



Slopes & Trails

January 2008 www.buckridgeskiclub.org



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Get out and enjoy the snow! Despite the late December rains, New England has had excellent snow making conditions and lots of natural snow to keep things in shape.

Club News & Notes

Thanks to all who made the holiday social a success. The evening was capped off with Henry Martin, our "artist in residence", auctioning off one of his paintings—Ice Goblins—from Jay Peak last year as a fundraiser. This raised \$84 for the club, and Dave Singer is now the proud possessor of a Henry Martin original!

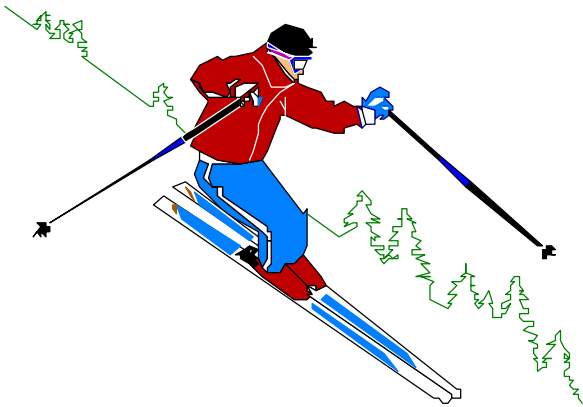
Mel Stiles will be filling in for Joan Strachota and handling lodge reservations during the month of January. See the officer's roster on page 2 for his contact information.

Look for the membership directory to be published soon. The club has had several new members this year—six individuals or families since the November meeting! See page 3 for a listing of our newest members.

Remember the meeting on January 9 will be a board meeting only—no program will be presented, but members are welcome to come out and socialize.

Ice Goblins by Henry Martin





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

President	Mel Stiles	856-478-4621 stilesmj@verizon.net
Vice-President	Dave Singer	856-424-5618 dsinger26@comcast.net
Secretary	Pat Beccia	610-664-9506
Treasurer	Terri Walklett	610-876-1728

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities Chair	Marge Tarte	610-874-3162
Biking Chair	Susan Hearn	215-386-8008 SLHearn@aol.com
Canoe Chair	Dan Jones	856-429-1585 Paddlerjones@aol.com
Hiking Chair	Jim Calkins	610-558-6862 Jbcalkins@verizon.net
Lodge Chair	Mel Stiles	856-478-4621
Program Chair	vacant	
Ski Chair	Dan Aronson	215-643-7252 d.l.aronson@att.net

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:

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

The annual Hunt For Snow trip kicked off the seasons' schedule in grand style—see the report on page 4. If early season conditions are any indication our other trips should offer some fine skiing.

TRIP UPDATES:

Breckinridge: trip is full.

Sugarloaf: deadline for signup has passed, but contact Glenn Weisel (see ski schedule for phone number) for any last minute openings.

Jay Peak: deadline is fast approaching; be sure to get your reservation in to Glenn ASAP.

Cross Country Weekend: Bob Beach skied to Stratton Pond during the Hunt for Snow weekend & reported excellent conditions, so these should only improve between now and the trip despite the Christmas week rains. Tentative plans are to ski portions of section 8 of the Catamount Trail (Landgrove / Utley Brook area) and section 5 (Stratton Pond). You can get more information on these areas on the Catamount Trail website: www.catamounttrail.org/trail/sections. Other options include Jamaica State Park, which has an easy trail to the base of the Ball Mtn Dam and the Grout Pond area, with a network of trails leading around the pond and down to Somerset Reservoir. There are also several full service groomed XC areas with rentals near the lodge. Timber Creek is the closest, opposite the north entrance road to Mt Snow, and Viking Nordic is about 30 miles north in Londonderry. Prospect Peak, a former downhill area on Rte 9 between Wilmington and Bennington, also is a full service area that can be a good stop on the way home and typically has excellent snow.



LIFT TICKETS:

Remember to take your membership card in order to get group rate tickets at Mount Snow. Group 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. 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. Bear Creek in Macungie, PA also offers discounted tickets—every Wednesday is club day. Receive an extended day lift ticket for only \$12 with valid Ski Club ID.

Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council

Council News

The Eastern PA Ski Council winter dinner meeting will be held on January 31 at Bear Creek Mtn. This is open to all members of EPSC clubs. Full details on p. 9.

BOATING

Paddlers are reminded that **indoor rolling sessions**, sponsored by the Philadelphia Canoe Club, are 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.

Complete details on pool regulations, costs, and more are available on the PCC website at www.philacanoec.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:

Michel Kersten

107 Rutgers Ave., Unit E-4, Swarthmore, PA 19081;
Colton Francis (92)
H 610-328-2802; e-mail: micasa107@yahoo.com

Manuel & Judith Ayala

1303 Hartranft Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034
H 267-468-0697; e-mail: ayalajm@verizon.net
The Ayalas come to Buck Ridge on the sponsorship of Lev Barinov. Manny has been an member and instructor at PCC for many years.

