



# Slopes & Trails

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

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Welcome to a returning member!

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MaryAnn Thomas—new email: [matskistuff@gmail.com](mailto:matskistuff@gmail.com)

Glenn Weisel—new phone: 215-534-6364  
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 8**—Annual Woodbridge Lodge committee meeting  
Regular place and time, but meeting will be upstairs.  
Open to all members

**July 24**—Annual Summer board meeting and picnic at  
Ridley Creek State Park—all are welcome to bike, hike,  
& picnic. Details on page 8.

**August 27**—Corn Roast at Linvilla Orchards. Contact:  
Jalna Schuler. See page 8 for details..

## NOTED IN PASSING

**Guy C. Bell, Jr.**

Guy Bell, 83, died of prostate cancer on May 3, 2011. Guy joined Buck Ridge Ski Club in 1957 and served as President in 1959 and 1960. He met his first wife, Jeanne, in the Club and they were married in 1959. They enjoyed the Buck Ridge canoe trips and became avid skiers. As their family grew with four children they visited the Club's Vermont Lodge often to get them all on the slopes at an early age. Jeanne died in 1997 but Guy continued to ski and hike into his late 70's. He married Susan Bender in 2000 and they both went on the Club's Wednesday hikes until he had to stop a couple of years ago. He was a good friend and companion on ski, canoe and hiking trips and we miss him.

Jim Calkins

## CLUB NEWS & NOTES

### Officer Elections:

The new slate of officers voted in at the May meeting was Mike Fernandez as president, John Pickering as vice-pres, Pat Beccia secretary, and Linda Bailey treasurer.

As noted last month, Phil Donohue has agreed to take on the newsletter, with some training from the current editor.

### Program:

Our scheduled April program on Nepal by Paula Kramp was pre-empted by a special tribute to long-time member Fred Mack, who turned 100 this year. If you missed this great event, you can get all the details on page 4. Fred, along with Larry Barrett, is active with the National Helicopter Museum in West Chester ([www.helicoptermuseum.org/](http://www.helicoptermuseum.org/)); if you are looking for an activity this summer, it's worth looking into!

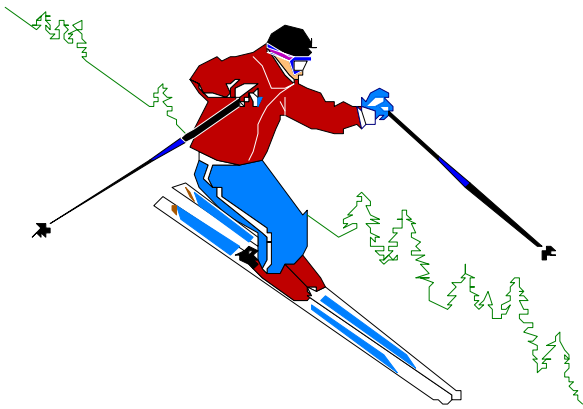
If you were looking forward to Paula's presentation, look for it to be rescheduled next year, as this should be an excellent program.

At the May meeting, we had a photo recap of the season's trips and a preview of next year—more details on page 3. We are also looking for member input for a potential Europe trip—see page 8 for details.

Finally, if you can't make the July Summer Board Meeting or the August Corn Roast, see you in September!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!! LODGE REGISTRAR CHANGE!!

Lydia Hill will be assuming lodge registrar duties. Contact her by mail at:  
1701 School House Lane, Ambler, PA 19002  
By phone at: 215-760-3322  
Or by email to: [brsc\\_lodge\\_lmh@comcast.net](mailto:brsc_lodge_lmh@comcast.net)  
This is a dedicated email account to facilitate lodge reservations. Thanks for taking this on, Lydia!



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**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Activity Treasurer	vacant	
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**WOODBIDGE LODGE**

**Lodge Reservation Chair**

Lydia Hill, 1701 School House Lane, Ambler, PA 19002

Phone: 215-760-3322 / eMail: brsc\_lodge\_lmh@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) 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:

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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

Our season has come to a close and we hope folks had a good one. Read about our last scheduled trip of the year to Sunday River on page 6. Next years' schedule has not been finalized yet, but look forward to joining EPSC at Steamboat in January and a return to Sunday River. We are also looking into a European trip to Cortina, and would like your feedback – see page 8 for details.

