



Slopes & Trails

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Club News & Notes

We hope your holidays were happy & healthy. If you missed the Holiday Social at Bear Creek Resort, it was one of our best with a turnout of almost 80, and had several new members. Despite the small size of the ski area, their hotel and conference facility is top-notch. This year was the first time for the presentation of our annual awards at the Holiday Social. They had previously been presented at the last meeting of the year, which is typically lightly attended. The board moved this to the Holiday Social to better express their appreciation for members' efforts. This years awards were:

THE JEFF WILHOYTE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The Wilhoite award was approved by the Board of Governors in August 1980 to honor Jeff Wilhoite, an active member from 1946 to 1976 who made major contributions to the club throughout this time. The award is presented to one or more members who have made an outstanding contribution to Buck Ridge Ski Club during the previous year or years. The contribution may be in a single sport or activity and not necessarily for broad participation in club activities. A previous recipient could be honored again for subsequent new activity. In addition to a small plaque for the recipient, the honoree gets his or her name engraved on a permanent plaque at the Woodbridge Lodge.

The 2009 Wilhoite Award was presented to **Mary Ann Popma** for her outstanding efforts in serving as membership chairperson. Mary Ann is diligent in encouraging members to renew, getting information out to prospective members, and keeping the board members informed on membership activity.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD FOR SUSTAINED SERVICE

The granting of Life Membership is based on an individual's accomplishments and sustained commitment to the betterment of the Buck Ridge Ski Club. The first life member was Paul Wick who was elected in 1955. Life Membership is individual, but family and spouse of life members also may enjoy benefits of free family membership.

The 2009 Life Member award was presented to **Merle Roemer** for his sustained commitment to maintaining the club membership database for over 15 years. While not as glamorous or sexy as some of those "high visibility" positions such as trip leader or lodge registrar, this is one of those "behind the scenes" tasks without which it would be a lot more difficult for the club to function. We appreciate your efforts, Merle!

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NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

Welcome to the following new members:

Angela & Warren Bittner

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e-mail: angdoc03@gmail.com;
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Activities: Ski

Neil Thomas

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Activities: Sail, Hike, Bike, Skate

William F. & Mary Ann Spaeth

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Activities: ski

Warren S. Miles

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Activities: Ski, Bike

Michael & Michel Byrne

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Activities: Ski, Hike, Sail, Snow Board

NOTED IN PASSING

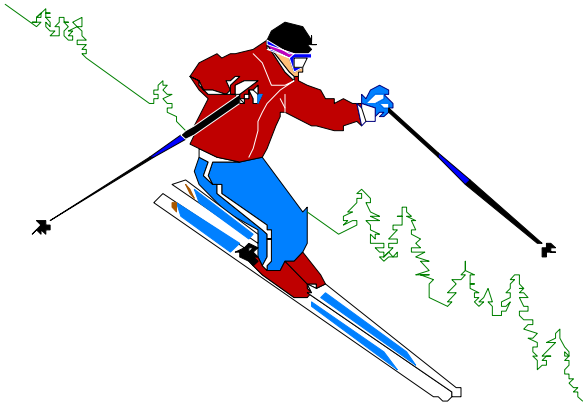
We extend our sympathies to Glenn Weisel at the passing of his mother, Hazel Armstrong Weisel, on December 13 at age 83 in Doylestown Hospital. She was a long time resident of Chalfont

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 13— Open Board meeting @ 7 pm. No program, members welcome

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

March 10— Sailing the Chesapeake & Hikes in Shenandoah NP



Deadline for articles for the Slopes and Trails is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to:

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 Swedesboro, NJ 08085
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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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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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 114 Maple Rd., Wallingford PA 19086
 jstrachota@comcast.net
 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: \$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: 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

Trip Updates

Whitefish: Our western trip is full; remember to send in any payments due.

Jay Peak: A few spaces still remain. For this year, all who attend will get a pass for the remainder of the season courtesy of Jay Peak—you will just have to get there on your own!

Family Weekend: Kevin Amey will be running this. Available space is limited. It has been expanded by one night, and will officially begin on Thursday, Feb 11.

Vermont Midweek: The midweek trip has been shortened by one day, and will run Sunday Feb 7 to Thursday the 11th. Mike Fernandez is the contact for reservations. Food will be B-Y-O.

Cross-Country Weekend:

Space is still available. We always try to find new and unusual places. On last year's trip we found an underground ice rink in an abandoned marble mine. This year we have located a free groomed trail network with some interesting historic features and some challenging trails at the Stratton Recreation Area, which is very near the lodge; read more about it on p 5. Participants will share expenses for 2 breakfasts and Saturday night dinner.



Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council

Council News

The EPSC lift ticket voucher purchase program has been announced; the order form and instructions are 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!

SKIING ON THE CHEAP PART II

Since our earlier article on making the most of your lift ticket \$\$, we have come across a few more bargains out there:

OKEMO

Okemo has added some great deals when you make your ticket purchase on-line with a 48 hr advance purchase. These include:

Ladies' Day Tuesdays - Calling all Okemommas! Grab your sisters, girlfriends, mothers and grandmothers and head to Okemo for a special Tuesday lift ticket deal. But, you must pre-buy your ticket online to get the special \$39 rate. New this season - ladies can also take advantage of a private lesson with an Okemo instructor for a special rate of just \$49. To book this lesson option, call (802) 228-1600. Ladies' Days \$39 tickets are valid on the following Tuesdays:

Jan 5, 12, 19 & 26

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Okemo Online Thursdays - Buy your lift ticket online in advance and ski or ride for just \$39 on these select Thursdays:

Jan 7, 14 & 21

Mar 18, 25

April 1. April 8 is just \$29

Facebookers and Twitterers will find also find special announcements throughout the season when they add Okemo as a friend.

