



# Slopes & Trails

February 2010 [www.buckridgeskiclub.org](http://www.buckridgeskiclub.org)

## Club News & Notes

Our January meeting typically consists of a board meeting only with no program. This year, however, we had six new or prospective members present, and had quite an influx of new members for the month as you can see from the box on the right. Welcome to all! We managed to put on a last minute program on last years' trip to Park City and backcountry skiing in West Virginia for the crowd.

In club business, we now have 225 individual or family memberships. 15 of them are new, not counting the January applicants.

Volunteers are being sought for the position of club treasurer. Anyone who might be interested should contact a board member.

The lodge committee will be working on a long-term improvement program, which will include options for re-opening the fireplace. Member input is welcome!

*From Mary Ann Popma: a big Thank You!*

*I would like to thank the Awards Committee for nominating me for the Jeff Wilhoyte Award. What an uplifting surprise! I felt humbled when I read all that Jeff accomplished, and I'm happy to do my small part to help Buck Ridge.*

*Welcoming many new members has me convinced that our club is alive and growing. Buck Ridgers have always held a special place in my heart, and the members are as warm and friendly, sports-minded and fun-loving, as when I joined forty some years ago. I feel fortunate to be associated with Buck Ridge and appreciate the award.*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**February 10**— Earth Watch Research: Bats in Mexico, Spiders in Trinidad!

**March 10**— Sailing the Chesapeake & Hikes in Shenandoah NP

**April 14**— Hiking the Appalachian Trail

**May 12**— 2009/2010 Trip Review and Election of Officers

### NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

*Welcome to the following new members:*

**Amanda Ferguson**

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**Deborah Bianchi**

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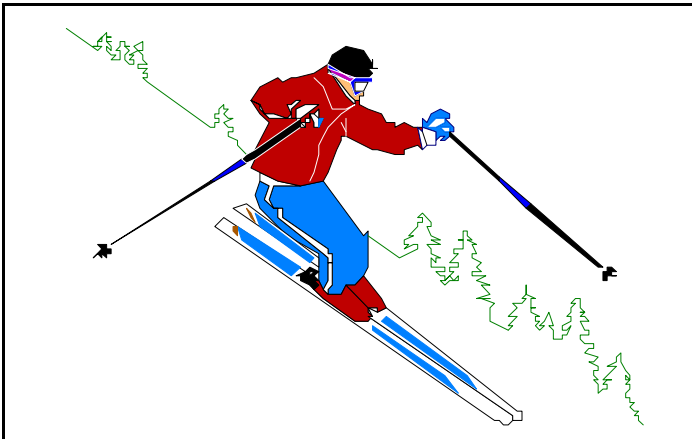
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**Lisa Fernandez**

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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: 609-254-8461  
 Email: amf72@verizon.net

For a paper copy of the monthly newsletter, please contact Bill Raney at 610-356-5199 to be placed on the mailing list, or download from the web site.

**OFFICERS OF THE BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Activities Chair	Marge Tarte	610-874-3162
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Ski Chair	Dan Aronson d.l.aronson@att.net	215-643-7252
EPSC Council Rep.	MaryAnn Thomas mat_ski_stuff@msn.com	610-648-0049
Welfare	Glenn Weisel glennweis@comcast.net	215-822-9459

**WOODBRIIDGE LODGE**

**Permanent Reservation Chair**

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 Lodge Telephone Number 802-464-6591

Only if you have been repeatedly unsuccessful contacting the reservation chair for a key should you contact the following people:  
 Judie Sheffer 610-461-1848  
 Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459

**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:** \$26 individual / \$26 family first year  
 \$20 individual / \$23 family renewal

**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  
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**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

Skiing has been good in Vermont this year... if you haven't made it up to the Woodbridge Lodge you should plan to do so! Whether you go on an official club trip or on your own, remember to make your lodging checks payable to "Mel Stiles—BRSC Lodge". If you are going

on a club trip, please be sure to call the trip leader ahead of time to confirm space availability—several lodge trips have been full this year.

### Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council

#### Council News

There is still time to take advantage of the EPSC lift ticket voucher purchase program - the order form is on page 4. New this year are the procedures for Sno Mtn in PA and Bolton Valley in VT—you just need to show your membership card with the EPSC sticker to get the discounted rate.

