



THE RETURN OF THE "Bee Guy"

Hard to believe that it's been almost five years already since his first visit, but Mr. James Bobb of Lansdale will again be sharing with us his expertise in bee keeping. Bees are surprisingly interesting creatures, and Jim's local honey can't be beat! If you weren't around for Jim's first

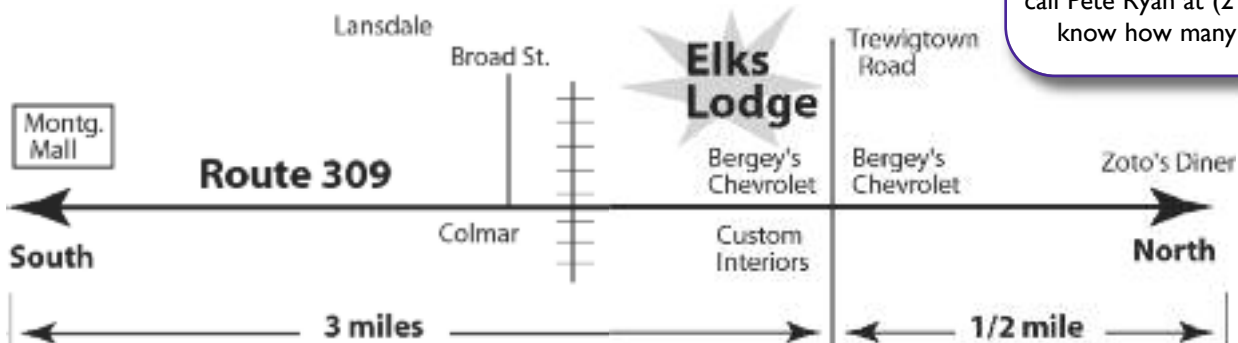
visit, make sure you attend this one. You won't "bee" disappointed!

At March's meeting there will also be plenty of our usual socializing, trip updates, info about the Spring Fling banquet, our monthly raffle, and much more ... come on out and join the fun!!



Thursday, March 11, 7:30pm

Elks Lodge, Trewigtown Road, Colmar PA



LOCAL EVENTS

- **March 5:** NPSC bus trip to Elk Mtn via Hageys Coach
- **March 5:** WMMR Day Off, Jack Frost, www.wmmr.com
- **March 7:** NASTAR races and BigAir Best Tricks competition, Blue Mountain
- **March 13:** 3rd annual Cardboard Box Derby, Camelback
- **March 14:** Cardboard Box Derby, Blue Mountain
- **March 21:** Pond skimming contest, Blue Mountain
- **March 31:** all Buckmans Ski Shops close & all season rentals must be returned
- **April 8:** NPSC annual Spring Fling banquet dinner & awards
- **April 17:** Grateful Shred Rail Jam, Blue Mountain, 9am - 4pm

Last Chance Dinner Invitation

Last chance for folks who don't go home between work and the monthly club meetings to meet for dinner at Giuseppe's at 6pm (next to the Fortuna train station, at Broad Street and Cowpath Roads, Lansdale).

Enjoy reasonably priced, good food! If you know in advance you'll be there, call Pete Ryan at (215) 385-1329 so we know how many seats to ask for!

*Inclement weather?
Call an officer
for any
cancellation
information.*



Greetings from Mt. Snow....

As we watch the snow fall over the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont, I think of how fortunate we are to be able to ski, play in the snow, and generally

enjoy life to our full potential. We all have issues in our lives that cause problems and create stress, but for the most part, we all have the opportunity to try to set goals in life and try to achieve them.

Sadly, for much of the world, those opportunities don't exist. For so many people throughout the earth, their daily struggles consist of just finding enough food, water, and shelter, and nothing more. Vacations, e-bay, Monday nite football, medical care, clean water... they are just fantasies... things that we take for granted in our everyday lives.

