deposit by 10/10/07; and final payment of \$255 by 11/10/2007.

Reservations & Questions: Send reservation form to Dan Aronson, 707 Beverly Road, Ambler, PA 19002-1804; 215-643-7252 or email d.l.aronson@att.net.

RESERVATION FORM

Complete this reservation form and return your with reservation payment.

Make checks/money orders payable to: **Buck Ridge Ski Club.**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Roommate Requested: _____

Breckenridge Trip, January 19-26, 2007 # of Reservations _____ x \$200.00 = \$ _____

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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