



# Slopes & Trails

June 2009 [www.buckridgeskiclub.org](http://www.buckridgeskiclub.org)

## Club News & Notes

### May Meeting

Those attending the May general meeting enjoyed a video presentation by Ed S. of the Park City ski trip. Mel Stiles had a new toy along on the trip—a head mounted video camera. Some interesting footage, but I don't think Ed or Mel are ready for the Sundance Film Festival just yet. Maybe in a few more years...

The ski schedule for the coming year is shaping up—look for an update on page 3. Members are reminded to renew their dues early, and get deposits in promptly for trips since space may be limited due to airline restrictions. Look for membership renewal and trip sign-up forms in the next newsletter, which will be out in the end of August.

The summer board meeting will be held in Ridley Creek State Park on July 26. Come out early to enjoy a hike or bike with other club members, even if you can't stay for the board meeting and picnic later. Details are on page 4—please RSVP if you will be attending so we can plan food accordingly.

Our late summer corn roast at Linvilla Orchards will also be back this year on September 12—look for details in the next newsletter. Until then, enjoy your summer! Be sure to check the list of summer festivals in Vermont on pages 5 and 6 should you plan a summer-time visit to the Lodge.

## WHERE'S ~~WALDO~~ MELSKI?



Have you seen this man?

As you read this newsletter our intrepid past president has crossed into Virginia on his trek towards Harpers Ferry on the Appalachian Trail. His press agent Ed has done an admirable job keeping us posted as to his progress. Despite some early trials with blisters, wet weather, and bugs, it seems he is really getting into his groove. He has sent back some magnificent pictures of the southern Appalachians—I'm sure he will put together a great program for the club on his experience. See page 4 for a few more photos.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**July 26**—Summer Board Meeting

Pavilion 11b @ Ridley Park—details on page 4

**August 12** - Annual lodge committee meeting at regular monthly meeting space

**September 9**—Next regular club meeting

**September 11**—Corn Roast at Linvilla Orchards. Details TBA

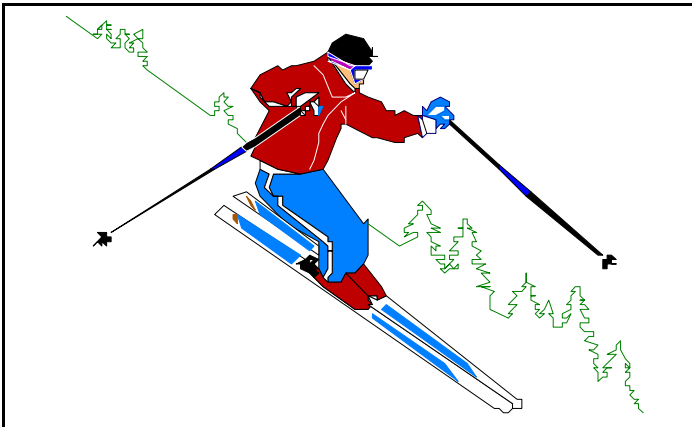
### NEW MEMBERS

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**Suzanne & David James**

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

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 Swedesboro, NJ 08085  
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If you would like a copy of the monthly newsletter, please contact Bill Raney at 610-356-5199 to be placed on the mailing list, or check the web site.

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**WOODBRIAGE LODGE**

Permanent Reservation Chair

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Only if you have been repeatedly unsuccessful contacting the reservation chair for a key should you contact

the following people:

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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

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Lewes, DE 19958

E-mail: mroemer27@mchsi.com

**REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 8 pm AT SPRINGFIELD MASONIC HALL ON RT 420, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA. NO MEETING IN JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.**

## ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

### SKIING

Our ski schedule is beginning to shape up for next season, and promises to be a good one. Jay Peak has been confirmed for February 21 thru 27 at a price of \$750; the first deposit of \$100 will be due October 5. Unfortunately it will not be in the new hotel. Check the BRSC web site for details, or look for the flyer in the next newsletter.

For our western trip we will be going to Whitefish, Montana from March 13 thru 20. Visit the resort web site ([www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)) for more information on what the mountain has to offer. We will be staying slope-side at the Kandahar Lodge ([www.kandaharlodge.com](http://www.kandaharlodge.com)). The Kandahar offers a ski-in location at the end of your day, with lift access a short walk across a parking lot. The package will be offered at a very attractive price—actually less than was quoted last year when we ended up in Park City due to the difficulty with the airlines.

