

North Penn Ski Club



NEXT MEETING,
NEW LOCATION & TIME
7PM, Thursday
April 14th

The Red Cedar Grille,
249 Bethlehem Pike
(Route 309), Colmar
www.theredcedar.com

Guests & visitors welcome!

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

Celebrating (?) spring ...

Meeting of the Minds ... bring yours!

At **April's meeting**, it's uncertain just yet if there will be raffle prizes to win, but we **DO** know that there will be a brief election of officers and board members for the 2016/17 season. And, we will finally have that discussion about the club website – seems we forgot to talk about it last month, we got so caught up in having fun and listening to our speaker!

Our April gathering will be a step out of the norm for April meetings of late, as it will **NOT** be the night of our annual banquet. The spring banquet will take place in May, and will be much more than just dinner and awards. (Details inside this letter.) This additional meeting in April gives members an extra opportunity to get together with their skiing and boarding buddies, tell their stories from this season's trips, and make some plans for summer activities too. Also, if there are photos or goofy happenings to share and poke fun at, be sure to let a board member know so these can be honored appropriately at May's banquet!

For those who have not attended a meeting at the Red Cedar Grille yet, **COME ON OUT!** The food is very good, and the atmosphere is fun.

See you this Thursday, April 14!

Downhill Times
April 2016



RCG ... OUR NEW HOME!

We meet at **7PM** at the **Red Cedar Grille**, located on Route 309 (formerly the Inn Flight). Join your skiing friends for dinner, or drinks, or beers and appetizers, or coffee and dessert – whatever floats your boat. See you Thursday, the 14th!

Thanks to everybody that came to the March meeting and enjoyed delicious food, drink, and plenty of socializing. Also thanks to Katey for an interesting talk on alternative therapies (see story in March's newsletter for details). Our RCG brunch-for-two winners were Bruce Schwartz and Dunie Patynski. Congratulations!

If you haven't come out to our new venue yet, what are you waiting for?

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Presidential Ponderings

So, is everyone sick of talking about the warm weather and sickly skiing conditions we endured here in PA this winter? A majority of our local mountains closed in early March – it’s a wonder they made it that far, what with there being 50-, 60-, 70-, and even 80-degree weather virtually each week of the entire season. (“Go west, young man” – that’s where the snow was this year!)

Now, on to other things... I would like to thank Jenny, Judy, John, and Dave for volunteering their time and enthusiasm in furthering our club. Having a display table at the Calvary Church Outdoors Expo in early March turned out to be quite beneficial for NPSC! Our volunteers talked with dozens of people from the Souderton area who had no idea there were local ski clubs out there,

and we gained a few new members to our roster because of this event! With that momentum, the board is excited to see how we fare in June – we’re looking into having a table at Lansdale’s Community Day, held at Memorial Park on the 4th. If you, as a member of NPSC, are able to volunteer a couple hours of your time at this event, let us know! Share your love of skiing and the fun and friendliness of NPSC with the community. Plus, have time to wander around the park on your own as there will be all sorts of artwork and crafts to view and/or purchase, as well as kids’ games, music, etc. Sounds like a fun day! Do you have an idea on other ways we can further promote the club? Talk with any of the officers so we can take advantage of new ideas, local events, and such.

We have lots of great stuff to talk about this month, and plenty of stories to share about the trips that took place this winter, as well as ones in the works for next season. There are still quite a few members who haven’t come out to see our new digs yet, so step on out Thursday to see what the Red Cedar is like. Otherwise, you’ll have to wait till September when we meet there again. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on April 14, as well as at the banquet on May 12. Great things are happening, come out and enjoy them!

JoAnne Landis (“Madam President”)

April Agenda

In addition to dinner and socializing, the board hopes all of you NPSC members will do your “homework” as mentioned in previous newsletters. Take a gander at the club website and give us feedback on what you feel works well, what doesn’t, what is lacking, and ideas on what additional things can be featured on the site. In other words, can it be made better? Let’s discuss our club site:

www.northpennskiclub.org



At left:
Proof that “out west” was where the snow was hiding this winter – taken at Keystone Mountain in Colorado on March 13, the extended Chambers clan enjoyed a cold, beautiful day of skiing on fully snow-covered trails.