The situation in Haiti has touched anyone who pays attention to what goes on in the world. A country of significant poverty gets struck by an earthquake, and suddenly all the basics of human existence are taken from them. The pain and suffering is monumental, and it will take years for the country to get back to its former level of poverty. It seems cruel that a society that had so little had such a tragic, natural disaster thrust upon it.

A nurse friend of ours mentioned that a doctor she works with made an astute observation of the situation in Haiti. He reasoned that the Haitian people will be able to survive with minimal food because most of them eat very little normally, so the even less that they now eat will be enough to keep them alive for an extended period. The doctor felt that had this disaster, along with the severe lack of food and water, happened in a Western country where we are used to eating three meals a day, the consequences would be even more severe.

Let's hope that these disasters are few and far between, and let's not forget how fortunate we are to live in a society, even with all its current problems, where hopes and dreams are not just fantasies, but can also come true!

Larry

February's meeting proved to be unusual — the magician originally slated to be our program could not make the rescheduled date. Instead, we had a "two-fer"!

First, fellow club member Ken Foster gave a brief talk and demonstration about the hearing assist devices he works with. After that, retired pharmacist Larry Durst, from Holly Hill Health Foods in North Wales, spoke. Briefly, his talk consisted of emphasizing that doctors and their drugs are not always the answer for what ails us and what will keep us healthy in the future.

His recommendation.... consider taking Vitamin D, fish oil, and CoQ10. They help maintain a healthy heart, keep your arteries more clear, and will help you live to be 150! (He didn't actually say that!)

Check out their store in North Wales... more and more people in the medical field are believing in the value of vitamins and supplements as alternatives to the more traditional forms of medicine.

Take Note: the club's annual Banquet is coming up in April. Always a fun time, it's a great way to close out the season. Awards, honors, a scrumptious buffet, and lots of good times with your friends awaits those who join us on April 8th... **Don't miss it!!!**



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Ski Related News ... and more!



February Fury ... Sno-nami ... Snowzilla ... Snurricane ...

Whatever the ski resorts and weather forecasters want to label this latest snow storm, it sure brought in record amounts of the white stuff all over the east coast. Here are some numbers, photos, and braggings from the week of February 22:

New York – Windham received 24” of snow the beginning of the week, with over two feet more predicted during that Thursday and Friday. **February 26, Highmount, NY** — The Northeast digs out from what some people are calling February Fury. Belleayre Mountain received over 60 inches of snow over the past two days, and call it what you want, we are loving it in the mountains! We haven't seen snow totals from one storm like this since 1996!

New England – Sounds odd that New York got so much snow since places further north like Killington received a total of 31”, and Mount Snow received a total of 37”. Unfortunately, Mount Snow got hit with wet, heavy snow and high winds, causing problems with certain lifts and requiring chairlift shutdowns. Fairly evident by the photos our club members sent from their trip that week!



This one is called "Bailout from One Last Time"!

And this one is entitled, "Judy Down!"



Local Resort News

Bear Creek – A new Waffle Hut is located slopeside and serves authentic Belgium sugar waffles made from dough with baked in pearl sugar. The Hut offers various toppings including chocolate, strawberry, pearl sugar and ice cream, and serves hot chocolate, cappuccino, coffee, hot tea, and bottled beverages, Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm, and Friday-Sunday 9am-10pm.

Also new to Bear Creek is professional photography. Just like the big resorts, Bear Creek now offers on-snow photography of your skiing adventures. Mostly kids participating in lessons, shots are also taken of family portraits, couples, etc. The photo booth, featuring two large screens for viewing, is located in the base lodge.

Blue Mountain – Purchase Blue's Early Bird season pass for next winter NOW (at the same price as last year), and you can actually use it for the remainder of this season as well!

- Adult Pass good anytime.....\$499
- Adult Pass good non-holiday weekdays \$379
- Student (Full-time w/ID, 22 years or younger) Anytime.....\$379 Weekdays \$249

Benefits for season pass holders include a 10% discount on food, tubing for free, VIP line at the Challenge Express, and you can store money on the season pass, no need to carry cash.