Details on the entire season and trip sign-up sheets will be in the next newsletter.



### HIKING



Wednesday short hikes are done for the season.... our happy hikers are retiring to their respective hollow logs to wait out the hot days of summer until our fall short hikes start up. Do not disturb!



### BIKING

With warmer weather and more folks getting out on the road, its important to keep bicycle safety in mind. Dave Singer has found a web site with some excellent safety tips: <http://bicyclesafe.com/index.html> Check it out!

We have no formal rides scheduled for the summer, but keep in mind the many organized rides from last month's newsletter. Please contact biking chair Susan Hearn with any question.

Here's a few of the remaining of the recommended rides:

**Sunday, June 21 Bike Freedom Valley 2009:**  
Trail rides of 8, 22 and 44 miles, starting from Boathouse Row. For more information and to register online go to: [bicyclecoalition.org/content/bike-freedom-valley-2009](http://bicyclecoalition.org/content/bike-freedom-valley-2009)

**Sunday, August 16 Covered Bridge Metric Century:**  
Rides for all levels at 15, 31 and 62 miles through rural Lancaster County. For more information and to register online: [lancasterbikeclub.org/cbm09.php](http://lancasterbikeclub.org/cbm09.php)

**Sunday, August 30 Shoo-Fly Classic:**  
20, 40 and 62 mile rides through the scenic Oley Valley. Starts at the Oley Fairgrounds. For more information: [www.berksbicycle.com](http://www.berksbicycle.com)

In addition to the club and ride web sites listed above, here is a list of local bike clubs. All offer regular rides most days of the week, including rides suitable for beginners. Most do not require club membership to attend.

Philadelphia Bicycle Club: [www.phillybikeclub.org](http://www.phillybikeclub.org)  
Delaware Valley Bicycle Club: [www.dvbc.org](http://www.dvbc.org)  
White Clay Bicycle Club: [www.whiteclaybicycleclub.org](http://www.whiteclaybicycleclub.org)  
South Jersey Wheelmen: [www.sjwheelmen.org](http://www.sjwheelmen.org)

#### **RIDE LEADERS WANTED!!!**

Do you have a favorite place for riding your bicycle that you would like to share with other Buck Ridgers? Ride ideas and leaders are needed for May through October. Contact Biking Chair Susan Hearn at 215-386-8008 with suggestions or to volunteer to lead a ride.



## Summer Board Meeting and Picnic at Ridley Creek S.P.

**Where:** Ridley Creek State Park, Pavilion/parking area #11-B, available from 8 am to 8 pm. Please see below for directions. For questions or other info about the park call 610-892-3900

**When:** Sunday July 26, 2009, rain or shine. Pavilion available and reserved for any BRSC member's use, parking, etc from 8am to 8pm. The Board meeting, where the Board of Governors reorganize for the coming year, will be from 1:00PM to 2:00PM in the pavilion with picnic and planned activities to follow. Board members will be notified of the proposed meeting agenda prior to the meeting.

**Who:** All members are welcome, with the tradition of bringing something to share. So if you have a favorite dish and would like to enjoy a day in beautiful Ridley Creek SP please join us. Burgers and dogs will be provided, but so we have enough of the other essentials and know how many to plan for, please **RSVP to Mike Fernandez by Sunday July 19th.** (cell: 609-254-8461 or email: amf72@verizon.net).

**Activities:** Bring some toys and depending on the weather and the turnout we can play -- horseshoes, softball, do a hike or ride our bikes. Ridley has great wooded hiking trails and paved biking trails; plan to come early and enjoy the park. Horseshoes & stakes, softballs, bases and a couple of bats will be provided, or if that doesn't appeal to you bring your lounge chair and enjoy the company of other Buck Ridgers.

