



# Slopes & Trails

February 2011 [www.buckridgeskiclub.org](http://www.buckridgeskiclub.org)

## Club News & Notes

The January meeting was devoted to the annual mid-winter business meeting of the board.

**Membership:** Club membership stands at a total of 478, with 330 being adults.

**Lodge use:** Usage seems to be up slightly for December. Financially we are paying the bills, but need to build up reserves for long-term projects. Fundraising events this year have been very helpful, and Terry McGinn has volunteered to run the lottery again.

**Club by-laws:** There was discussion about amending article VI of the bylaws to change the club fiscal year to July 1—June 30. This would coincide more with how the club is run with the installation of new officers and allow most dues money collected to occur within one fiscal year. This will need to be formally noticed in the newsletter prior to a vote of the general membership.

**Newsletter / Web site:** Anyone who has information they feel of interest to the club membership is encouraged to submit it either to the newsletter editor (Mike Fernandez) or webmaster (Lydia Hill). Members are encourage to sign up for the Yahoo list service thru the Buck Ridge web site. If you follow the instructions, it is pretty easy.

Going to the Lodge? Keep up on local events with the Deerfield Valley News—Southern Vermont's only Independent Newspaper.  
On line version at [www.dvalnews.com](http://www.dvalnews.com)

Upcoming Events in February:

**Skiers set to defy gravity at Harris Hill competition**

The annual Harris Hill Ski Jumping Competition, presented by Pepsi, is slated for Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20.

**Winter film tour makes a stop at Mount Snow Resort**

Dan Egan's "Wild World of Winter Film Tour 2011" comes to Mount Snow at the Sundance Lodge Tuesday, February 22, at 7:30 pm. The "Wild World of Winter Film" is an adventure-filled evening with ski and snowboard footage from New England and around the world. The evening features some of the best extreme and big mountain athletes on the planet in an hour-and-a-half presentation.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 9**—Sailing the Chesapeake & Shenandoah Circuit Hikes

**March 9**—West Virginia skiing

**April 13**—Trekking in Nepal

**May 11**—Year End Review & Elections  
(Last regular meeting of the year)

**June 8**—Annual Woodbridge Lodge Meeting

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to our new members!

**Robin Harrell**

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(c) 856-371-2297; email [rjharrell@bwwonline.com](mailto:rjharrell@bwwonline.com)

Robin was with Buck Ridge at Whitefish in 2010.

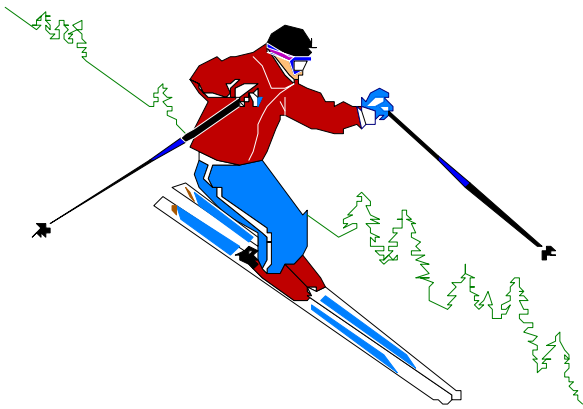
#### Membership Directory Update!!

Make a note—the lodge phone number shown in the directory is incorrect—  
the correct number is 802-464-6591

### Join the Buck Ridge Listserv

One of the best ways to communicate within our ski club is to join our Buck Ridge Yahoo Group. Just click on the Yahoo Groups icon on the Buck Ridge Ski Club Web site ([buckridgeskiclub.org](http://buckridgeskiclub.org)). This will take you to a page that gives you step-by-step instructions on how to join and guidelines in using the group listserv. Please join today and become an informed Buck Ridger. Get the latest newsletter and trip sign up postings.

As individuals you can arrange carpools, look for a ski partner for a day in the Poconos or a weekend at the Lodge. Once approved, you can set user options for things such as delivery of individual posts or consolidation as a daily digest to reduce your inbox clutter. And, like other email notices you get, if it does not work for you, you can always un-join. Try it today!



