



# Slopes & Trails

February 2008 [www.buckridgeskiclub.org](http://www.buckridgeskiclub.org)

## Club News & Notes

The EPSC Breckenridge trip is over, and was a big success with almost 500 people in attendance. There was great weather, with light snowfall early and late in the week followed by blue sky days. Folks skied at Breckenridge, Keystone, and Vail. Look for a full report in the March newsletter.

The 2008 Directory has been mailed to all members, and should have been received by now. However, a few copies have been returned damaged in the mail. If you have not received yours, please contact Mel Stiles and a new one will be sent out.



Above: First day mountain orientation tour at Breckenridge  
(Photo by Ed Sobelewski)

### ***In Memoriam...***

Matthew Lauck passed away in June, 2007 after a long illness. He was 86. He left Buck Ridge and PCC and the area in 1991 for Sun City, Florida. Matt was a bear of a man, kind, gentle and one fine kayak paddler. He was very active in Buck Ridge Ski Club, with whom he paddled in the 1960's, and with PCC in the 1970's and 1980's. He taught me to "Pawlata" roll in Whitehall Pool, U of Pa. in winter 1966 and was a solid, terrific paddler you could really count on. Oldtown Canoes gave him a new kayak so he could run the Grand Canyon in 1970, one of the first to successfully do so. He was on the committee to select the 1972 U.S. Olympics kayak team. Matt was a DuPont engineer who got his degree from Bradley University. He taught two sons to kayak. One particularly strong paddler was young Matt, who died in July, 2007 after a short illness. He was 44. For those of you too new to the sport to have known Matt, I wish such a mentor for you, as Matt Lauck was for me. He will forever be in my mind's-eye/memory.

*Dr. Al Cunningham  
Buck Ridge/PCC*

### ***New Members***

Please welcome the following new members:

*Margaret McGinn*

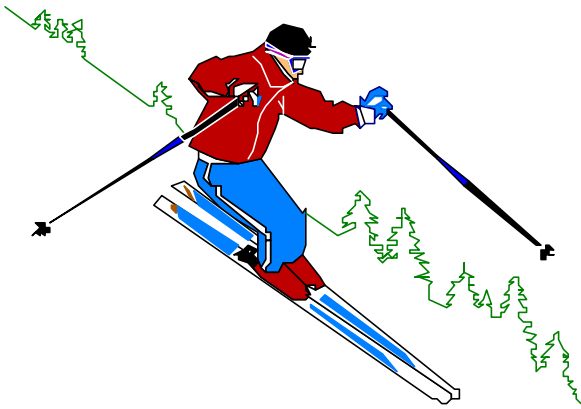
6511 Shalkop St., Phila., PA 19128  
H: 215-487-3438

*Terrence McGinn II*

6511 Shalkop St., Phila, PA 19128  
H: 215-487-3438

### ***Upcoming Programs***

- February—Sizing & Fitting Your Equipment by Salters Ski Shop
- March—TBD
- April—Canoeing
- May— Ski Wrapup / Hiking the Grand Canyon



The deadline for articles for the Slopes and Trails is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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
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Program Chair	<i>vacant</i>	
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 SPRINGFIELD MASONIC HALL ON RT 320, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA. NO MEETING IN JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.**

## ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

### SKIING

#### TRIP UPDATES:

Keith Richards provides a report of the January Junket to the Lodge on page 9, graced by daughter Katherine's artwork. Despite the warming weather reported during the trip, it seems winter has returned!

**Jay Peak:** The deadline is passed for full Jay Peak registration with AMTRAK transportation. Space may still be available for those wishing to arrange their own transportation—see page 6 for details.



**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 January thaw. 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](http://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.

If you have ever been interested in cross country skiing but never could decide what to get, there is an excellent article from the Catamount Trail News on the topic reprinted on page 4 of the newsletter.

