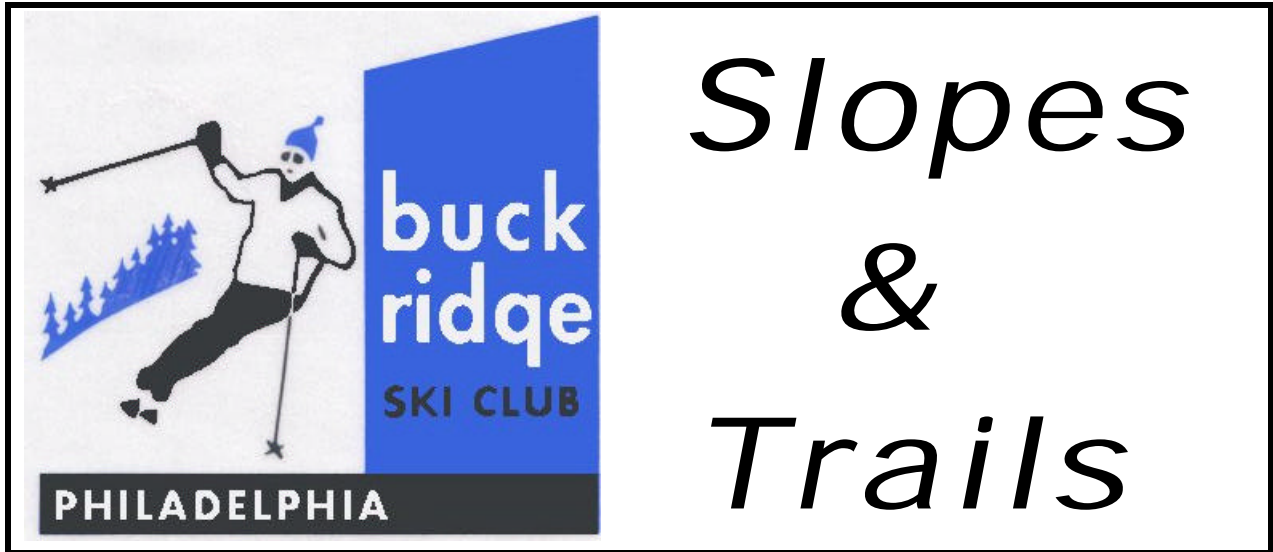


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REMEMBER!

MAILING OF *SLOPES & TRAILS* IS ENDING!

Following up on the notice in the January newsletter, plans are proceeding to do away with mailing of *Slopes & Trails* to everyone except those who indicate that they want to keep receiving it in that form. The purpose of this is twofold: first, those who continue to receive the newsletter through the mail will get better service because we plan to mail it first class, and second, if we have to do less mailings, the club will save money.

The countdown will end with the last mailing to all members with the May, 2006 issue. Starting with the June, 2006 issue of *Slopes & Trails*, only those members who have told us they want to continue receiving the newsletter through the mail will receive such a copy. All others will access the newsletter via the Buck Ridge Ski Club website at: www.buckridgeskiclub.org You will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader on your personal computer in order to read the newsletter from the website. It's free from Adobe Software and can be downloaded by accessing their website at: www.adobe.com

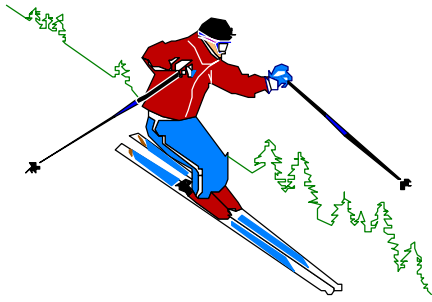
Those people who have already contacted me or Bill Raney need not contact us again; we have your names. Those of you who have not, please get in touch ASAP and let your wishes be known. Our information is in the club directory, but I'll repeat it here anyway.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Art Schwabenbauer, President



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PLEASE NOTE!!! REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE *FIRST WEDNESDAY* OF THE MONTH AT MASONIC HALL SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE COUNTY) PA

**COUNTDOWN CLOCK**

This issue of Slopes & Trails is the second-last paper copy that will be mailed to all members!!

There is only 1 more issue to be mailed to all members!

Please update your E-mail information in the directory in order to assure prompt notification; many mass emails get returned as non-deliverable. Send your correct email information to Merle Roemer at mroemer@reading.org . Thank you!

REMINDER!**MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE NOW ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY**

Effective with the February, 2006, meeting Buck Ridge Ski Club began meeting on the first Wednesday of the month instead of the second Wednesday. At the February Board of Governors meeting it was agreed to make this change permanent. Accordingly, the club will meet on the first Wednesday of the Month from now on. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. Thank you.