**Directions:** To use MapQuest or GPS please use the following address:

357 Gradyville Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Ridley Creek State Park is located in Edgmont Township, Delaware County. Reached via Gradyville Road, which runs between State Route 352 in town of Gradyville, and State Route 252 south of Newtown Square. From I-476 (Blue Route) take State Route 3 exit west to Newtown Square, then south on State Route 252 to Gradyville Road. Or take the Rt 1 exit west/south on Rt 1 to Rt. 252 north exit and turn left on Providence Road. Follow the signs to the Park. Once inside the park, follow the signs past the office to parking area #11 and look for pavilion "B" (there are two pavilions, A & B). You can also turn in at the office and pick up a map at the upper parking lot near the top of the steps. The map shows hiking, biking and parking areas.

**Note:** No alcohol is permitted at the park.



Scenes from the Trail: Above Left— Hiker Hostel along the trail



Above Right: Amicalola Falls, GA—Mels' Journey Begins

## Summer-time and the living is easy... at the Woodbridge Lodge

Summer at the lodge is a much more relaxing, easy-going experience than ski season! In addition to fine hiking and biking opportunities, there are a host of festivals and special events within a short drive of the lodge. Here's a sampling:



**July 17 - 24, 2009 - Castleton State College, Castleton, Vermont**

**Vermont's Green Mountain Club** hosts the 2009 Appalachian Trail Conservancy 37th Biennial, a week of celebrating and learning about the 2,170-mile Appalachian Trail. A little farther from the lodge from some of the other events

listed, Castleton State College is located off U.S. Route 4 west of Rutland. The festival features hikes, more than 50 workshops, and the membership meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. For those less interested in hiking, there will be excursions, bike trips, and a number of family-friendly events suitable for all ages. The Appalachian Trail Festival 2009 also marks the beginning of the Green Mountain Club's centennial celebration. The Green Mountain Club was formed in 1910 with the purpose of making "the Vermont mountains play a larger role in the life of the people." Over the next 20 years, GMC volunteers envisioned and built the Long Trail, the nation's first long-distance hiking trail. The Long Trail runs 272 miles from Massachusetts to the Canadian border. For more details go to [www.vermont2009.org](http://www.vermont2009.org).

### **Marlboro Music School & Festival, Marlboro Vermont 59th Season - Weekends: July 18 - August 16, 2009**

This world renowned festival features is located on the campus of Marlboro College, 10 miles east of Wilmington. It features some of the most distinguished and promising artists from all over the world, with the emphasis not on pre-planned performance but on exploring chamber music in depth. Five weekends of concerts (July 18-August 16, 2009) offer compelling performances. Programs are only decided a week in advance; the fact that most tickets are sold far in advance without knowing programs or artists speaks to the happy results that come from this special event celebrating its 59th season this summer. Performances are Saturdays at 8:30 PM and Sundays at 2:30 PM, July 18 through August 16 and Friday, August 7, 2009 at 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 to \$35 for covered seating and \$ 5 on the lawn. Information: [www.marlbormusic.org](http://www.marlbormusic.org)



### **Maplerama 2009 & The Shires Maple Festival—July 24 & 26, 2009**

A special, two-day celebration of the bounty of our Vermont countryside, located at Colgate Park, 1545 West Road, just west of downtown Bennington. Colgate Park has joined forces with Maplerama, a Vermont trade show for regional maple syrup makers and maple product producers, to introduce what is destined to become a major annual happening: *The Shires Maple Festival*, intended not only to complement Maplerama 2009 but also to stand alone as a full, weekend event celebrating not only the magic of maple but also of regional farming, fresh local produce, specialty foods, and fine, hand-crafted products. Artisan cheese makers, bread makers, and specialty product makers will be present with items to sample and purchase and some other surprises. *The Shires Maple Festival* will have its own bar with a signature Maple Beverage and fabulous food will be in abundance! For more information, visit the web site at [www.colgatepark.com](http://www.colgatepark.com)

### **2nd Annual Blueberry Festival—July 31st thru August 9th 2009**

An eclectic recognition of all things blue! Agricultural products & activities, church bake sales, storefront window contests and blue light specials, family picnics and 100 gallons of blue jello. Charity walks, dances, library programs, bookstore contests. Blueberry-enhanced entrees, bar-b-ques and brunches! The 2009 Deerfield



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Valley Blueberry Festival, named a Vermont Top 10 Summer Event for 2009, is the culmination of a community effort coordinated by Janet Boyd from Boyd Family Farm in Wilmington in which dozens of businesses, organizations and individuals have created blueberry or blue themed events happening ten days consecutive days throughout the Mount Snow—Wilmington area at the end of July into August.