BELLAYRE & WINDHAM

Both of these Catskill ski resorts offer a \$10 ski club discount when presenting your club membership card with council sticker attached.

And lets not forget our local areas...

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Daily Discounts: Get \$10 off on Monday (Men's Day), Tuesday (Business Person Day— Bring your business card), Wednesday (Ladies' Day) and Thursday (Ski Club Member Day—Show your valid membership card). Monday through Fridays are also College Student Discount Days (Must show valid college ID), and all days for seniors 65 and over.

BEAR CREEK

Wednesdays are Club Days: All ski and snowboard club members receive a \$15 Extended Day Lift Ticket (With valid ID card). Wednesdays are also NASTAR races in the evening.



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.

BRSC Awards (Continued from page 1)

OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER AWARD

The Outstanding New Member Award was developed by the board to recognize new members who have made a significant contribution to the club during the previous year or years. Nominees must have been members of the club for 5 years or less, and made a significant contribution to the club through participation in at least one of the following areas: as a Committee Chair, Officer of the club, program presenter, trip leader, for recruiting of new members, or for exceptional service to the club on a special project. The recipients are recognized with a small plaque. The 2009 New Member Award was being presented for the first time to FIVE families and individuals:

- **Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Amey & Family**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bean & Family**
- **Mr. & Mrs. William Crowe and Family**
- **Zach Bean**
- **Tim Stoecker**



The "A-B-C" Crew gets the new member award

This group (collectively referred to as the "A-B-C's") was responsible for installation of the new roof at the Woodbridge Lodge during the summer of 2008 in what was truly a family effort. Our thanks for a job well done!

CARSON – GUDE AWARD

The Carson – Gude Award was established by the Board of Governors in 2006 to honor Richard "Dick" Carson and Helmut Gude, two long-time members who were instrumental in making the Woodbridge Lodge what it is today. The award is made to one or more individuals who have been members of the club for at least 10 years and who have performed extraordinary service at the Woodbridge Lodge over the previous year or years. Its purpose is to recognize contributions at the lodge that go above and beyond those ordinary services performed at our annual work parties and that result in a significant improvement or addition to the facilities at Woodbridge Lodge such that it greatly enhances the comfort and/or appeal of the lodge for visitors. In addition to a small plaque for the recipient, the honoree gets his or her name engraved on a permanent plaque at the Woodbridge Lodge.

The 2009 Carson – Gude Award was presented to **Mel Stiles**. Mel has worked tirelessly over the years in both the management and maintenance of the lodge. One of his more recent accomplishments was the replacement of the aging hot water system with a new "on-demand" hot water heater. In addition to energy cost savings with the new system, we now will not run out of hot water while showering on a busy lodge weekend!



Thanks to all who came out and made this years Holiday Social a success.... Lets look forward to it again next year!

Cross-Country in Old Stratton Town

The XC weekend at the lodge is approaching, and although the weather has not been co-operative for our last two cross-country weekends we still managed to find some interesting places. Last year it was the underground ice-skating rink in a flooded marble mine high on a mountain above Manchester. This year, on a "pre-hunt for snow" trip to the lodge, I came across another potential gem, and it is NOT at the pseudo "village" at the base of Stratton Mountain at the ski resort.

The weekend of December 12 found a foot of good snow blanketing the area around the lodge. Unfortunately, a storm on Sunday afternoon dropped a couple inches of snow followed by rain and freezing temps that left a half inch of crust on top of good snow. It was hard to break trail on snowshoes, let alone on skis. I drove over to Stratton Ski Resort, but was not inclined to go downhill skiing on ground up ice cubes. The Stratton XC area at the Sunbowl base was nothing but glazed crust. Driving back to the lodge I stopped at the Stratton Recreation Area, just before the Stratton Town Hall on the Arlington Road. To my surprise, what appeared at first to be a snowmobile trail turned out to be a groomed system of XC trails; whoever maintains them had apparently been out first thing in the morning and groomed them to perfection. They even groomed an oval on what appears to be a ball field or track for skate skiing! There is a fair bit of elevation change, and some of the trails are quite challenging.

The recreation area is actually the site of the original village of Stratton. Little remains but cellar holes and foundations, but there is the site of the original town hall, a tavern, farmsteads, and a grain mill, all connected with several miles of XC trails. The entrance road is the original road thru the village, presumably pre-dating the present Arlington - West Wardsboro Road. If the conditions hold, we'll hit this one on the XC Weekend!

Mike Fernandez, XC Skier & Editor



Remains of one of the original homesteads in Old Stratton

BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2009-2010

Ski Chair: Dan Aronson - 610-643-1608

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	MEMBERS	GUESTS
Dec 18-20 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	\$30	\$50
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 www.skijptours.com/epscwc.htm for details	
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	\$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	T B A	

**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: Above deposits are based on the lodge fee times the maximum 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 #:

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:

WOODBRIIDGE LODGE – RESERVATION FORM

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

WOODBRIIDGE 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

RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS



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