Art Schwabenbauer, President

SLATE OF OFFICERS SELECTED FOR 2006/2007

The slate of officer nominees for the 2006/2007 year has been selected. They are:

President: Jack Schmader

Secretary: Pat Beccia

Vice-President: Larry Hardin

Treasurer: Terri Walklett

A vote on the election of this slate will take place at the general meeting on April 5, 2006. Please plan to attend and vote your preference.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

With winter winding down, its time to think of other activities. To start you thinking of spring activities, our March meeting featured a presentation by Mel Stiles and Ed Sobelewski on a week long bicycle trip through Utah last spring, taking in Zion, Bryce, and Capitol Reef National Parks and LOTS of vertical relief. Future meeting programs will include:

April 5 - PADDLING THE GRAND CANYON

Paul Natali will give a presentation on the trip he organized last August (after waiting 14 years for a private permit) to run the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon for 226 miles from the put-in at Lees Ferry to the takeout on the Indian Reservation at Diamond Creek.

May 3 – HIKING IN ICELAND

Susan Hearn will give a presentation on her trip to Iceland. Don't miss it!

CANOE AND KAYAK TRAINING

The canoe and kayak training at the Philadelphia Canoe Club will be starting in May. Course information and applications can be found at www.philacanoes.org or see Dan Jones at the meeting or call him at 856-429-1585.

BICYCLING

24th ANNUAL KENT COUNTY SPRING FLING – May 26-29 (Memorial Day weekend)

Sponsored by the Baltimore Bicycling Club, this is becoming an annual event for Buck Ridgers. Rides & activities for all abilities along lightly traveled roads on the beautiful Eastern Shore of Maryland, based out of historic Chestertown. This is an all-inclusive event, with meals and lodging included. The best lodging suites go fast, and can only be reserved with a deposit! Contact MaryAnn Thomas [mat_ski_stuff@msn.com] for details and registration forms.

SPRING HIKING SCHEDULE

The snow, such as it is, will soon be disappearing, so why not begin thinking about coming on some hikes? It's a great way to stay in shape and enjoy the emerging foliage. Our hikes are just long enough, five or six miles, over fairly easy terrain. The meeting place for all hikes is the Value City parking lot at Routes 320 and 420, one-half mile north of the club meeting place and convenient to Exit 5 of the Blue Route. We leave at 9:30 am sharp; bring water and lunch, wear comfortable shoes, preferably hiking boots, and dress for expected and unexpected weather. If you have any questions, please call George Wiedersum, 610-358-5891. Here's the Spring schedule:

April 5	Hibernia Park	May 10	Jenkins Arboretum / Valley Forge
April 12	Myrick Preserve	<i>Note: Jim Calkins will be trip leader for the May 10 hike – contact him at (610)558-6862</i>	
April 19	Brandywine State Park	May 17	Smedley Park & Blue Route
April 26	Wissahickon Gorge	May 24	Evansburg State Park
May 3	French Creek State Park	May 31	Ridley Creek State Park

BUCK RIDGE RACING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**BRSC Captures 2nd and 7th Place at Telluride***By Mel Stiles*

This year's BRSC western trip in telluride CO was also the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council's (EPSC) Winter Carnival. The Winter Carnival alternates every year between a western resort and an eastern resort. Included in the Carnival as one of its main venues is an interclub fun race with practice the day before, an on mountain barbecue immediately after the race and an awards ceremony at the end of the week.

Our club usually has anywhere from one to three teams participating in the racing and this year was no exception with two teams of 6 racers each. Teams are usually comprised of 2 women and 4 men, but can vary according to the number and gender of those who want to race. This year we had one team with 2 women and 4 men and another team with 5 men and 1 woman. The course is a duel format where racers race next to each other on a green or yellow flagged course and take one run on each course. Every one of our racers finished at least one run and therefore received a time towards Carnival and NASTAR awards. The team times are calculated by adding up the top 3 men's times and top time of 1 woman on each team. Awards are given to each team member (6) for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams and the fastest man and the fastest woman overall. Individual NASTAR medals are also awarded following the team awards.

One of our teams captured second place silver medals and the other team finished 7th out of 19 teams entered, about 115 racers in all. Many on both teams received NASTAR medals as well. We also had two other club members racing in the Carnival who did very well.