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: amf.snj@gmail.com

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**

President	Dave Singer dsinger26@comcast.net	856-261-7187
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Secretary	Pat Beccia	610-664-9506
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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Activity Treasurer	vacant	
Biking Chair	John Theodore johntheo9@yahoo.com	610-623-3737
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Hiking Chair	Jim Calkins Jbcalkins@verizon.net	610-558-6862
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Program Chair	Wayne Michaelchuck wmichaelchuck@verizon.net	856-423-2179
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Welfare	Glenn Weisel glennweis@comcast.net	215-822-9459

**WOODBRIIDGE LODGE**

**Permanent Reservation Chair**

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 535 Gradyville Rd, G145, Newtown Square Pa 19073  
 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 procedures for joining, visit our website ([www.buckridgeskiclub.org](http://www.buckridgeskiclub.org)) or contact:  
 Mary Ann Popma, Membership Chair  
 1037 Warren Road, West Chester, PA 19382  
 email: mapopma@verizon.net / ph. 610-692-5928

**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

The snow is deep around the Woodbridge Lodge, so be sure to get up there and enjoy it this season. Be sure to note the new carpeting in the lower dining area and the living room!



### Council News

The EPSC Council Day and Council Cup has moved to a new day, new location, new NASTAR course!

### EPSC Council Day and Council Cup at Bear Creek Mountain Resort Sunday, March 6, 2011

The EPSC Council Day, featuring the Council Cup, will be on Sunday, March 6th, at Bear Creek Mountain Resort. Bring the family for skiing and/or racing (racers must be 21 with proof of age, mandatory). Racing will take place on the Timberline trail. This is a day of fun for both skiers and non-skiers.

Registration will start at 7:30 am with the first race to take off at 9:30 am. There will be the Bear Creek Continental Breakfast and the All American lunch, beer, soda and water. Lots of laughs and lots of fun! There will also be door prizes! Don't forget to stay for the awards ceremony!

Cost for this fun filled day is \$55.00 if you are racing, \$23 if you are only skiing. Beer, soda and water included. Check the EPSC website for details and registration forms. ([www.easternpaskicouncil.org/](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org/)); questions you can contact Nanci Burkey (610-269-8025) or [nlburkey@yahoo.com](mailto:nlburkey@yahoo.com) (subject line should read EPSC Council Day & Council Race).



Don't forget the great deals available on the remaining ski council appreciation days at the following northeastern ski resorts—be sure to have your club/council ID:

**Gore Mountain (NY) Council Appreciation Days**  
Mon Feb 28 / Fri March 18 / Sat April 9 \$40 lift tickets

**Mount Snow Ski Council Awareness Days**  
Fri, Feb 25 - \$40 / Sat, Feb 26 - \$47 / Sun, Feb 27 - \$45  
Fri, Mar 11 - \$40 / Sat, Mar 12 - \$47 / Sun, Mar 13 - \$45

### Bear Creek, PA Club Nights

Each Wednesday (non-holiday) is Club Day. All club members receive a \$15 Extended Day Lift Ticket.

## BIKING



SPRING FLING!! It may still be cold and snowy, but its time to plan ahead for biking weather and that means the annual Kent County Spring Fling. Details on page 5; as always, space is limited so be sure to reserve early. Let MaryAnn Thomas know if you will be attending, and be sure to indicate you want to be with Buck Ridge when you register.



## PADDLING

Winter is the time to keep your skills fresh with indoor pool sessions. In addition to the regularly scheduled PCC sessions Sundays thru April at St Josephs University (details at [www.philacano.org/rolling\\_schedule.html](http://www.philacano.org/rolling_schedule.html)), Hidden River Adventures will have a session at the Pottstown YMCA on Feb. 18 from 7.30 to 10 pm. Details and sign up at [www.hroadv.com/schedule.htm](http://www.hroadv.com/schedule.htm). There is a \$15 pool charge, and boats must be clean.



### Bolton Valley (VT)

Ski club members can ski or ride for just \$35 any time—no weekend or blackout date restrictions. They also feature special council member ski and stay packages starting at \$59. Contact Cindy Bailey at BV for details (ph 877.8BOLTON) or email [cbailey@boltonvalley.com](mailto:cbailey@boltonvalley.com)

### Sno Mountain (PA)

\$28 midweek/\$38 weekend or holiday.

### Belleayre, NY Discounts

\$10 off full day or 1/2 day lift ticket prices with club membership card.

### Stowe, VT Club Appreciation Days — March 16-20, 2011

Adult Lift (13-64 yrs) / Child/Senior Lift (6-12 & 65+)

1 day = \$42 / 1 day = \$33

2 day = \$63 / 2 day = \$38

3 day = \$95 / 3 day = \$54

Must bring valid ski club card and ID to Spruce Camp Base Lodge. Special lodging discounts also available.

# STRUCK BY A THUNDERBOLT

# Ski Tips 'n Tales

# JANUARY JUNKET 2011

Looking for a new experience at the Lodge, and never liking to ski the resorts on Saturdays, I ventured south in early February to Mount Greylock, at 3,491' the highest point in Massachusetts, to check out the Thunderbolt Ski Trail.