Jack Frost / Big Boulder – When you purchase a JFBB season pass by April 29, 2010 you will receive: 2 free Snow Passes to bring friends and family to JFBB, 2 BOGO vouchers good at Mount Snow March 1 thru December 22, 2010! Plus you receive 20% off retail items at Big Jacks (JF) & The Basement (BB) before December 24th, and 20% off your meal, excluding alcohol, at Boulder View Tavern.

Jack Frost – February 27, was "Ski For The Cure" Day, where JF supported Breast Cancer Awareness and the Susan G. Komen For the Cure by donating three dollars from every snow pass sale that day. Pepsi was onsite with sampling of their products and an interactive game in which all proceeds were donated. Subaru also helped support by donating giveaways.





Heavenly Winners! Our 3rd place team show off their medals from the Winter Carnival Fun Race at Lake Tahoe. (left to right) Laura Russ, Chris Stricker, Frank Prindle, Ron Shaak, Jim Seal, and Jenny Hutchison.

another hooky day

Barring another stellar snow storm to mess up our plans, we're going to try another "hooky day" at Blue Mountain on Thursday, March 11 - ski all day, party at night at March's meeting! Get a ticket from EPSC or purchase for \$10 off at the window if you show your club membership card. Contact Larry Kirschner if you plan to attend.



Picture Postcard Perfect — an early morning shot of the Tahoe Queen, just prior to casting off for a trek across Lake Tahoe to ski at Squaw Valley.



Ron & the Girls — Ron Shaak knows where it's at! Here with 6 women, posing with Lake Tahoe in the background, are (top to bottom): Kay Geller, Judy Gordon, Laura Russ, Diane Dunn, Judy Kurcik, Ron, and Betty Jane Moyer.

murder mystery

Join the folks at the North Penn Elks Lodge (where we hold our meetings) for a fun night of Mystery, Saturday, March 13. Tickets are \$35/person and include a buffet dinner, dessert, and murder mystery performance. Doors open at 7:30pm, dinner begins at 8pm. Cash bar available. Contact the Elks at 267-446-2741 or northpennelks@comcast.net



Another Picture Postcard — Always amazing scenery at Heavenly, Lake Tahoe! A sunny day, Heavenly tram, and Lake Tahoe in the background.

New Member!

★ Karl Kraus ★

**WELCOME
TO THE CLUB!**

Win a \$50 prize for going to Elk!

NPSC members who sign up for either Elk Mountain day trip and pay in full more than one week in advance will be eligible to win \$50 from the club. One winner will be randomly drawn from all eligible Elk participants. (So yes, to qualify you will need to commit to going on the Elk trip well before you know what the weather will be that day!) January's prize winner was Frank Prindle!

BIRTHDAYS!

★ Ron Gottshalk	• March 6
• Anne Moore	• March 7
Annette Heinsheimer	March 15
Josh Heinsheimer	March 15
Butch DeBonis	March 19
Barbara Landis	★ March 24
★ Spender Dech	March 24
Pat Smith	• March 25

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Join the NPSC **SNOW PIGS**
for an excellent, one-day
"Pork & Ride" adventure!

**This trip takes place the
week BEFORE March's
meeting, so call to
sign up now!**

Friday
March 5, 2010

\$65 per person



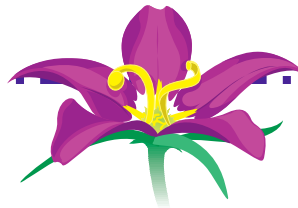
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Lift ticket, bus transportation
(via Hagey Tours), plus orange
juice, donuts, & snacks on bus

Meet at Hagey Tours' fenced-in lot
(ok to leave car there all day)
210 Schoolhouse Rd, Souderton PA.
Meet at 6am; bus leaves
PROMPTLY at 6:15!

