



"Spring Fling" Banquet

Our annual "Spring Fling" banquet dinner, elections, and awards ceremony takes place on Thursday, April 9, at the Metropolitan Diner in North Wales (near Costco and the intersection of Routes 202 and 309, Montgomeryville).

The room we reserve holds no more than 40 guests comfortably, so if you haven't contacted Diane Dunn yet about attending, do so **NOW!** Email Diane at ddsemail@comcast.net so we have an accurate head count, and bring your check made out to NPSC with you to the banquet. Arrive around 6:30 PM for drinks (on your own) and some light appetizers. Dinner will be served at 7PM with announcements and award festivities to follow.

The price of \$25 per person (Checks payable to NPSC) includes soft drinks/ iced tea/ coffee/ tea and the following: Your choice of entrée – broiled jumbo crab cake, Chicken Marsala, or grilled Coulot steak – all of which include sides of grilled asparagus and mashed potatoes. Choice of Dessert: Ice cream or Chocolate Mousse. Alcoholic beverages available (not included in dinner cost).

Hopefully as you were skiing and traveling with fellow club members this season, you took lots of photos and jotted down any funny adventures that happened. Because of course, you will want them shared with everyone at April's banquet. We always enjoy an "award winning" story! Be sure to coordinate the details with your trip leader in advance (that would be NOW) so an appropriate award can be presented that night.

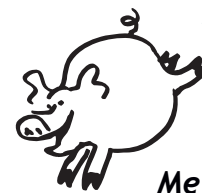
Remember, if you have intentions of attending the banquet, we highly recommend you reserve your seat right away!

LOCAL EVENTS

- **March 31:** Season rentals due back / all Buckmans stores close
- **April 9:** Annual Spring Fling dinner banquet, Metro Diner
- **May 2:** Breakfast Social, 9am, Energy Station, Vernfield PA
- **July:** Annual Summer Picnic, date to be announced
- **September 10:** First meeting of 2015/16 season, Elks Lodge

DINNER & AWARDS:

Thursday,
April 9



7PM
Metropolitan Diner,
North Wales, PA



Membership, Purpose, and a Request:

There have been times in my life where I have been asked to compose a mission statement. That has always sort of bothered me. Sometimes I think of the request as just a little creepy. During the last couple of years when I would enter into conversations with sports-minded people, some of whom were skiers, they would ask, "Why should I join a ski club?" I have pondered this question a lot over the past year or so. Tough question to answer.

One of the first things that comes to mind is, "Ahhh, you can get discounted lift tickets!" Well anymore, most everyone can find a discount for lift tickets; over 70 at Blue Mountain, Bear Creek specials, 4th-graders discounts, Buckman's specials, demo days at various mountains and retailers, online savings, etc. If you're skiing at Whitefish and have a Costco card, you can buy two tickets for \$103; that's half price, but you have to buy them at a Costco in Montana. I'm convinced along with others with whom I have talked, that the "almighty" credit card allows a high percentage of skiers to forget about the cost and just spend what the ticket window asks.

So back to the question, "Why join a ski club?". I ponder some more. Then I look at our NPSC membership application included in every newsletter. Anymore, it really isn't an "application." An application implies there will be criteria for membership, a vote by the membership, an initiation or something. Our only current criteria is being warm blooded, have a heart beat, and a twenty dollar bill. Back in the day when most members were 30 years younger, sailing, volleyball, tennis, water skiing, hiking, biking canoeing, rafting, camping, backpacking, ballooning and swimming were "social activities" that were also reasons people joined the club. NPSC was a social entity, and I'm sure it was great. From my vantage point, I see NPSC as a dinner club Thursday's before the general meetings, a Saturday or Sunday morning diner destination, a Bear Creek employee opportunity, an ASIA teaching session at Spring Mountain for six weeks, bingo at the Elks, and an opportunity for special friendships to have higher levels of oxytocin for a week during the winter. These are admirable and should continue to be accomplished, because every opportunity we have for human interaction is an opportunity to care about one another, to cement our friendships, and prolong our lives.

So my request is to help me. When I (for example) enter into a dialogue at Mainland Golf Course where I work part time, and we get into, "What do you do during the winter?", I need something more than "Ahhhh...I belong to a ski club!" I need help with something catchy, something with a purpose (our purpose), a goal, a mission. I



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would like to say to the person asking, "Joining a ski club will make you a better person, or make you more money, or get you a bigger house that is paid for." I think if all of us had something positive that showed what we are, what we can offer, something we could say that would suit NPSC in 2015 and beyond, we could either hook a few more members or at least make us feel better because we would know what we are trying to accomplish — a purpose — a mission.