(L-R: Lori Yamashita, Pam and Judd, Jane and Tom)

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NEW OFFICERS!

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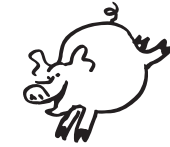
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 14:** General meeting at Red Cedar Grille, Colmar PA, 7pm
- **May 12:** Annual spring banquet, Heritage Restaurant, 7pm (see page 6)
- **June 4:** Lansdale Community Day
- **Date TBD:** summer bike ride, possible day hike, and annual NPSC picnic
- **September 8:** First General meeting of the 2016/17 season at Red Cedar Grille, Colmar PA, 7pm



Ski-Related News

Summer Mountain Activities

Looking for interesting things to do during the off season? Believe it or not, our local ski resorts have all sorts of things planned to draw visitors during the summer. For instance, Spring Mountain has geo caching, zip lines and canopy tours; while Bear Creek has wine festivals, Thursday night live music, and a “Lobster Fest” week at the Grille in June. Montage is hosting a “Yoga Festival” June 4, Blue Mountain is offering summer adventure camps for kids, and as they do every summer, Camelback has water park fun. Many of our local resorts offer dinner and drink specials at their summer, outdoor dining facilities, as well as banquet and wedding reception packages. So browse your favorite ski area’s website and check out their off-season offerings!

Creative Shirts

Have you seen the slew of custom shirts that can be ordered online these days? For lovers of cats, rescue animals, coffee, and yes, skiing, there is quite the selection of graphics out there for T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts. Every now and then we will share a good one ... like this one!



Local Websites & Snow Phones

www.bcmountainresort.com	610-682-7100
www.skibluemt.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.montageisback.com	1-855-SKI-SWIM
springmountainadventures.com	610-287-7900

Ski Area Timeline

We found an interesting list online of 354 American ski areas and the year that each was founded. Many we’ve never heard of before, but it was surprising to see how old quite a few of the resorts we ARE familiar with were. Such as:

Seven Springs, Pittsburgh PA	1932
Wildcat Mountain, NH	1933
Stowe & Pico Resorts, VT	1934
Gore Mountain, NY	1934
Black Mountain Ski Area, NH	1935
Bromley, VT & Brighton, UT	1936
Sun Valley Resort, ID	1936
Mount Peter Ski Area, NY	1936
Wilmot Mountain, WI	1938
Winter Park Resort, CO	1940
Aspen Mountain, CO	1947
Big Boulder Ski Area, PA	1947
Whitefish Mountain, MT	1947
Mad River Glen, VT	1948
Belleayre Mountain, NY	1949
Okemo Mountain, VT	1955
Greek Peak, NY	1957
Killington & Sugarbush, VT	1958
Whiteface, NY	1958
Mt. Bachelor, OR	1958
Elk Mountain Ski Resort, PA	1959
Steamboat Ski Resort, CO	1963
Camelback & Blue Knob, PA	1963
Loon & Waterville Valley, NH	1966
Bear Creek (Doe Mtn), PA	1969
JackFrost, PA & Telluride, CO	1972
Shawnee Ski Area, PA	1975
Blue Mtn (Little Gap), PA	1977
Montage, PA	1984

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. Simply go to North Penn Ski Club’s page, click on the “invite your friends” link, and then hit the “invite” button next to each of your friends’ names. It’s simple and easy. Thanks!

"I really regret that day of skiing..."

> Said no one, ever



Our page features comics, member photos, interesting resort information, upcoming club events, ski shop deals, amusing or inspiring videos, other club’s trips, etc. Check it out!



Eastern PA Ski Council News

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 Big Sky, Montana, and was attended by 315 people from several EPSC member clubs. These folks enjoyed a week of great snow conditions, delicious food, and fun companionship!