Payment by cash or check only.
Mail checks made out to
North Penn Ski Club
c/o 2320 Hendricks Station Road,
Harleysville PA 19438.

Contact JoAnne Landis at 215-234-0358
for reservations & more information.

In Sympathy



William E. Buchanan Jr. of New Britain Borough passed away on Wednesday, February 17, at the age of 71.

The husband of NPSC and UBSC member, Jean Buchanan, Bill was chairman of the New Britain Borough Planning Commissions for 32 years and an avid skier. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 27, at the Shelly Funeral Home in Warrington.

Condolences to the family may be made online at the Shelly Funeral Home website: www.shellyfuneralhomes.com

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Have a creative pro design your
promo materials! Samples, resumé,
and references are available.

More Ski Related News!

Windham, NY

Windham is in need of more people for their Guinness World Record attempt for the longest torchlit parade on March 6th. The current record of 408 was just broken in Portugal with 628 people. Visit www.windhammountain.com to learn more, sign up your whole family, and be a part of history. On a more romantic note, four couples got engaged during their vacations to Windham since Valentine's Day. Awwww!

Local Websites & Snow Phones

www.bcmountainresort.com	610-682-7100
www.skiblueemt.com	610-826-7700
www.skicamelback.com	1-800-233-8100
www.elkskier.com	1-800-233-4131
www.jfbb.com	1-800-475-SNOW
www.shawneemt.com	1-800-233-4218
www.snomtn.com (montage)	1-800-GOT-SNOW
springmountainadventures.com	610-287-7900



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www.belleayre.com	1-800-942-9604
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www.greekpeak.net	1-800-365-7669
www.windhammountain.com	1-800-SKI-WINDHAM
www.killington.com	1-800-422-3261
www.mountsnow.com	1-802-464-2151
www.okemo.com	1-802-228-5222
www.loonmtn.com	1-603-745-8100



EPSC discount ticket vouchers

NPSC members can purchase discount lift tickets to local and New England ski areas through our Eastern PA Ski Council affiliation. You MUST be a current member of an EPSC-member club to purchase and use these tickets. Fill out the order form (provided on Council's website) and send with a check to the address provided. Or, call to make other arrangements if time won't allow postal mailing of tickets to you. At this point, order only what you are sure you will use as "returns" may be restricted and a fee charged. If you have questions about ordering vouchers, contact Ken Foster (info on order form) or NPSC's ticket rep, Larry Kirschner. www.easternPAskicouncil.org

Local Resort News



Bear Creek – is offering a March Madness Ski & Stay package that starts at just \$65 per person and includes: an overnight stay at The Inn (dble occ), evening lift tickets for the night of arrival and extended day tickets for the following day, 50% off ski/snowboard rental equipment, and additional special offers for resort amenities. The package is valid Sunday-Thursday evenings in March 2010. Additional guests may be added for \$30 each.

Pennsylvania's Pocono resorts reported anywhere from 5" of fresh powder to dumpings of almost 2 feet during February's latest storm. Elk Mountain received 20" overnight, February 25, while Blue Mountain only claimed to get 5. (?) Camelback got 24" over the course of the week, with 18 of that in one day! Shawnee reported 14" of fresh snow, and Spring Mountain received about a foot.

Banff / Lake Louise

Since next season's Council Winter Carnival is an eastern weekend trip to Waterville Valley, North Penn's board decided that our club should run its own western trip. So tentatively scheduled for mid-February or early March 2011, NPSC is going to Banff, Canada. For approximately \$1400 per person, the trip will include round trip airfare, lodging, 5-day lift ticket, and breakfast. Skiing options under consideration are Banff, Sunshine, and Lake Louise.

Don't have a passport yet? Better get working on that NOW — don't wait till next winter, as you won't want to miss out on this trip!