### EPSC NEWS



The 2011 EPSC Golf Outing will once again be held at the Fox Chase Golf Course in Stevens, PA on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Get all the details on page 7; contact Mitch Merriam (mitch@nni.com) or if you'd like to get a Buck Ridge group together.

### PLAY BALL!

EPSC is again sponsoring a "Red Goes Green" team with the Phillies to help in their recycling efforts by collecting recyclable plastic and aluminum bottles during Phillies home games. Only one "Red Goes Green" team is assigned to each game. This year's game is confirmed for **Sunday July 24, Phillies vs. Padres**. Sunday games typically start around 1:00 in the afternoon, but they have not designated the exact time yet. You will be notified when the time is determined. All volunteers must be at the Citizen's Bank Park about an hour and a half before game time.

Ski club member volunteers will receive the following:

- FREE entrance to the July 24th game
- FREE parking with Parking Voucher (Lot on Pattison Avenue located between Broad St and 20th St. You may walk to the ballpark from this lot or take the free shuttle.)
- Meal ticket worth \$7.50 at the Park's food vendors
- View of the game while collecting recyclables
- Option to stay for the remainder of the game after the 7th inning
- Green apron (MUST be returned to Phillis at end of game or EPSC will be charged for the missing apron), gloves, trash bags

Our Council and reference to the 35 member ski clubs will be recognized in a pre-game announcement that night. All volunteers must be able to stand the entire game and be able to walk up and down the steps between sections to collect recyclable plastic and aluminum bottles until the 7th inning. Volunteers between the ages of 8 and 16 are required to have one adult volunteer for every three children participating.

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## HIKING

Our Wednesday short hikes are over for the season—we hope all those who made it out enjoyed the schedule. If you haven't been able to make one, they will be back in the fall! See page 5 for a photo retrospective of the hikes.

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## BIKING

Join us for a ride along the Schuylkill River Trail on Sunday 6/12/11. Meet at 10:00 am in the United Artists movie theater parking lot at the foot of Main St. in Manayunk; (where it intersects with Ridge Ave.) across from Office Depot. We will head out about 10:15 unless you call to say that you are running late. I can be reached on my cell at 610 804 8020 for any questions or directions. Hope to see you there.

*John Theodore*

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## PADDLING



*Schuylkill River Tour  
August 20*

Join us for a Saturday paddle on the Schuylkill from the Manayunk Brewpub this summer.

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### Skier Quiz!

Test your knowledge of Vermont ski areas by matching the ski area from the list on the left with the mountain it is developed around from the list on the right.

Ski Area	Mountain
1. Mount Snow	A. Madonna Mtn
2. Stowe	B. Lincoln Peak
3. Okemo	C. Stark Mtn
4. Magic Mtn	D. Mt. Mansfield
5. Smugglers Notch	E. Glebe Mtn
6. Sugarbush	F. Ludlow Mtn*
7. Mad River Glen	G. Mount Pisgah*

### Extra Credit!

At what ski area in Vermont can you see four other currently operating Vermont ski areas from one viewpoint?  
Answers on page 5

\* Common usage now refers to these two mountains by the name of their ski areas, but these are the original names.

# HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY !!

At our April meeting we held a special celebration for Buck Ridge's one and only centenarian—Fred Mack turned 100 this year! For his birthday, he promised himself five years ago (when he made a sky-dive on his 95th birthday) that he would do it again when he turned 100. Well, that day came and he

lived up to his promise! Coverage of his jump was picked up on local news media as well as national and international press—it made news in England since, in addition to his jump, Fred is also the worlds oldest Jaguar driver - Fred, that is, not the Jag - although the 1953 Jaguar is no youngster either!

Members attending viewed a powerpoint of Fred's career—he has been involved with aeronautical engineering practically since its inception, and is active with the American Helicopter Museum in West Chester. In addition to his love of aircraft he has a love for sports cars, exemplified by his immaculate Jaguar. He claims to have had it up to 130 mph—let's hope he had the seatbelt buckled!