2nd Place Team (Silver Medals)	Best Time/Course	NASTAR Medals
Susan Hearn	31:16 / Green	Bronze
Barbara Sudell	31:82 /	Bronze
Vic LePage	26:02 / Green	Silver
Dan Aronson	28:55	Bronze
Ed Sobolewski	31:44 / Yellow	
Mel Stiles	26:98 / Yellow	Silver
7th Place Team	Best Time/Course	NASTAR Medals
Lisa Aronson	31:96 / Green	
Ken Cook	35:54 / Green	Best Crash Award
George Morgan	30:25 / Green	Bronze
Larry Taylor	32:68 / Green	
Ilya Tyomkin	28:21 / Green	Silver
Korune Tovmassian	32:18 / Yellow	
Other Club Racers in Carnival	Best Time/Course	NASTAR Medals
Lydia Hill	30:46 / Yellow	Silver
George Fitzgerald	29:63 / Green	Bronze

For the past several years the race has been held at a resort which also has NASTAR and our race has been held on the NASTAR course. NASTAR stands for NATIONAL STANDARD RACE which is a program for all skiers to race and compare their time with the fastest skier in the country, who this year is Daron Ralves, a member of the US Olympic Ski Team. So

when racers are skiing in the Carnival race they are also competing for a NASTAR medal--platinum, gold, silver or bronze. Please go to <http://www.nastar.com> to check out your statistics and set up your account. It's free and will include your racing history as well as club team statistics.

The Carnival was very well attended this year with 325 in attendance and there were many other functions for the non-racers as well. At the awards ceremony on Friday night there was a Mad Hatter Contest with awards for the most creative hat as well as awards for the best crashes, best stories of crazy happenings on the mountain and drawings for 50-50 prizes. We started out the week with a welcome spaghetti dinner, followed the next morning with an orientation breakfast and on mountain tours. There was a beer and tubing party about midweek, the free race gate training and on mountain barbecue after the race. At the awards ceremony on Friday night we were treated to a fabulous buffet dinner with all of the fixin's. There were many side trips to dinner and other sightseeing during the week. It appeared that a great time was had by all.



Telluride 2nd place medal winners

Top row, l – r: Ed Sobolewski, Dan Aronson, Vic LePage
Front row, l – r: Susan Hearn, Mel Stiles, Barbara Sudell

OTHER RACE RESULTS**EPSC Council Cup***By Michael Fernandez*

BRSC members fielded two teams at the EPSC 2006 Council Cup race at Blue Mountain on February 26. Although none of the teams placed, there was certainly no lack of good times.

The masters team, consisting of MaryAnn Thomas, Susan Hearn, Dan Aronson, Gary Anzis, David Singer, and Mel Stiles, placed 6th out of 6 teams, with a total team time of 262.78. Flying Dutchman, Blue Ridge, and Main Line took the top three places. Flying Dutchman and Blue Ridge had the top three individual women's times while Flying Dutchman and Mack had the top three men's times in the masters division.



The second team, in the 21 to 49 category thanks to Terry McGinns daughter (who we were hoping would be our ringer!), consisted of Barbara Sudell, Maggie McGinn, Art Schwabenbauer, Larry Taylor, Michael Fernandez, and Terry McGinn. They placed 15th out of 18 teams with a total time of 305.52. Again, the top three places went to Flying Dutchman, Main Line, and Blue Ridge. Flying Dutchman and Main Line had the top three individual women's times while Flying Dutchman and Blue Ridge had the top three men's times in the division. For full race results, see the EPSC web site (eastempaskicouncil.org).



Above – maybe if we had those fancy racing suits we could perform better!

Right – BRSC racers line up at the starting gate

Jay Peak NASTAR

RACE RESULTS (sorted by best handicap)

Competitor	Course	Time	Handicap	Medal
Pacesetter	Yellow	17.73	17.00	-
Mel Stiles	Yellow	18.19	20.07	Gold
MaryAnn Thomas	Yellow	19.43	28.25	Gold
Susan Hearn	Yellow	19.45	28.38	Gold
Edward Sobolewski	Yellow	19.65	29.70	Silver
David Singer	Yellow	19.77	30.50	Silver
Michael Fernandez	Yellow	20.08	32.54	Silver
Henry Martin	Yellow	20.14	32.94	Silver
Rex Miyashiro	Yellow	20.85	37.62	Bronze
Paul Worthington	Yellow	20.98	38.48	Silver
Lawrence Taylor	Yellow	21.12	39.41	Silver
John Theodore	Yellow	21.58	42.44	Bronze
Art Schwabenbauer	Yellow	22.10	45.87	Silver
Susan Pittelli	Yellow	23.57	55.58	Silver
Alison Bartle	Yellow	25.41	67.72	-

Folks attending the Jay Peak ski trip also had the opportunity to compete in a NASTAR course race against other club members on Thursday, as well as a separate race with their instructor from the week. The NASTAR race results are in the table to the left.

For those participating in the instructor's races, "Team Dave" had Mel Stiles, Susan Hearn, and David Singer place first, second, and third respectively. On "Team Helen", first, second, and third went to MaryAnn Thomas, Paul Worthington, and Sue Pitelli. Sorry if others were overlooked, but the results sheet was a little tattered!

Look for more details on the Jay Peak trip in the May newsletter.



Rex Miyashiro guns for the finish line

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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
Any questions, email jstrachota@comcast.net

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: _____

RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS

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