If you are a person who thinks (ponders) about such things, and you have a "light bulb moment" (you know, a brain storm of an idea) and would be so kind as to share it with me, please email me or jot it down in a note and either mail it or hand it to me. I have what I think is a clever idea, but want some members' input too. Remember, this isn't about a couple of officers dictating policy; it is about **ALL** of us, together. Thanks.

— **Bob Lorence, NPSC Vice President**
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Member News & Travel Stories



Congratulations

Best wishes go out to Jeff and Laura Miller, who are proudly now grandparents! Their grandson, (name not provided), was born on March 18th!

Get Well Wishes

Unfortunately, on March 16, Jean Buchanan fell while skiing at Copper Mountain in Colorado and broke her leg. Yes, the same leg she injured many years ago at Brighton during the club's Utah trip. Jean flew home the following morning, had an appointment with her PA doc the next day, and is now resting at home. Heal quickly, Jean!



Birthdays!

Jeff Spicer	April 3
Marlena Samuelson	April 4
Ed Murphy	April 8
Pat Kampfer	April 17
Ron Shaak	April 22
Larry Kirschner	April 24
Kirk LaTorre	May 1
Jason Kramlik	May 2
Judy Simone	May 12
Lori Yamashita	May 12
Glenn Bowers	May 18
Tom Triol	May 18
Karl Kampfer	May 21
Jake Schoneker	May 22
Paul Graulich	May 23
Savitri Balasubramanian	May 23
Michael Washko	May 24
Judy Kurcik	May 29
Gayle Smith	May 30
Jane Chambers	June 1
Andrew Patynski	June 11
Donna Graulich	June 12
Donna Antonucci	June 13
Allison LaTorre	June 17
Paul Karcewski	June 24
Don Petrie	June 28



End of Season Fun

After an incredibly busy season of lessons at Bear Creek's Snowsports School, the instructors celebrated with a "Food Friday" potluck lunch. Enjoying the many tasty dishes brought in that day are Bill Neville, Pat Gottshalk, and Pete Ryan (our bartender at the Elks Lodge.) Did you know that North Penn has eight members who work at the Bear Creek school, plus one at Montage, one at Blue Mountain, and one at Breckenridge? Our club loves to see people's skills improve!

New Members:

Dan Gring, Jim Pompe, and John Markunas

Welcome to the club!

Facebook Friends:

If you're on Facebook, we invite you to "LIKE" North Penn's page! Support the club by being a friend and recommending the page to other Facebook friends and skiers. Our page features comics, member photos, interesting resort information, upcoming club events, ski shop deals, other club's trips, etc. Check it out!

Graphic Design

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brochures, logos, newsletters, ads

Have a creative pro design your promotional materials!



Whitefish Video: Do you wish you could have skied at Whitefish Mountain in Montana on the club trip back in February? Watching Frank Prindle's helmet-cam video on YouTube is the next best thing! Warning: it's an hour long and may make you seasick. :) <http://youtu.be/qbytRiWksbQ>

It's not a public link, which means it won't show up if you just go to youtube and search for Whitefish, you need to type in the exact link!

Ski Related News

Increased Air Access

Montana's Bozeman-Yellowstone International Airport airline seats have increased by 20% for this year. The increased winter air service is with Delta Airlines flights from Seattle, WA and United Airlines from Houston. The new flights bring a total of 14 non-stop flights into Bozeman-Yellowstone (BZN) that serves both Big Sky and Bridger Bowl ski resorts.



SeniorsSkiing is an online magazine for the 50+ snow sports enthusiast. Currently featuring alpine skiing, they will one day also add cross-country, snowboarding, and snowshoeing. The online magazine has ski news, advice on destinations, gear, and health, and provides a nostalgic look at snow sports history and heroes – plus special offers, discount information, and updates on what others in the growing 50+ crowd are doing to optimize their skiing and riding experiences.

Correspondents are experienced ski journalists who are visiting ski areas, testing equipment, and interviewing senior skiers all over the country. Submissions about the older snow sports enthusiast are welcome, and all visitors are encouraged to contribute to the SeniorsSkiing Forum and Photo Gallery.

For a really cool, historic video of skiing footage, watch "When Skiing was New, from the 30's and 50's".

www.seniorsskiing.com



New Lift at Vail

Vail (CO) will replace the Avanti Express lift (#2) with another six seater, complete with loading conveyor next winter. The Avanti Express Lift (#2) is a primary lift on the front side of Vail Mountain, serving intermediate and advanced terrain and dispersing skiers and snowboarders from Lionshead to mid-mountain.