In between flying and driving, Fred still found time to ski—he raced into his 70's with Fritz Koenig and Paul Wick, and last skied as a member of the 90+ club.

We made a champagne toast to a long and active life, after which we watched a short video of his jump before cutting into the cake and ice cream.

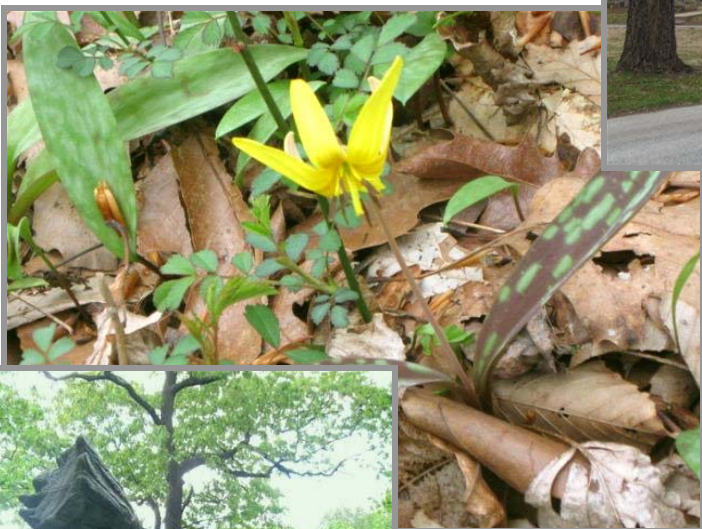


Thanks to Larry Barrett for his help in putting this together, Ed S for the photography, and everyone else who helped make this a special evening.



### Short Hike Retrospective

Clockwise from left: cherry blossoms on Kelly Drive; White Clay Creek; Virginia Bluebells at Ft Washington; Valley Green; the Indian of the Wissahickon; Trout Lily along White Clay Creek



#### Skier Quiz Answers

1: G; 2: D; 3: F; 4: E; 5: A; 6: B; 7: C

**Extra Credit:** Magic Mountain. You can see Stratton, Bromley, Okemo, and Killington from one viewpoint on the Red chairlift.

  
**Wrapping Up**  
**the Season at**  
**Sunday River. Sunday River**

It was our last scheduled trip for the season, and from a trip leader's perspective although this trip did not have good vibes about it initially, it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable ski trips I have ever been on (and I have been on a lot of them). It was so good in fact that I will be encouraging our club to do it again next year. Why, you may wonder... well here are just a few of the reasons:

the cost; best time for snow; excellent lodging (convenient, cozy, cheap and on the first floor); people (our club has the BEST people); shuttle system was very convenient - on time and went out of their way to take us to out of the way places; ski lessons which were included; camaraderie that developed partly because everyone was having such a good time; in-house breakfast very adequate and convenient; ski storage system was very convenient; off season resulted in un-crowded slopes and some of the best skiing and temperatures all season; dinner restaurants were all excellent, close by and resulted in a great variety of cuisine enjoyed by all; best of all they even had a room for Wayne :-).

But don't take my word for it... read what others have to say.

--Mel Stiles

After temperatures in the 70's here in Lewisburg, PA the week before the trip to Sunday River, I went thinking that we would be skiing around bare spots and in the rain. What a wonderful surprise! We had eight inches of snow on Monday night and fresh powder to ski Tuesday morning. Mel said it was OK to miss a ski lesson to ski powder so we did. We had a great lesson anyway from Mel. Sunday River has miles of great trails for all levels. Plenty of nice greens, lots of great blues, and challenging blacks. With 8 peaks how can you not find something to like! Our lodging was just right - comfortable, close to the mountain, continental breakfast each day, convenient ski storage, inexpensive, reliable and convenient shuttle system and they were so accommodating. Best of all were all the wonderful people on the trip.