#### DISCOUNT 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.

**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.

Folks traveling further north than the lodge in Vermont may want to take advantage of **STOWE SKI COUNCIL DAYS**. The last series scheduled for this year is March 19 thru 23, 2008. All ski club councils and members with a club ID card are eligible to purchase discounted lift tickets. Prices area as follows:

Adult Lift Tickets (13-64yrs old):  
1-day=\$38; 2-day=\$64; 3-day=\$90

Child/Senior Lift Tickets (6-12 & 65+):  
1-day=\$21; 2-day=\$27; 3-day=\$37

You must bring your current season ski club card and a photo ID to get your discounted vouchers!

Remember that discounted lift ticket vouchers are still be available form many ski areas in Pennsylvania, New York, & Vermont. from EPSC—see page 5 for the order form.

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### 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. Details on pool regulations, costs, and more are available on the PCC website at [www.philacanoec.org/rolling\\_schedule.html](http://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.

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### ICE SKATING

Looking for something different? Tired of waiting for the local ponds to freeze? Come join us for a fun afternoon of outdoor ice skating at the River Rink on Philadelphia's Waterfront!

**LOCATION:** Penn's Landing, Columbus Blvd. and Market Street

**DATE:** Sunday, February 17th

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**COST:** Admission: \$6.00 (\$2 discount coupon available on line) / Skate Rental: \$3.00. On-site Parking: \$8.00

**MORE INFO:** [www.riverrink.com](http://www.riverrink.com) or 215-925-RINK

**CONTACT PERSON:** Mary Ann Popma 610-692-5928. Call about a meeting place or for carpooling. Hope to see you there!!

*Ed. note: The following article is reprinted from the winter issue of the Catamount Trail News with permission from the author, who is the executive director of the Catamount Trail Association. It's a great resource for folks wanting to try cross country skiing but who may be uncertain about what equipment to get with the myriad of options available.*

*Buck Ridge is fortunate to have the Woodbridge Lodge located in close proximity to the Catamount Trail, a long distance backcountry ski trail that runs the length of Vermont. The trail can be easily accessed from the Lodge by continuing past Grout Pond on the Arlington-West Wardsboro Road to the end of plowing, where it can be followed north to Stratton Pond or south along the Somerset Reservoir. We hope to ski some sections of the trail on the upcoming February cross-country weekend. For more information on the trail, visit the website at [www.catamounttrail.org](http://www.catamounttrail.org).*

## The Equipment Is as Varied as the Trail

By Jim Fredericks

The Catamount Trail offers a wide range of skiing experiences for all abilities and how you enjoy these experiences often depends on the equipment and snow conditions. Over the 300-mile distance of the Trail, a skier will encounter everything from easy, relaxed backcountry skiing in relatively flat terrain to steeper, mountainous landscapes with long climbs and exciting descents. Many skiers will avoid the challenging terrain and stick to trail sections more enjoyable for their experience level. Unless consistently searching for the more rugged terrain, one set of equipment will work fine for most people who ski the Catamount Trail. I hope the next few paragraphs will give you a little insight and provide some guidance for your next equipment purchase.

### Don't Overkill

You don't have to break the bank when shopping for your next ski package. Not all people want to ski steep terrain. If you don't, heavier backcountry skis with metal edges and stiff boots are not necessary and may even make your trek less enjoyable. Who wants to lug around the extra weight of heavier skis and more restrictive boots when you can be on a much lighter skis with better glide and boots with more forward flex?

For an entry-level skier, a ski that can be used in both the groomed tracks of a Nordic area and the ungroomed surface of the CT is well advised. The width of the ski should be less than 69 mm to fit within the machine-made track while giving good flotation in powder conditions. The general rule of thumb is that the wider the ski, the more supportive the boot should be. A more supportive boot is necessary to keep the ski from sliding sideways on packed surfaces and also for turning the ski on its edge for carving turns. With a ski of 69 mm or less, the skier will have the option of skiing with a traditional touring boot or go to a heavier boot with more support. A wider ski with more sidecut will be slower than that of a narrower ski with less sidecut.

I find a wider, short-sized touring ski made for groomed and ungroomed surfaces to work just fine whenever the trails are not icy. When you combine an NNN or Solomon BC binding system along with an upper-end touring boot, most skiers will have all the equipment they need for most Catamount Trail terrain in powder conditions. Just make sure the boot has a solid heel counter and substantial ankle support.