NORTH PENN SKI CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership effective January 1-December 31

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: () _____ Work #: () _____

E-Mail: _____

(this information is required if you wish to receive your newsletters via e-mail -- please print clearly)

- New Member Family \$25
 Renewal Individual \$20
 Change of Address
 How would you like to receive your monthly newsletters? (check one)
 via E-mail via Postal mail

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The North Penn Ski club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. Most of the activities are, to a varying degree, hazardous. By making application for membership, I voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks involved, I agree not to hold THE NORTH PENN SKI CLUB, its Officers, or Board Members liable for any accident or injury resulting from my (or other family member) participation in a club activity. After reading and understanding this Release of Liability, I hereby apply for membership in the NORTH PENN SKI CLUB.

MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS AGE 21 AND OVER.

Family membership includes any child, regardless of age, who is enrolled in an institution of higher education during the period of such enrollment. Upon graduation, any person who is 21 years of age or older may become an individual member.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send application to (or bring it along with you to one of the meetings):
 NPSC — Suzanne Hartley
 150 Susquehanna Avenue, Apt B
 Lansdale PA 19446

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Enter your # next to all interests that apply

- 1. Alpine Skiing ___ ___ ___ ___
- 2. Alpine Racing ___ ___ ___ ___
- 3. Cross Country ___ ___ ___ ___
- 4. Ski Instructor ___ ___ ___ ___
- 5. Ski Patrol ___ ___ ___ ___
- 6. Sailing ___ ___ ___ ___
- 7. Golf ___ ___ ___ ___
- 8. Volleyball ___ ___ ___ ___
- 9. Tennis ___ ___ ___ ___
- 10. Water Skiing ___ ___ ___ ___
- 11. Hiking ___ ___ ___ ___
- 12. Biking ___ ___ ___ ___
- 13. Canoeing ___ ___ ___ ___
- 14. Rafting ___ ___ ___ ___
- 15. Camping ___ ___ ___ ___
- 16. Backpacking ___ ___ ___ ___
- 17. Ballooning ___ ___ ___ ___
- 18. Swimming ___ ___ ___ ___
- 19. Theater Trips ___ ___ ___ ___
- 20. Photography ___ ___ ___ ___
- 21. Snowboarding ___ ___ ___ ___

22. Other: _____

MEMBER INFORMATION	EXPERIENCE	
	SKIING	SNOWBOARDING
1 Name	___ Novice	___
Occupation	___ Beginner	___
Date of Birth	___ Intermediate	___
	___ Advanced	___
	___ Expert	___
2 Name	___ Novice	___
Occupation	___ Beginner	___
Date of Birth	___ Intermediate	___
	___ Advanced	___
	___ Expert	___
3 Name	___ Novice	___
Occupation	___ Beginner	___
Date of Birth	___ Intermediate	___
	___ Advanced	___
	___ Expert	___
4 Name	___ Novice	___
Occupation	___ Beginner	___
Date of Birth	___ Intermediate	___
	___ Advanced	___
	___ Expert	___

This section to be completed by NPSC officer: Cash Check # _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____

Membership Card issued _____ (date & initials)

GET READY

for NPSC's annual Spring Fling Banquet!



**Thursday,
April 8th**

is our annual dinner and awards banquet, which will be filled with plenty of good food, stories, laughter, photos, elections of officers, and of course, awards!

Mark your calendars!

Did you go on a club trip this winter? Share your photos with other members, whether by snapshots, via laptop slideshow, or by supplying them digitally to Larry Kirschner for posting on our club website.

Jot down any humorous events or unusual activities from this season's trips, meetings, and outings that qualify for an award. Be sure to let your trip leader or a board member know so appropriate awards can be made at the banquet. (Awards can be sincere, or a poke-fun joke!)

Details regarding this year's banquet dinner are not available just yet, but we'll definitely be enjoying a reasonably priced, delicious buffet! As always, volunteers from the club membership are welcome to bring some appetizers.

Further details will be available at March's meeting and in next month's newsletter. But start getting ready NOW!

www.northpennskiclub.org

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Happy St. Patty's!