30 Years of Cookies

Beaver Creek (CO) started handing out cookies at the end of the day to their skiing visitors back in 1985 – a tradition that continues today. Ever wonder how many cookies that might add up to? According to an article in SKI magazine, Beaver Creek hands out 500,000 cookies annually at the base of their mountain!



Fat Bike Fun at Ski Areas

The hottest piece of gear this winter isn't a new pair of powder skis – Fat Bikes are a hot trend in ski towns and other wintry locations. Fat bikes are mountain bikes with tires up to 5" wide (standard mountain-bike tires are less than half that). Just as fat skis, with their wide platforms, float on snow, these behemoth tires allow you to ride in snowy conditions where normal tires slip or sink. Their versatile design allows them to surf the snow, skim across sand, mud, and other squishy terrain. An increasing number of ski towns and nordic centers allow fat bikes on their cross-country trails, making them an alternative to skinny skis and snowshoes. Fat bikes are much slower than mountain bikes – they're more deliberate and closer to snowshoes or nordic skis in terms of their pace. Lots of fat bikers are people who don't ski or board because they don't want to crash, such as snowshoers and older people.

— excerpt from SKI magazine, Spring 2015 issue



What is it about spring in the mountains? Certainly there's a sense of liberation, of having survived another winter. Beyond the psychological benefits, there are even physical manifestations: clothes come off, smiles appear. It's less about actually skiing and more about getting your last licks in on a disappearing resource (snow). There's a sense of both urgency and indulgence. That's a fun combo. Spring is like putting skiing into a big pan and boiling it down. What's left crusted at the bottom is attitude. Spring skiing is kind of like a powder day without the powder.

— excerpt from SKI magazine, Spring 2015 issue

More Member News & Travel Stories

Council Carnivals

Each year the Eastern PA Ski Council offers up a packaged trip called a “Winter Carnival”. During odd-numbered years, EPSC plans east-coast weekend trips, and in even-numbered years, it’s a trek out west. This season’s Carnival was at Sugarbush in Vermont – smaller in attendance than previous years, but certainly abounding in great snow conditions, delicious food, and fun companionship!

Next winter’s EPSC Winter Carnival destination is Big Sky, Montana, and Jenny Hutchison (picture here) has again volunteered to be our trip leader. Bob Smith, EPSC President, and Dave Schoneker, NPSC member and past president, diligently work to make each winter’s event a spectacular trip. The guys are pictured below, showing off the great conditions at Sugarbush this past January.



A Skier’s Dictionary

Word: “Vertical Drop or Rise”

Definition: The maximum length of skiable, downhill terrain at any given resort area as measured from a skier standing at the foot of the off-loading ramp at the end of the highest lift on the summit to the glove, pole, or hat he dropped into deep snow at the very beginning of the first lift at the base of the mountain.

Word: “Warm-weather Conditions”

Definition: Tricky skiing environment encountered in late winter and early spring when, due to warming weather, the trail surfaces can be covered with crust or “crud”, granular or “corn” snow, patches of ice or “boilerplate”, and slush or “mashed potatoes”. (and don’t forget Pat and JoAnne’s favorite, hard pack or “the surface of the moon”!)

Where’s Waldo?

Or in the case of NPSC member and Bear Creek / Wilmot / Breckenridge ski instructor, Lori Yamashita, “Where’s Yama”? Lori logged in quite a few travel miles this winter between PA, WI, and CO. Pictured at right, Lori was enjoying several days of skiing a variety of mountains with Tom and Jane Chambers, as well as with the Chambers’ daughter, Pam Jansen. Rumor has it at the end of March that Yama was sighted skiing at Blue Mountain’s closing day. . . or was that a stand in?

Have Adventure, Will Share

Do you have a photo, adventure, or story that we can share with members? Just let our editor, JoAnne Landis, know so it can be included in a future newsletter!



More Member & Ski Club News

Happy Retirement

Best wishes for a happy retirement go out to Ginny Austin, who after eight years of working at Wegmans (after retiring from her initial employment years ago), has now decided to “throw in the towel” on full-time employment once and for all. Ginny always has great stories to tell of the local concerts, one-day bus trips, and extended cross-country trips she takes — may she enjoy many more travel adventures!

Happy Engagement

Long-distance member, Marian LeTarte, who lives in New Hampshire, has reason to celebrate. Marian’s grand daughter, Mercedes McLean, announced her engagement to Chris Wheeler — congratulations!

Breakfast Social

Stay in touch with your ski club friends during the off season with a variety of spring and summer activities — our annual “Spring Fling” banquet dinner and awards on April 9, the annual summer picnic that takes place in July, and for starters, a Breakfast Social in May!