### The Metal Edge Dilemma

Most companies are currently making some lightweight, metal-edged skis used specifically for backcountry skiing. Some have more of a parallel side cut and work fine

for touring if you don't mind the extra weight of a metal-edged ski. An NNN BC or Solomon BC system incorporates a more

substantial binding platform as compared to the non-BC models. These two BC systems are preferred by many backcountry skiers as long as you stay within a 69 mm width ski. If you go wider than 69 mm, a three-pin 75 mm binding and plastic boot combination are the choice of most skiers.

The advantage of having a metal-edged ski is most evident in icy conditions, steep downhill, and heavy powder. For those people who are Telemark skiers, an alpine width ski as wide as 171 mm with maximum sidecut is the choice for rugged terrain. The penance of slugging up a long climb is rewarded by superior control on downhill, giving the skier the freedom to search out more remote and rugged terrain.

### Waxable or No-Wax Bases

As with most technological breakthroughs, they often work well in some conditions and not so well in others. Waxless bases have made some great advances in their grip patterns in recent years and I would suggest that most people use a waxless ski for the Catamount Trail. I am quite knowledgeable when it comes to waxing skis but there is nothing more aggravating than having to change wax in the ever-changing snow conditions on a ski tour.

A perfectly waxed ski will always outperform a waxless ski when the conditions are constant but in reality, that is not usually the case. A good waxless ski that is matched for the person's weight will have great gripping performance and usually good glide speed. The main drawback of going with a waxless base is the sound of the ski on the snow when the snow crystals have transformed from powder to more granular icy conditions.

In deep, newly fallen powder, both the waxable and no-wax will have their limits as a significant amount of snowshear will cause the skier to lose their kick and have limited forward progress. In this case, a good pair of climbing skins is an essential accessory in your backpack. These so-called "skins" are fashioned after a seal's skin, which many skiers around the world have used in years past. The modern skins are made of synthetic materials but get the same job done as their predecessors.

### Just Get Out on the Trail

We can always improve our technique so no matter what equipment you end up buying, just remember that it is not the arrow, it is the archer. The more proficient you are as a skier, the more you will enjoy skiing. I hope to see you on the Trail.



**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**

Its not too late...

Ski JAY PEAK , VERMONT with BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB  
February 24 - March 1, 2008 with transportation on your own

**REVISED REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008**

This itinerary is for late registration for the Jay Peak package *only* AND DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION. Amtrak tickets are available in Philadelphia on an individual space available retail basis at approximately \$160 round trip. You will be on your own to secure Amtrak or other transportation. The Jay Peak package includes all meals, lodging, taxes and gratuities while at Jay Peak. We have double occupancy in Hotel Jay. Reservations will be accepted on a full room basis of two. Single reservations will wait until a roommate is available.

ADULT ----- \$625.00                      SENIOR ----- \$500.00

Senior lift tickets are an additional \$17 per day.

**\*\*\* 2008 Special for return skiers\*\*\***

DISCOUNTS APPLY TO LATE REGISTRATIONS SAME AS FULL PACKAGES PRIOR TO DEADLINE. 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 !!!

**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; email glennskisail@verizon.net

If you make your own train reservation, we will assemble at the main concourse of the 30<sup>th</sup> St Amtrak station in Philadelphia at 8:45 AM on Sunday morning February 24, 2008 for train #54. 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, and check into your double occupancy Hotel Jay rooms upon arrival. 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. Those departing by train 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 .