Remember the special EPSC days at Mount Snow. Show your membership card with EPSC sticker at the group sales office in the Sundance base lodge and get special rates on these days:

Fri 1/8 - \$40; Sat & Sun 1/9 & 10 - \$45  
 Fri 2/26 - \$40; Sat & Sun 2/27 & 28 - \$45  
 Fri 3/12 - \$35; Sat & Sun 3/13 & 14 - \$40

Only one lift ticket per membership card!

For the "socially savvy" set, the Eastern PA Ski Council now has a Facebook page! This is an additional way for EPSC members to share information and hopefully our clubs will benefit from new memberships! Thanks to Dave Schoneker for setting up the page. Here is the link:

<http://www.facebook.com/dschoneker?success=1#/group.php?gid=262814819804&ref=mf>

EPSC's Council Day at Blue Mountain will be on February 28, 2010. The key feature of this event will be the EPSC Council Cup Race where EPSC Ski Clubs will battle to see who has the fastest racers. Breakfast and registration begin at 8 am; registration closes at 9.15 am. Cost for race, food, beverage, and awards party is \$50. For details, visit the EPSC web site:

[www.easternpaskicouncil.org/Racenews/pdf/EPSC-CupRace2010.pdf](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org/Racenews/pdf/EPSC-CupRace2010.pdf)

### BIKING

It may still be prime ski season, but its not too early to start planning for next season's bike rides.

Now is the time to make your reservation for the popular **Kent County Spring Fling, May 28-31**. Now in its 28th year, this event is sponsored by the Baltimore Bicycling Club and held every Memorial Day weekend. Space fills up early, so make your reservations now.

Details are available on line at [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org). Once at the site click > Rides & Events > Special Events > Kent County Spring Fling. Then select Register Online, or you can choose the mail-in form. Be sure to include the liability release.

If you want to be with other Buck Ridgers, you need to indicate that on the form and select the Western Shore Suites lodging upgrade. Send an email to MaryAnn Thomas ([mat\\_ski\\_stuff@msn.com](mailto:mat_ski_stuff@msn.com)) to let here know you registered.

Cost for the weekend is \$312, plus a \$58 upgrade for the Western Shore suites. Add \$30 for late registration after April 15. You will get four fun-filled days of activities:



- **Friday** -- Registration begins at noon. Scheduled rides will start at 1:30 pm (or do your own ride). Optional buffet dinner (6 - 8 pm) followed by the Ice Cream Social.
- **Saturday** -- Breakfast; yoga; scheduled rides with leaders; Instructional Ride program; aerobics; swimming on campus; Chestertown's historic Tea Party Festival—food, crafts, entertainment, and parade; dinner; dessert and cordial party; Blue Grass music & Square Dancing with live band.
- **Sunday** -- Breakfast; yoga; scheduled rides with leaders; aerobics; picnic lunch catered by Washington College (kosher meats, cold salads, vegan foods, something for everyone); dinner; evening music and more dancing.
- **Monday** -- Expanded continental breakfast plus brunch until 1:00 pm (carry-out for those who need to leave early) and scheduled rides. Attendees have until 4 pm to check out.



## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SKI COUNCIL

### Prepaid Voucher Order Form 2009-2010 Discount Lift Tickets

**THIS INFORMATION IS FOR EPSC MEMBERS ONLY**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & INCLUDE RETURN S.A.S.E.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Tickets to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA	TICKET TYPE	QUANTITY X	PRICE	TOTAL \$
Big Two	Regular Adult Daily /Midweek (19+)		\$32.00	
Big Two	Student/Youth (Ages 7-19) Midweek		\$28.00	
Big Two	Night Ticket (4 pm to Close) BB Only		\$22.00	
Big Two	Weekend -Regular Adult		\$38.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekday (Full day/ Twilight)		\$33.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekend		\$42.00	
Blue Mountain	Weekday Night		\$25.00	
Elk Mountain	Weekday (Non-Holiday)		\$39.00	
Elk Mountain	Weekend (Saturday/ Holiday)		\$48.00	
Bear Creek	Weekday (All day)		\$27.00	
Bear Creek	Weekend / Holiday ( All day)		\$48.00	
Bear Creek	Evening 4 pm—10 pm		\$20.00	
Camelback Mountain	Midweek / Non Holiday (Open to Close)		\$36.00	
Camelback Mountain	Weekend / Holiday (Open to Close)		\$44.00	
Bromley*	Adult Any time 13 & up		\$41.00	
Bromley*	Junior 6-12 Any time		\$32.00	
Gore/Whiteface*	Adult Any time		\$47.00	
Jay Peak*	Adult 19 + Any time		\$39.00	
Okemo*	Adult 19-64 Any time		\$60.00	
Okemo*	Young Adult/Senior 13-18 or 65-69 Any time		\$50.00	
Okemo*	Junior /Super Senior 7-12 or 70+ Any time		\$39.00	
Pico	All (return only 15%)		\$34.00	
Stowe	All		\$52.00	
Stowe	6-12 & 65+		\$47.00	
Mount Snow*	Adult/Any time (use discretion-- can only return 10% )		\$54.00	
Sugarbush*	Any time All ages		\$53.00	
Stratton*	Adult Anytime		\$51.00	

\*Indicates returned vouchers will receive credit for next ski season.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Always be prepared to show ID and Club Membership cards for each member. Make Checks payable to: Eastern PA Ski Council.  
Mail Order Form with check to:

Ken Foster, 163 New Jersey Avenue

Chalfont, PA 18914 Phone: 215-822-1413 (Before 9:00 PM) skierzz@comcast.net

Office use only:

Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: Please remember to return any unused vouchers No Later Than April 1, 2010. (New England before May 1, 2010).**

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE: NO ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE NECESSARY FOR SNO MOUNTAIN & BOLTON VALLEY.**

**Show Club Membership Card at ticket window for discounts.**

**Sno Mountain Weekday \$21/Weekend \$31 - Bolton Valley \$35 anytime.**

# Tuckerman INFERNO

Inferno in the White Mountains of NH

April 15-19, 2010 @ Pinkham Notch

\$272 per person

**Join Buck Ridge Ski Club's skiers and hikers and help us carry on the tradition of spring skiing in Tuckerman Ravine.** The snow is soft and the weather is usually warm, with long bright sunny days. On Saturday The Friends of Tuckerman sponsor the annual Inferno Pentathlon Race, which this year has an added feature with a more recreational venue taking place simultaneously at Wildcat Mountain across the street. The pentathlon, a 5 sport race, includes a Run in the valley, followed by a kayak course on the Saco River, transitioning to a road bike up to Pinkham Notch, from there a hike to the bottom of Tuckerman bowl, where finally skis are carried to the top of the bowl to ski a course through gates down the Left Gully. The challenging environment and remote location of the venue make it a true adventure and exciting event, even for the spectator. This year at Wildcat it will be possible to attend a similar event across the street, and be "lift-served". Check out the race stuff at [www.friendsoftuckerman.org](http://www.friendsoftuckerman.org). In addition to 1 or 2 days at Tuckerman, reduced rate skiing at either Wildcat or Sunday River, only a short walk or drive away is usually fantastic. The make-up of the group will usually decide what activity options to enjoy with; hiking, back country skiing, resort skiing, or cross country skiing all available.

**Lodging:** 4 nights at AMC's convenient & rustic Joe Dodge Lodge at Pinkham Notch; with 2 meals, breakfast and dinner included. Meals are served across the courtyard at the Pinkham Notch Visitors Center where there is also easy access to the Tuckerman Ravine Trail and the Sherburne Ski Trail. The nights of 4/15 through 4/19 are reserved with AMC rates for our club group (see note below). Joe Dodge has men's and women's separate shared bath/shower rooms.

**Meals:** Thursday night through Monday morning breakfast and dinner are included (MAP). Participants will have to plan their own lunches, travel meals and snacks. Box lunches, souvenirs and supplies are available from the staff at the Visitors Center.

**Lift Tickets:** Already discounted at Wildcat and Sunday River and should allow between \$35 -- \$40 for each day of lifts.