Next winter's Winter Carnival destination is Lake Placid NY, and Pete Ryan has volunteered to be our trip leader. The 2017 carnival will offer skiing at both Whiteface and Gore Mountains, as well as the chance for members to partake of Olympic venue tours and sporting experiences such as a bobsled or skeleton run.



Bob Smith, EPSC President, and Dave Schoneker, NPSC vice president, diligently work to make each winter's event a spectacular trip. The guys are pictured here, along with a handful of potential trip leaders from several EPSC clubs, while skiing at the Lake Placid Fam (familiarization) trip in early March of this year. Look for details on this trip, as well as the week-long Winter Carnival at Breckenridge, Colorado in 2018 in future newsletters and email blasts.

Discount Lift Tickets

If you purchased tickets and were not be able to use them by season's end, please follow the instructions on EPSC's website as to how (and IF you can) return them. Depending on the resort, you may either apply for a refund or credit toward ticket purchases next season. Credits are only valid for the next season, they can NOT be carried over indefinitely. www.easternPAskicouncil.org

Return fees apply for all unused tickets, and the number of returns accepted is very limited. Too late – Pocono tickets needed to be returned to Ken Foster by April 1st; New England resort tickets **must** be received by May 1st.

Eastern PA Ski Council will staff the
Phillies Red Goes Green Team!!!

Sign Up Now!!!
Saturday, June 4
Phillies vs. Milwaukee Brewers
Game Time: 3:05 pm
Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

Special Outing for EPSC Inter-Club Members:
Be Part of the Fun!!!

EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL EVENTS

Phillies "Red Goes Green"

Volunteer now for the Phillies "Red Goes Green" Team, Saturday, June 4th during the Phillies / Milwaukee Brewers game at Citizens Bank Park. EPSC is partnering with the "Phillies Red Goes Green Team" because we see this community initiative as an opportunity for thirty (30) of our members to be part of the recycling efforts during a Phillies home game. We invite members of the EPSC to join other local volunteer groups and be part of the Team -- led by the Phillies ball girls. Sign up now!

Limited space available - Deadline to sign up is April 30, 2016
Contact Information (For volunteer sign ups only): Cyndi Fritz
Email: cbs3542@ptd.net

All volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. As a volunteer you will receive a meal ticket and view of the game while collecting recyclables. Volunteers are scheduled to arrive at 2:30pm (game starts at 3pm) with option to stay for the remainder of the game after the seventh inning (when collections end). Volunteer Requirements: Ability to stand the entire game; ability to walk up and down the steps between sections to collect recyclables.



NPSC SPRING BANQUET

Thursday, May 12, 6:30PM

Franconia Heritage Restaurant

Route 113 and Allentown Road
Souderton PA

Buffet Dinner:

three entrees, salad, dessert, ice tea, hot tea,
and coffee. BYOB for alcohol and soda

Cost: \$38.00 per person,
tax and gratuity included

RSVP by May 2nd to: Linda Dedman

4819 Spencer Drive,
Schwenksville, PA. 19473

Make checks payable to:
North Penn Ski Club

Any questions call or email Linda at:

267-218-4692

Ldedman4@gmail.com

Awards, Trivia, Photos & more

Dinner, fun stuff, photo slideshows, story
telling, and awards. Don't miss it!

The banquet is open for ALL members to
attend, so get your RSVP in right away!



Member News & Travel Stories

Continue to Get Well

We are glad to hear that things are finally taking a turn for the better as far as Gail Shaffer is concerned. After knee replacement surgery in mid-February, an unfortunate fall and broken ankle a few days afterward, and a brief bout with a stomach bug, Gail is now recovering at home and doing physical therapy a couple of times per week. Here's wishing Gail continued progress and a very speedy recovery for both injuries!