Adam Piccari

935 Three Mile Run Road, Sellersville, PA 18960
H 215-257-8508; W 267-278-2106
email: piccari@aol.com

Thomas & Nancy Houpt

1134 Upper State Road, Chalfont, PA 18914
H 215-997-1753; W 215-997-6620

John V. "Vic" Compher

2114 Appletree Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
H 215-854-8038; W 267-266-0842
e-mail: viccompher@comcast.net

Frederick & Brigitte DelGrosso

311 Harvard Blvd., West Lawn, PA 19609
H 610-775-4912
e-mail: freddelgrosso@yahoo.com



HUNT FOR SNOW I



There was no need to Hunt for Snow at this years first Hunt for Snow Ski Trip on December 13-16, 2007. Twenty-two people, who obviously did a very good job of checking out the ski conditions in Vermont, showed up at Woodbridge Lodge over the weekend. Kevin Amey, John Popik, Jerry Crowe, and Ken Bean arrived on Thursday evening with guests Stuart and Jared Osborne, Adam and Andrew Straubel, Tim Stoepker, and Jermie Stoltzfus. Their group skied Friday and Saturday and then headed home because of an impending storm and tired legs.

Mel Stiles, Larry Taylor, Dave Stern, Mike Fernandez, Terry McGinn and Terry McGinn II also arrived on Thursday for a fabulous day of skiing at Mount Snow on Friday. Bob Beach, Dave Singer, Carol and Paul Pitts and I arrived late Friday to enjoy another great day of skiing on Saturday. Ilya Tomkin also arrived on Friday night but had to return home after two runs on Saturday due to a severe toothache. Saturday's conditions were excellent with the entire mountain open with the exception of about three runs. There was enough snow in the Glades for Claim Jumper, Trials and Sap Tapper to be open. There was even enough snow for Bob Beach to venture off cross country skiing in the Grout Pond area. His only complaint was that the parking lot at Grout Pond wasn't plowed. Saturday evening's dinner consisted of the usual chicken in orange sauce, salad and lots of vegetables (yes, there was no desert).

remember the last time Dan ever quit this early". While Mel and his group decided to head home on Sunday, those remaining had plenty of leftovers for that evening's dinner.



North Face at Mount Snow

On Monday, Mount Snow only had the lower mountain areas open due to high winds. Terry, Terry II and I still had a great time skiing most of the morning in the Sap Tapper and Claim Jumper Glades. As for Ilya, he managed to have root canal work done on Monday morning and rushed to the lodge that evening to continue his traditional "Week Before Christmas Health Maintenance Break" at Mount Snow.

All in all, everyone had a good time skiing and were very pleased with all the improvements made to the lodge by this year's work parties.

Article by Dan Aronson; photos by Dave Singer

Editor's note:

This certainly has to have been one of the finest HFS trips in many years. The new management at Mount Snow has really made a strong showing in getting a good man-made base laid down, and Mother Nature has been unusually co-operative as well. We arrived to 10" of fresh powder on Thursday, and woke to an additional 6" on Sunday which continued to accumulate throughout the day. While all that fresh snow did not make for easy skiing (or driving on the way home!), it sure was fun. Pole deep powder in the woods on Mt Snow's north face—unheard of for this time of year, and winter had yet to officially begin!



Dave Stern enjoying early season powder in the trees

On Sunday, Mel, Mike, Larry, the two Daves and I skied at Stratton. Although the trails were well covered with snow, the wind and sleet kept us from enjoying a full day of skiing as ice covered goggles forced everyone to quit at 2:30 pm. Yes, everyone including me to which Mel proclaimed "It must really be bad out there, I can't



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 **SENIOR PACKAGES (65 and over)** --- \$ 600.00
 Includes daily lessons and 5 day lift ticket 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

WOODBIDGE LODGE – RESERVATION FORM

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

WOODBIDGE LODGE USAGE RATES (rev. 7/2004)
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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

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:



Eastern PA Ski Council Winter Dinner Meeting

***Food abounds and snow mounds are waiting for you
at the slopes of Bear Creek Mountain Resorts,
located in Macungie, PA.***

Ski, sip, & sup all slope side at Bear Creek Mountain

Thursday January 31, with EPSC and Lancaster Ski Club

All day lift tickets available for \$12!

(lift ticket price is only valid with the purchase of a dinner rsvp)

The Lancaster Ski Club is happy to be hosting the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council Winter Dinner Meeting on January 31st at the Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie, Pa. This event is open to all members of all EPSC ski clubs. The night includes a happy hour followed by dinner and a short program by various vendors serving the ski industry. This event will have an added attraction, the opportunity to ski before dinner. Bear Creek has offered an all day lift ticket for only \$12.00 to all attending the dinner!

Happy Hour @ 7 pm: Hors d'oeuvres and two drinks (cash bar thereafter)

Dinner— Spring Buffet: Caesar salad, wild field greens salad, vegetable lasagna, honey dijon chicken, hand carved turkey breast, potatoes, market fresh vegetables, and chef's selection of assorted desserts

Price: \$29.00 (after January 15th \$34.00)

Lift ticket: \$12.00. Purchase separately at Bear Creek group sales (must have dinner reservations to receive discounted price; group sales will have reservation list)

Please detach and return with check payable to Lancaster Ski Club by January 15, 2008

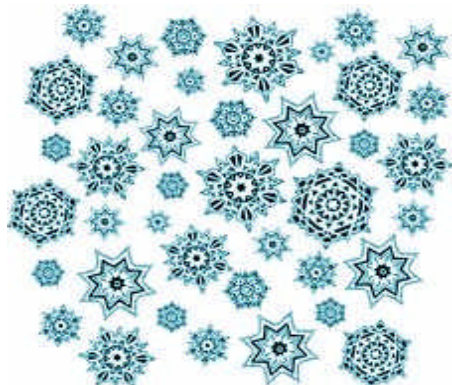
EPSC Winter Dinner Meeting

Make check payable to Lancaster Ski Club and mail to Beth Gibbs, 832 Maple Avenue, Berwyn, Pa. 19312

Name _____

Ski Club _____

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