— Barb Baker

It was a great trip, namely: cost, skiing convenience, lodging, and the people! On arrival, I had the last leg of driving, and on the approach from CT, VT, NH into ME I was very hesitant on what kind of ski trip it would be - hunt for snow? The apparent snow was sparse at best, except for the beautifully scenic Mt Washington range, and with 60 deg weather I was thinking it would turn into a hiking trip. We did not see decent

snow until we pulled into the parking lot and looked up at the skiing trails - phew! The snow base was very good - no bare or ice spots, and thick. Monday morning was decent spring skiing. At about noon time the snow came down in blizzard like conditions. With the newly fallen snow you are the first to ski each trail and most everyone else goes in. Tuesday was spectacular! Great powder conditions! We were skiing black diamonds: MelSki, Mike Mc., John Theo., Barbara Baker, Wayne McChuck, and myself. Mel gave John and Barbara private lessons, one lesson per run for the thick and steep powder, and wow, what a difference that made for both of them! Good instruction is hard to come by and intensely valuable, yup, Mel works magic. It snowed everyday - but not nearly as good as Monday. Skiing eight peaks made me feel like I was in Disneyland trying to ski all the trails in a limited amount of time. We didn't get them all, certainly tried, and did the best ones several times. Hopefully next year we'll have another crack at it.

--Rexo

I ditto Mel and Barbara Baker's reviews....I loved the classes, the skiing conditions and mountains, the dinners that all 12 of us went to every night (how 12 people agreed where to eat every night was amazing), a very congenial group of Buck Riders! The town of Bethel left something to be desired, but when all else failed a good bar was found! A very fun group.

--Barb Schulteis





**2011 EPSC GOLF OUTING**  
**Saturday, August 27, 2011**  
**Four Person Scramble – Shotgun Start at 1:00**  
**Check in at the registration table between Noon and 12:45 pm**  
**Dinner to follow at approximately 6:00pm**  
**Foxchase Golf Club**  
**300 Stevens Rd, Stevens, PA 17578**  
**(717)336-3673**



**Golfers, only \$76.00 per person: Registration fee includes:**

- Greens fee and golf cart
- Range balls for the driving range
- Beverages
- Dinner – an 6oz steak and a ½ grilled chicken breast for dinner immediately after golfing (approx 6:30pm)
- Opportunity to win prizes (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, closest to the pin, long drive for men and women)

You may sign up as a foursome or as a single, we will group accordingly.

**Non-golfing guests, please join us for Dinner for only \$30.00** (Vegetarian guests, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.)

**Registration Deadline: August 15, 2011**

**Directions from Exit 286/PA Turnpike:**

Go straight past 222 North & South Entrances. Turn left at traffic light, which is 272 South. Go 1 mile, turn right at traffic light at Sunoco Gas Station. Go ½ mile and turn left at Stevens Rd. Go ½ mile, turn into Foxchase Golf Club.

**2010 EPSC Golf Outing Registration Form – please print below**

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

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of players) Total Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals in your Foursome:

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of non-golfing guests) Total Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-golfing guest names 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to EPSC & mail to Jon Doman at 260 Carmen Dr. Collegeville,PA. 19426. Please contact Jon Doman @ [jkdoman@aol.com](mailto:jkdoman@aol.com) or 717-572-3457 with any golf questions. **Event is Rain or shine!**  
**No Refunds. For Gift Donations, please contact Stefanie Stoyanov @ [sscurat@yahoo.com](mailto:sscurat@yahoo.com)****

## A NIGHT IN VENICE...

with a week of skiing the Dolomites thrown in!  
We will stay in the famous Italian skiing destination  
**CORTINA**

**Cost**—app. \$2350, Breakfast and DINNER included!

The last day we will stay in Venice before flying home on Sunday. The Dolomiti Ski Pass covers over twelve different resorts with hundreds of lifts and thousands of hectares (it's Europe) of skiing.

**Dates** - Leaving Friday March 9th, 2012 in the evening via Delta Airlines arriving Saturday March 10th Motor Coach to Cortina (2 hrs). Return Sunday March 18th to Phila.

**Details**—4 or 5 day Dolomiti Ski Pass, 7 Breakfasts and 7 Dinners at the Hotel in Cortina. Motor Coach back to Venice on Saturday March 17th.