Surveys! Every now and then you will receive an email from NPSC inviting you to complete a survey – short, multiple choice questions designed to help the board and officers run this club in a manner that appeals to a majority of members. So far, surveys about the Spring Banquet and potential summer-time activities have received decent response rates. When the next survey comes out (for whatever subject it may cover), PLEASE take a minute to go online and answer the questions. Thanks!



“Throwback Thursday” from Dubai, February 2011

Dave Schoneker, on business in the Middle East, spends a day off skiing indoors at Dubai (his first visit). Yes, Dave skied there again a couple of years later!

Birthdays!

Jeff Spicer		April 3
Marlena Samuelson		April 4
Ray Messina	★	April 8
Ed Murphy	★	April 8
Duane Darrel		April 11
Livia Elgart		April 13
Nick Zabrecky	★	April 13
David Povenski		April 13
Patricia Kampfer		April 17
Ron Shaak		April 22
Molly Fisher		April 24
Larry Kirschner		April 24
Kate Gottshalk		April 27
Karen LiPuma	★	April 30
Kirk LaTorre		May 1
Jason Kramlik		May 2
Judy Simone	★	May 12
Lori Yamashita		May 12

So, have you been spreading the news about NPSC? What about bringing or inviting a friend, family member, neighbor, or coworker to one of our meetings? Meetings are much more like a social dinner event now, so it's a lot less intimidating to newbies, and they may even win prizes! Share our newsletters by forwarding these emails or printing out and giving someone a copy. When you're talking about skiing with strangers, mention the club and tell them all about the trips, lift ticket discounts, and other things enjoyed by being a member. Encourage newbies to check us out and join NPSC!

Graphic Design

★ JoAnne Landis
215-234-0358 joski53@verizon.net
brochures, logos, flyers, newsletters, ads

Have a creative pro design
your promotional materials! ★



New Members:

Molly Fisher, and
Denise, Duane & Samantha Darrell
Welcome to the club!

Stories and Photos!

Did you think we forgot all about the Big Sky and Killington / Okemo trips? Have no fear, we will share plenty of photos and stories in an upcoming newsletter! However, since there's a little bit of time, if you have a photo and/or story from one of this season's trips or events to share with our members, send it over to our editor (JoAnne) so it can be included with our leaders' "trip reports". Items must be submitted no later than April 28; email your stuff to joscott49@verizon.net Thanks!





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Visit our web site! www.northpenskiclub.org

Ski Related News

BIG Money Renovations!



A massive \$345-million development plan with new “weather-independent experiences” promises to turn Whistler Blackcomb into a year-round resort. The ambitious expansion and improvement plans include:

- A 163,000-sq.ft. indoor water park with a wave pool, water slides, deep water surf simulator, hot and cold pools, bowling, cliff jumping and rock climbing experiences, food and beverage facilities, retail amenities, and other weather-independent activities.
- A gravity-fed, year-round mountain roller coaster.
- A suspension bridge and viewing platforms atop Whistler Mountain.
- A major night skiing area.
- Improved snowmaking facilities on Blackcomb Mountain.
- New high-speed lift to replace the Magic Chair and connect Blackcomb’s upper and lower bases.
- A tree-top ropes course.
- New snow school learning zones.
- Big improvements to existing sightseeing, hiking, and mountain biking experiences, including a challenging ‘Blackcomb Grind Hiking Trail’ from the base to the lower peak area.
- Expansion of the Whistler Mountain Bike Park, including 50 kilometers of new downhill mountain biking trails.
- Indoor action sports training facility.
- A complete revitalization of Blackcomb’s base area in the Upper Village, with an upgraded day lodge and skiers’ plaza, new snow school facility, and luxury real estate development with 60 town-home residences totalling 160,000 square feet.
- A two-story parking facility at Blackcomb’s upper Base II.

These elements will be constructed over three phases, but approvals from the municipal and provincial governments will be required before the shovels can start digging. If approved, the first of the new outdoor and indoor mountain adventure experiences, including the water park, will be constructed during the \$90-million initial phase.