**Itinerary Options:** activity options chosen for each day would depend on the following suggestions; travel days Thursday (4/15) and Monday (4/19); least crowds to ski Tuckerman on Friday; Inferno Race both at Tuckerman and Wildcat Saturday (4/17); with Sunday (4/18) open to skiing, hiking, etc. Transportation best arranged by carpool for approximately 9 hour trip.

**Payment Information:** deposit first night's lodging of \$68 upon sign-up. Final payment of \$204 due by Feb. 15, 2010.

**Cancellation policy:** Full refund before March 15; 70% refund by March 31; forfeit full amount after March 31.

**Reservations & Questions:** Send form below to Mel Stiles, 435 Country Way, Mickleton, NJ 08056; phone 609-230-5046 or email [melstiles435@comcast.net](mailto:melstiles435@comcast.net).

## Reservation Form—Tuckerman Inferno

Please complete and return with payment

Make checks/money order payable to Buck Ridge Ski Club

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Inferno in the Whites, 4/15 – 4/19, 2010 # of reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$68 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2009-2010

Ski Chair: Dan Aronson - 610-643-1608

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	MEMBERS	GUESTS
Jan 8-10 Fri-Sun	January Junket	Vermont Lodge	Keith Richards 802-334-1254	\$30	\$50
Jan 23-30 Sat-Sat	ESPC Winter Carnival	Lake Tahoe, NV	EPSC Melting Pot	Visit <a href="http://www.skijptours.com/epscwc.htm">www.skijptours.com/epscwc.htm</a> for	
Jan 31-Feb 5 Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf Mid Week	Sugarloaf, ME	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See Flyer ~\$330 pp	
Feb 5 -7 Fri-Sun	Cross Country Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 609-254-8461 (C) 856-461-5189 (H)	\$30	\$50
Feb 7-11 Sun-Thu	Vermont Mid Week	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 609-254-8461	\$60	\$100
Feb 11-15 Thu-Mon	Family Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Kevin Amey 610-593-2492	\$60	\$100
Feb 19-21 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Lev Barinov 610-668-8996	\$30	\$50
Feb 21- 27 Sun-Sat	Jay Peak Mid Week	Jay Peak, VT	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	See Flyer ~\$765 pp	
Mar 14-21 Sun-Sun	Western Ski Trip	Whitefish, MT	Mike Fernandez 609-254-8461	See Flyer ~\$1190 pp	
Apr 15-19 Thu-Mon	Tuckerman Inferno	Mt. Washington, NH	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	See Flyer \$272	

**Woodbridge Lodge  
2009-2010 Season**

\* Member's Rate

**\$ 15.00 Per Night**

\* Guest's Rate

**\$ 25.00 Per Night**

*To sign up for ski trips, please send a signed registration and release form to the trip leader along with your deposit for each Buck Ridge ski trip. Make checks for lodge trips payable to "Melvin Stiles—BRSC Lodge". NOTE: Deposits are based on the lodge fee times the number of days in the trip. Please adjust deposit to account for the number of nights that you will be staying. There is 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 #:

EMAIL:

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 (effective 10/1/2009)

Season	Nov 1 – Apr 30	May 1 – Oct 31
Members	\$15.00	\$7.50
Guests	\$25.00	\$12.50

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 "MELVIN STILES—BRSC 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.

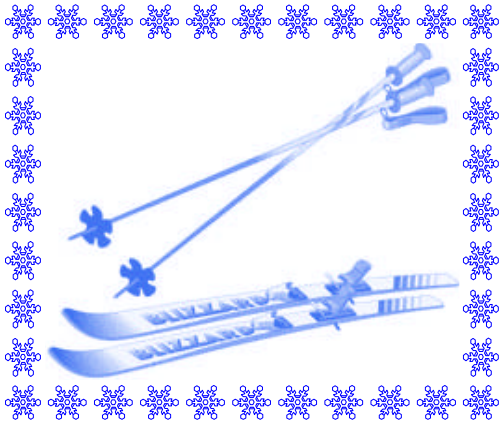
- Enclosed is my check for \$75. I understand that this key is due back **within 2 weeks after my planned trip** or my deposit check will be cashed. My check will also be cashed if key is lost in the mail.

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



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