We occasionally meet at local eateries to enjoy breakfast, tell stories, and share some coffee and laughs. If you’ve never attended a Breakfast Social before, why not come out to one and join in the fun? Please let JoAnne know if you plan to attend so we know who to look for and how many seats to reserve. However, last-minute walk-ins that day are also welcome! (215) 234 0358

Saturday, May 2nd, 9am: Vernfield Energy Station

Route 63, Vernfield (890 Main St, Harleysville) 215-256-8866

Volunteerism: What’s in it for Me?

Volunteerism is as much for the volunteer as it is for the recipient of the volunteer service. As you know, councils and clubs could not exist without the work done by volunteers. By getting involved, YOU can experience measureable health and social benefits, as well as provide a greater sense of self worth, trust, and lots of fun.

One benefit of volunteering is that it will connect you to other people. Volunteering allows you to connect to your club and make it better for you and for others. Dedicating time to a club helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together. While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives you opportunities to practice and develop your social skills because you are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests. Once you have momentum, it’s easier to branch out and make more friends and contacts.

Probably the best reason of all to get involved within your club or council is because it’s fun! Yes, there is work that goes along with that fun, but you get so much more back than what you put in. So the next time someone asks you to serve in your club or council, say **yes!** Try it; you’re going to like it. *(edited from Texas Ski Council newsletter)*

Snowsports Museum

Did you enjoy our March program on the PA SnowSports Museum? Would you like to help keep the museum “alive”? Donations, either monetary or in snowsport-related memorabilia, can be sent to:

PA SnowSports Museum

Goggleworks Suite 506A

201 Washington St, Reading PA 19601

Visit their website for details, photos, and to share with friends:

www.PAsnowSportsMuseum.com

Vintage Ski Posters

Through SeniosSkiing.com we found a series of vintage posters depicting skiing promotions back in the 1920’s through 1950. Seen below is a poster from Sun Valley in 1950 – other images from France, Italy, and Switzerland, will be featured occasionally on our NPSC Facebook page as a “Ski Poster Sunday” photo feature. Next time you’re on Facebook, be sure to “like” North Penn’s page – we share all sorts of resort news, funnies, club activities, and now posters. Check them out!



NORTH PENN SKI CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership effective January 1-December 31

Name: _____

New Member Family \$25

Address: _____

Renewal Individual \$20

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Change of Address

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

How would you like to receive your monthly newsletters? (check one)

E-Mail: _____

via E-mail via Postal mail

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

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 — Bob Lorence, NPSC Membership
304 Killybegs Lane
Plymouth Meeting PA 19462

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	___
		___	Intermediate	___
		___	Advanced	___
Date of Birth	___	Expert	___	
2	Name	___	Novice	___
	Occupation	___	Beginner	___
		___	Intermediate	___
		___	Advanced	___
Date of Birth	___	Expert	___	
3	Name	___	Novice	___
	Occupation	___	Beginner	___
		___	Intermediate	___
		___	Advanced	___
Date of Birth	___	Expert	___	
4	Name	___	Novice	___
	Occupation	___	Beginner	___
		___	Intermediate	___
		___	Advanced	___
Date of Birth	___	Expert	___	

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

Membership Card issued _____ (date & initials)

More Ski Related News

That's a Big Bowl!

Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CO) opened their Teocalli 2 Bowl; 40 new acres of new, expert terrain on February 25. Known locally as Teo 2, it stands above future expansion possibilities at the resort on the back side of the mountain.

New Resort in Utah

In Richmond, Utah, the **Cherry Peak** had planned to reopen this season. But some of the resort's renovations have taken longer than planned, and the resort now intends to open for the 2015-16 season. It is offering refunds to those who purchased passes, as well as discounts for next season. Once operating, the resort will become Utah's 15th ski and snowboard resort, and its first in 33 years. Located east of Richmond and within an hour of Logan, Cherry Peak will run seven lifts that serve 24 trails on property bought by CEO John Chadwick's family in 1967.

New Chair in Wyoming

Jackson Hole is opening one of the last non-lift-served sections of 10,450' Rendezvous Mountain with a shiny new, high-speed chairlift, the Teton lift, in the 2015-16 season – which will be Jackson's 50th anniversary.



What's Old is New Again

According to the Denver Post, James Coleman, the new owner of Durango Mountain Resort (CO), is planning to change the resort's name back to **Purgatory** to celebrate the resort's 50th anniversary at the beginning of the 2015-2016 ski season.

New Runs and Glades

Big Sky Resort (MT) opened 100 acres of glade skiing with new runs for intermediates and experts on Adesite Mountain. They also have two other new runs on Lone Mountain, an intermediate glade run named Lois Lane, and a black diamond called Soul Hole.

Visit our web site! www.northpennskiclub.org



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