Visit the sites of Venice on the 17th and Overnight in a four star Hotel in Venice the night of the March 17th.

- If you are interested please email - Phildonohue@comcast.net
- If you have some interest email - Phildonohue@comcast.net
- If you have a few questions email - Phildonohue@comcast.net
- you can also call -856-935-7952

Here's your chance to ski the Italian Dolomites! It will be an Epic trip! We need 20 participants at a minimum to get the group rate. 30 would be great!

**The question is:** Can Buck Ridge support a trip to Europe? If you would like to.. don't hesitate email me with your level of interest. Deposits won't be required until next month.

*Phil Donohue*

## Summer Board Meeting & Picnic at Ridley Creek



**Where:** Ridley Creek State Park, Pavilion/parking area #11-A. Please see below for directions.

**When:** Sunday July 24, 2011, rain or shine. Pavilion available and reserved for any BRSC member's use from 8 am to 8 pm. The Board meeting will be from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the pavilion, to be preceded by activities and followed with a picnic. Board members will be notified of the proposed meeting agenda prior to the meeting.

**Who:** All members are welcome, with the tradition of bringing something to share. So if you have a favorite dish and would like to enjoy a day in beautiful Ridley Creek SP please join us. Burgers and dogs will be provided, but so we have enough of the other essentials and know how many to plan for, please **RSVP to Mike Fernandez by Sunday July 17th.** (cell: 609-254-8461 or email: amf.snj@gmail.com).

**Activities:** Bring some toys and depending on the weather and the turnout we can play -- horseshoes, softball, do a hike or ride our bikes. Ridley has great wooded hiking trails and paved biking trails; plan to come early and enjoy the park. If that doesn't appeal to you bring your lounge chair and enjoy the company of other Buck Ridgers.

**Directions:** To use MapQuest or GPS please use the following address: 357 Gradyville Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Once inside the park, follow the signs past the office to parking area #11 and look for pavilion "A" (there are two pavilions, A & B). You can also turn in at the office and pick up a map at the upper parking lot near the top of the steps. The map shows hiking, biking and parking areas.

**Note:** No alcohol is permitted at the park.

## Don't forget! Our End-of-Summer Corn Roast Linvilla Orchards—August 27!



Don't forget... our end-of-summer corn roast at Linvilla Orchards will be on Saturday, August 27th this year. Bid farewell to summer with swimming and picnicking. There will be a charge of \$5 per person age 11 and up, \$2 age 10 and under.

Bring your own picnic dinner makings, and arrive any time after 1 pm to help husk corn. Don't forget your swimsuit! Contact Jalna Schuler (215-848-5247) for more information.

Linvilla Orchards is located at 137 West Knowlton Road outside Media, PA. The pool and picnic site entrance is just north of the main farm market. For detailed directions, check their web site:

<http://www.linvilla.com/directions.php>

**It's a Buck Ridge tradition!**

### Padding (Continued from page 3)

All equipment (boats, paddles, pfd's) will be provided for a nominal fee. There will be a limit of 12 participants; 11 AM meeting place is the Lock Street parking lot behind the brewpub. High water or rain will cancel. Contact Mike Fernandez (ph 609-254-8461 / email amf.snj@gmail.com) with any questions or to hold a spot. Come out a little early (9.30 am) if you would like some instruction beforehand.

When parking, go to the corner of the lot to the left as you go in. If an attendant asks, say you are with Hidden River / Manayunk Brew Pub—parking should be no charge.

### EPSC News—Red Goes Green (Continued from page 3)

Please email Janet Elliott (janetelliott09@gmail.com) if you and your ski club friends can volunteer for this event by Friday July 1. Indicate if you will need a parking voucher(s), and please provide a mailing address to mail the Parking Voucher to.

## 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:**

Lydia Hill, 1701 School House Lane, Ambler, PA 19002

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 Lydia at: [brsc\\_lodge\\_lmh@comcast.net](mailto:brsc_lodge_lmh@comcast.net)

**RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.**

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS



*Enjoy your summer!*

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