Constructed in 1934, the Thunderbolt is one of the few "Class A" ski trails built by the CCC in New England that still exists much as it was in the 1930's. The Class A trails had to have a minimum vertical drop of 2000' and at least one section where the slope angle was 35 degrees or more. While the CCC constructed many ski trails in the days before the advent of lifts, few met the Class A standard. Those that did—including the Taft Trail at Cannon, Nose Dive at Stowe, and Wildcat (at Wildcat, of course), have all been incorporated into modern downhill ski areas and modified to some extent. But the 'Bolt exists much as it was originally cut, and still provides as much challenge now as it did back when skiers used wooden boards and leather boots.

Its about 40 miles to the trailhead on the west side of Adams, MA, an easy hour drive from the Lodge via Rt 9 west from Wilmington and then south on Rt 8. As you approach the state line, the first views of Mt. Greylock are rather striking:



Arriving at the trailhead, one can skin or snowshoe for two miles directly to the summit or take a longer three-mile route (the Bellows trail) that is a bit less taxing on the ascent. Once



up top, there is a welcoming stone warming hut, complete with wood stove, to let your prepare for your descent.

While the "official" trail is only 1.6 miles long with 2100' of vertical, it ends in the woods and you *still* have to ski to your car. So once you start down you are looking at two miles and almost 2500 vertical feet of skiing ahead of you, and it never lets you forget it. The trail is either steep, narrow, or steep *and* narrow the entire way. Few runs anywhere in the northeast can compare!

The January Junket of 2011 was attended by 12 enthusiastic skiers. There were folks from 6 different states, to wit, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Most of these folks have some connection back to Delaware County, PA, but their dispersal is a record of 21<sup>st</sup> century life in Buck Ridge.

Marve and I (VT) skied at Stratton on Friday. On Saturday we did Mount Snow, skiing with Carol and Paul Pitts (PA) for the day. It was great to ski with another couple; we don't get that kind of chance very often up here in the Northeastern Kingdom. On Sunday, we went to Mount Snow, but it was a cross between a zoo and a circus in the parking lot. We moved on, and ended up at Grout Pond. We went around the pond with Marve on X-country skis and me on snow shoes. The price was right and we wore ourselves out very nicely.

Susan Moriarty (CT) and daughter, Kathleen, brought a friend, Serena. They took their guest down Bear Trap, and she loved it. She said "I only fell down 12 times. It was great!" Ah, to be young again.

We met Darcy Canu (MA). She is a bundle of enthusiasm. Mary Jane Fagan and Marianne Cinaglia represented Delaware. Mike Fernandez and Wayne Michaelchuck (NJ) came in Saturday, completing the week end list.

*Keith Richards  
Newport, Vermont*

If you have time to notice, you will see that all the major features have been named— Big Schuss, The Bumps, Needles Eye - and are noted by small blue wooden signs along the way.

Skiing the Thunderbolt is skiing as it was first developed. As challenging as the trail is for modern skiers, we can only imagine the skill of those early ski racers who set the course record that still stands today: 2 minutes and 8 seconds by Per Klippgen in the 1948 Eastern Downhill Championship Race.

So if you are up for a challenge, check out the Thunderbolt. Its not that far a drive from the Lodge, and if the conditions are right its not to be missed! You can find more information on the trail at this web site: [www.thunderboltskirun.com](http://www.thunderboltskirun.com).

*Mike Fernandez*



Looking down the Big Bend, first big drop from the start

## 29TH ANNUAL KENT COUNTY SPRING FLING MAY 27-30, 2011 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)



*Join the Baltimore Bicycling Club and enjoy four days cycling the lightly traveled roads of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Eastern Shore. Rides of 11 to 100 miles meander along flat to rolling roads – through rural towns and along scenic rivers. We stay on the campus of Washington College, located in the historic port town of Chestertown.*

*Award winning cuisine, dessert and cordial parties, dancing and great music will round out your perfect bicycling experience.*

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Lodging: Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- Breakfast: Saturday, Sunday & Monday
- Dinner: Saturday & Sunday
- Picnic on Sunday
- Brunch on Monday
- Entertainment and Socials: Fri., Sat. & Sun.
- Map Packets (ride with a group or on your own)

### WHAT'S OPTIONAL

- Friday Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm
- Lodging upgrades provide suites and low beds (see Lodging Options)
- 29th Anniversary KCSF T-shirts are adult sizes, so order accordingly. We only order a few extras, and they sell out early. If you want a T-shirt, please order now.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** at no additional fee—go to: [www.active.com/cycling/chestertown-md/kcsf-2011](http://www.active.com/cycling/chestertown-md/kcsf-2011)

**MAIL IN REGISTRATION** download a mail-in registration form from: [www.baltobikeclub.org/images/stories/PDF/registrationKCSF2011.pdf](http://www.baltobikeclub.org/images/stories/PDF/registrationKCSF2011.pdf). Be sure to include the liability waiver!