**31st Annual Southern Vermont Art and Craft Festival  
Hildene's Meadow (River Road off Route 7A), Manchester, Vermont  
July 31, August 1 & 2, 2009**

This "Festival Marketplace" features 175 Designer Craft and Fine Art Exhibits under large white Camelot Tents. All media are included: pottery, glass, fiber, photography, leather, jewelry, metal, graphics, painting, prints, wood, furniture, and more. Dinnerware, vases, clothing, leather bags, blown glass, canvas garment bags, Windsor chairs, outdoor sculpture, rugs, raincoats, and wedding bands are just a few of the plethora of handmade products offered. An expanded culinary menu, will offer two special feasts. On Saturday August 1, Candeleros Restaurant will have a pig roast with all the trimmings. On Sunday, famed Henry Bronson from Bistro Henry's will offer Crazy Chicken Sunday with several choices of succulent chicken. There will also be a beer and wine tent featuring Vermont micro brews and summer wines.



**Vermont Blues Festival  
August 21 –24, 2009**

The first ever Vermont Blues Festival rolls into Mount Snow for three days of world class blues and soul! A 100' x 60' event tent will provide an intimate setting in the base area while the main stage, set up at the base of Standard ski trail, is a natural amphitheater that will make for some amazing acoustic music. Go to [www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com) for more details and the performance schedule.

**92nd Deerfield Valley Farmers Day  
Thu, August 27th 2009 - Sun, August 30th 2009**

**Location:** Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair Assoc, Inc.

An event for the whole family. Expected events for 2009 include a Talent Show, Children's Lawnmower Pull, Truck Pull, Ox Pull, Horse Draw/Horse Pull, Horse Show, Children's Games including a Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Scavenger Hunt, Country Jam Session, Cattle Show, Children's Barnyard/Petting Farm, Farmer for A Day, Pee Wee Midway, Pie Eating Contest, Youth and Adult Exhibits, Agricultural Demonstrations, and so much more!



**The 15th Annual Mount Snow Brewers Festival  
September 5 & 6, 2009**

Mt Snow's annual tribute to summer and it's finest elixir - beer! The Mount Snow Brewers Festival has become infamous for great beer, great music, huge crowds, and good times. This year they expect to host over 20 breweries with more than 60 different kinds of brews including stouts, ales, porters, hefeweizens, and cider for non-beer lovers. All paid adult entries receive a souvenir pint glass and a free beer on Mount Snow. Tokens can be purchased for \$2 after that and are good for an 8 oz sample.

**September 25 & 27, 2009**

The Mount Snow Valley and Vermont Life Magazine invite you to The Second Annual Vermont Life Wine & Harvest Festival a weekend showcase for Vermont wines, Vermont specialty foods and artisans of all types celebrating the rich uniqueness, quality and ingenuity of Vermont producers. Named one of Vermont's top ten 2009 fall events, The 2009 weekend festival will feature authentic Vermont experiences including a Bluegrass BBQ, Indigenous Vermonter breakfasts, a series of wine pairing dinners at the Mount Snow Valleys finest eateries and a pitchfork to plate dinner.

**Vermont Life  
Wine & Harvest  
FESTIVAL**

## 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.

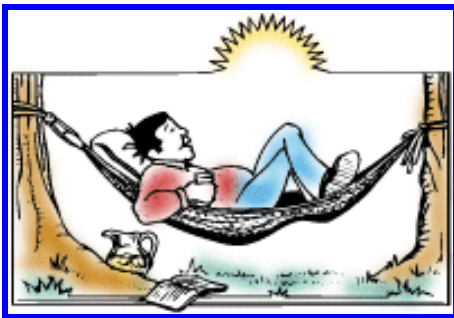
- Enclosed is my check for \$75. I understand that this key is due back **within 2 weeks after my planned trip** or my deposit check will be cashed. My check will also be cashed if key is lost in the mail.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions, email [jstrachota@comcast.net](mailto:jstrachota@comcast.net)

**RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.**

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS



Enjoy the summer—see you in the fall!

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**Buck Ridge Ski Club**

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