



Slopes & Trails

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From the President...

Greetings. We're well into the ski season and happily conditions are steadily improving. We had a lively meeting on February 7 when about 20 members stretched their muscles and practiced deep breathing at an introduction to yoga session with instructor Ron Coughenour. Many thanks to Marge Tarte for her generous donation of several varieties of Girl Scout cookies to go with hot cocoa on that cold evening. I hear that the mid-week group at the Lodge had a lot of fun and we're coming up on the very popular Jay Peak trip. Make sure you don't miss the March Meeting (March 7) when Dave Singer will give a presentation on his trip to Africa. Remember to make your plans to get up to the lodge. Get out there and enjoy this all too brief winter season.

Jack Schmader, President

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

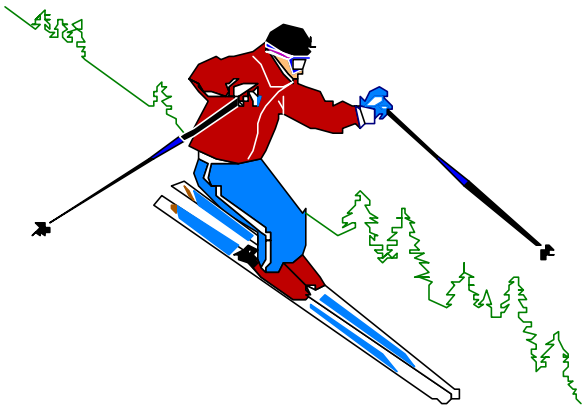
March 7: Dave Singer will give a presentation on the 3 ½ weeks in 2005 that he served as a pilot on an ultra-deluxe charter visiting nine countries in Africa. It promises to be a special evening. Meeting starts at 8 p.m.

April 4: Canoeing with Dan Jones

May 2: Ski season wrap-up slide show.

SPECIAL LODGE RESERVATION NOTICE!!!

Neither Joan Strachota nor Judie Sheffer will be home the first week in March so please make your lodge reservations with Joan before March 1 if you plan to be there during that period.



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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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.

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS



HIKING

Stratton Mountain

Continuing with last month's feature of hikes within a short drive of the Woodbridge Lodge, this month's featured hike is Stratton Mountain, home to the namesake ski area. The ski resort occupies the northerly slopes of the mountain, while the back side is undeveloped National Forest land. It is the nearest "big mountain" to the lodge, with a summit elevation of 3,936 feet. While the summit is wooded, a fire tower affords fine views in all directions. The hike will climb approximately 1,700' over a distance of roughly 3-3/4 miles.

To get to the trailhead, go north on Rte 100 from the lodge to the Arlington-West Wardsboro Road and turn left (this is also the turn for the back way to Stratton Mtn ski area). At the Stratton Town Hall, where you would turn right to go to the ski area, stay straight on the Arlington Road. This will continue past Grout Pond and descend a hill to a bridge across the West Branch of the Deerfield River. There is a small parking area where the Appala-

chian Trail crosses the road. In winter the road is normally closed at this point. Park here and follow the Appalachian Trail north to the summit. Note that at this point, both the Appalachian and Long Trails share the same route. Driving distance from the lodge is about 10 miles.

The trail is well marked, with no really steep sections, although it can be a bit boggy in places. It can be done on backcountry ski gear in a good snow year. From the summit, it is surprising how much lower and far away the top of the Stratton ski area is! Retrace your hike to return to the start. For a longer hike, one may continue north on the Appalachian Trail to Stratton Pond, then south on the Stratton Pond Trail to another trailhead on the Arlington Road. This will be about 1 mile west of your start at the Appalachian Trail parking area. This route will make a total round trip of about 12 miles, with no retracing of your steps.



SHORT HIKES BEGIN ON MARCH 21

The strange winter is coming to an end and the weather will be consistently warmer, making it great for hiking. So, why not come with us on Wednesdays and enjoy the emerging foliage? The meeting place for all hikes is the Value City parking lot at Routes 320 and 420, just off Exit 5 of the Blue Route. We leave promptly at 9:30 AM; bring lunch and clothing for expected and unexpected weather. Wear comfortable shoes and socks; sneakers are not suitable for many trails. If you have any questions, please call George Wiedersum, 610-358-5891. Here's the Spring schedule:

- Mar. 21 Struble Trail
- Mar. 28 Bonner Park
- April 4 White Clay Creek State Park
- April 11 Myrick-BVA Nature Center
- April 18 Evansburg State Park
- April 25 Wissahickon Gorge
- May 2 French Creek State Park
- May 9 Jenkins Arboretum - Valley Forge
- May 16 Smedley Park - Blue Route
- May 23 Marsh Creek State Park
- May 30 Ridley Creek State Park

C A N O E I N G

Rolling Practice Continues 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.philacanoec.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

S K I I N G

Its hard to believe the ski season is winding down—the last scheduled trip is the end of this month. Despite a poor start to the season, it looks like we can at least



Thank you god of snow!

hope for a good ending, thanks to the St. Valentine Day snow storm. Storm totals in Vermont ranged from 5 feet at Jay to 2 feet at Mount Snow, with ski areas throughout the northeast getting a well-needed dose of snow.

In some ski news that may affect Buck Ridgers, American Ski Company, the owner of Mount Snow, Killington, and

Pico in Vermont as well as Attitash in New Hampshire and Sunday River and Sugarloaf in Maine is reported to be selling off its eastern holdings. Mount Snow and Attitash have been sold to Peak Resorts, owners and operators of numerous Midwestern ski areas as well as Crotched Mountain ski area in New Hampshire. They are reportedly also selling Killington and Pico to Utah's Powdr Corporation, owner and operator of Park City Mountain Resort in Utah, California's Alpine Meadows, and Mt. Bachelor in Oregon. It is likely the Maine resorts will go as well. This will certainly end our ability to ski Mt Snow and Killington on a multi-day group ticket, and end the popular "all-east" pass that ASC has promoted in recent years.



Council News

There's still time to get discounted lift tickets before the season ends—see page five for the order form and details. And remember, you can ski Bear Creek in PA on Wednesdays from open to close at 10 pm for \$12 by showing your club membership card and asking for the club rate.

Its never to early to look forward to next season—the EPSC 2008 Winter Carnival will be held at Breckinridge, Colorado from January 19 thru 26. Buck Ridge will be running a trip there. For advance details, check the EPSC web site at:

<http://easternpaskicouncil.org/Trip/pdf/Breckenridge08TripFlier.pdf>



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	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)		\$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

				* DEPOSITS	
DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	MEMBERS	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:

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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