Be sure to let MaryAnn Thomas ([mat\\_ski\\_stuff@msn.com](mailto:mat_ski_stuff@msn.com)) know you have registered and indicate Western Shore Suite for your lodging choice if staying with other Buck Ridgers.

#### Base Registration prices:

Non-BBC Member / standard dorm.....	\$315 thru April 15, \$345 thereafter
Non-BBC Member / premium dorm.....	\$373 thru April 15, \$403 thereafter
Non-BBC Member / no lodging.....	\$271 thru April 15, \$301 thereafter
Youth ages 11 - 16.....	\$215

### HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL KCSF RIDES

#### Four Days of Fun-Filled Activities !!

**Friday:** Registration begins at noon. Scheduled rides with leaders 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; 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; picnic lunch catered by Washington College (including kosher meats, cold salads, vegan foods); dinner; evening music and more dancing.

**Monday:** Expanded continental breakfast plus brunch until 1:00 pm or carry-out for those who need to leave early; scheduled rides with leaders. Attendees have until 4 pm to check out.

#### LODGING OPTIONS (you must bring your pillow and all linens)

- **Standard lodging dorms** have rooms with two single beds that are elevated to allow storage beneath. Men's and women's restrooms are accessed from the hall. Lowered beds at no extra charge but are in Caroline and Queen Anne's dorms only.
- **Western Shore suites** (premium rooms, *new* furniture) have four single-bed bedrooms, two baths and a living room-kitchenette. All beds are lowered. Preference will be given to full suites (4 people)
- **Harford Hall suites** (premium rooms, *new* furniture) consist of five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a lounge area with sofa, refrigerator, microwave, and sink. Two bedrooms have two single beds and the remaining three have one single bed. Harford also has an elevator (large enough for a tandem bike). Assignment preference will be given to full suites of 6 or 7.

## BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Ski Chair: Dan Aronson – 215-643-7252

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	DEPOSITS*	
				MEMBERS	GUESTS
Dec 17-19 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	\$40	\$60
Jan 7-9 Fri-Sun	January Junket	Vermont Lodge	Keith Richards 802-334-1254	\$40	\$60
Jan 21-23 Fri-Sun	Cross Country Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 856-467-5189	\$40	\$60
Jan 26-30 Wed-Sun	ESPC Winter Carnival	Waterville Valley, NH	Dave Singer 856-261-7187	See Flyer	3 Nights \$382 4 Nights \$491
Jan 30-Feb 4 Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf Mid Week	Sugarloaf, ME	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See Flyer	Approx. \$345
Feb 6-10 Sun-Thu	Vermont Mid Week	Vermont Lodge	T B A	\$80	\$120
Feb 10-14 Thu-Mon	Family Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Kevin Amey 610-593-2492	\$80	\$120
Feb 25-27 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Lev Barinov 610-668-8996	\$40	\$60
Feb 26-Mar-5 Sat-Sat	Western Ski Trip	Jackson Hole, WY	Mike Fernandez 856-467-5189	See Flyer	Approx. \$1185
Mar 20-25 Sun-Fri	Sunday River Trip Mid Week	Bethel, ME	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	See Flyer	Approx. \$330
Apr 14-18 Thu-Mon	Tuckerman Inferno	Mt Washington, NH	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	See Flyer	

<b>Woodbridge Lodge 2010-2011 Season</b>	* Member's Rate	<b>\$ 20.00 Per Night Winter</b>	Member's Rate for Family of 3 or more is \$60 Per Night Winter
	* Guest's Rate	<b>\$ 30.00 Per Night Winter</b>	

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 deposit to account for the number nights that you will be staying. There is no deposit required for children age six and under, but the trip leader needs to know his/her name.

### REGISTRATION FORM

TRIP NAME:	DATE OF TRIP:
NAME(S):	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT EMAIL / 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 9/1/2010)

Season	Nov 1 – Apr 30	May 1 – Oct 31
Members	\$20.00	\$10.00
Guests	\$30.00	\$15.00

Rates are the same on weekends and weekdays. Children 6 and under are free.

A family of three or more pays a maximum of \$60 per night, but all family members must be listed..

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 "BRSC LODGE". Mail reservation form and payment to:**

Joan Strachota, 535 Gradyville Rd , G145  
Newtown Square Pa 19073

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



*Did the Woodbridge Ski Pig see his shadow?*

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**Buck Ridge Ski Club**

c/o M Fernandez

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