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## WOODBRIIDGE LODGE – RESERVATION FORM

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

### WOODBRIIDGE 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

<b>BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2007-2008</b>						
<b>Chairman: Dan Aronson – 610-643-1608</b>						
				<b>* DEPOSITS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRIP NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>LEADER</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Dec 14-16 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Dan Aronson	<b>215-643-1608</b>	\$30	\$40
Jan 4-6 Fri-Sun	January Junket	Vermont Lodge	Keith Richards	<b>802-334-1254</b>	\$30	\$40
Jan 19-26 Sat-Sat	EPSC Winter Carnival	Breckinridge, CO	Dan Aronson	<b>215-643-1608</b>	See Flyer	
Jan 27-Feb 1 Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf Mid Week	Sugarloaf, ME	Glenn Weisel	<b>215-822-9459</b>	See flyer	
Feb 3-8 Sun-Fri	Mount Snow Mid Week	Vermont Lodge	Pat Kline	<b>302-945-2474</b>	\$75	\$100
Feb 14-17 Thur-Sun	Cross County Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez	<b>856-467-5189</b>	\$45	\$60
Feb 22-24 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Lev Barinov	<b>610-668-8996</b>	\$30	\$40
Feb 24- Mar 1 Sun-Sat	Jay Peak Mid Week	Jay Peak, VT	Glenn Weisel	<b>215-822-9459</b>	See Flyer	
Mar 21-23 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow II	Vermont Lodge	Dan Aronson	<b>215-643-1608</b>	\$30	\$40

<b>Woodbridge Lodge 2007—2008 Season</b>	Member's Rate: Guest Rate:	<b>\$ 15.00 Per Night \$ 20.00 Per Night</b>
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*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:	

## JANUARY JUNKET – 2008

### A Tale of the Thermometer

When the Richards' Clan left the north country on Thursday, January 3, the thermometer on the front porch read  $-5^{\circ}\text{F}$ . By the time we arrived at the Woodbridge Lodge, the temperature had risen to a toasty  $+2^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

After we unloaded, we met the first group of participants as they returned from their day at the slopes. It was Dena Springman and her party of five guests, Ed Clark, Angela Dougherty, Drew Martin, Kelly Timey and Zach Williams. At the risk of embarrassing them, I must say they were polite, self-confident and a joy to have on the trip.

Friday morning, it had warmed up to  $+10^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Marvelene and I went off to Okemo, while Katharine stayed at the lodge for the day. She practiced her trade as an artist, trying to capture the reflections off the snow. Okemo was really great. We skied blues and blacks. My loving wife decided we had to do this one wooded run called Double Diamond, since it was open. We did and it is. The trees were sparse, but there were soft bumps, rocks, and icy patches to keep your attention. By the time, we returned to the lodge, the temperature was  $+20^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

Saturday morning it was still  $+20^{\circ}\text{F}$ . During breakfast, John Canuso and son Anthony arrived. Soon, we were off to Mt. Snow, while the Springman party packed up for their trip home. There was a line at group sales that made you think every bus load was buying tickets one by one, so Marve and I went off to Bromley. We had not been there for at least ten years and thought it was about time again. The lift lines at Bromley were strictly nominal and we skied until we were worn out. When we got back to the lodge, the temperature was well over  $30^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

Saturday night we had a nice dinner in with the Canusos. Marve made a genuine Vermont meal with chicken pie, squash and peas.

On Sunday morning, the temperature was still  $30^{\circ}\text{F}$  and we were all back at Mount Snow. The top was socked in with a solid fog, so Marve and I skied lower down. Canusos like to snowboard in the trees, so they were probably just fine. At the end of the day, the tem-

perature was over  $40^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and the snow on the slopes was soft.

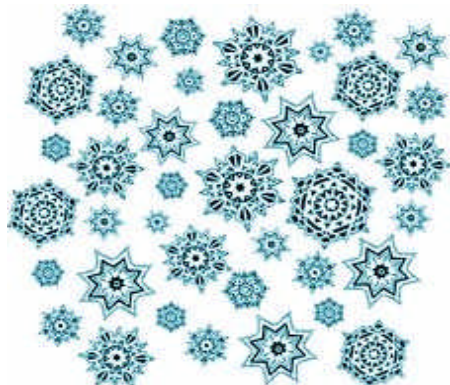
As we were sitting down for dinner, Dan and Mary Ann Aronson showed up for a day at Stratton on Monday. When we left Monday AM, the temperature was  $42^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and we went back North, hopeful of finding winter again.

*-Keith Richards*



Trees at the Lodge by Katherine Richards

# Think



# Snow!!

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