

# North Penn Ski Club



*Was winter here yet ...?!*



**Bring a Friend, Get a Free Raffle Ticket**



**NEXT MEETING,  
NEW LOCATION & TIME**

**7PM, Thursday  
March 10th**

**The Red Cedar Grille,  
249 Bethlehem Pike  
(Route 309), Colmar  
[www.theredcedar.com](http://www.theredcedar.com)**

**Guests & visitors welcome!**

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

At **March's meeting**, we will again be selling raffle tickets, and there will be 2 prize coupons – each entitling the winner to brunch for two at the Red Cedar Grille! But what is equally exciting is the fact that if you bring a non-ski-club member to this meeting, you BOTH will automatically get a FREE ticket for the raffle. You can certainly purchase as many raffle tickets as you would like, but everyone who entices a non-member to come out and see what the club is all about will earn a free raffle ticket for yourself and your friend. What a great deal!

Adding to the evening's festivities, we will have a speaker at this meeting! Katelyn Mohr, a licensed massage therapist in Warrington PA, will share info and answer questions regarding an alternative therapy called Lymphatic Enhancement Technology (see page 2).

As always, we will share updates and stories from this season's trips, the latest news from Council, will continue to accept membership renewals, and will gladly welcome new members or guests. For those who haven't attended a meeting since we moved to the Red Cedar, COME ON OUT! The food is good, and the atmosphere is fun.

**See you Thursday, March 10!**

*Downhill Times  
March 2016*



**NEW PLACE, NEW TIME!**

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 10th!

Thanks to everyone that came to the February meeting and enjoyed delicious food, drink, and plenty of socializing.

Scotty Landis won the re-affle for a free seat on the Elk Mountain trip, and Andy Patynski and Jenny Hutchison each won \$35 gift cards to Buckmans Ski Shops.

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

**[www.northpensskiclub.org](http://www.northpensskiclub.org)**



# Presidential Ponderings

As the front cover headline mentions, has winter even been here yet? Seems every time we get a few days of cold temperatures and maybe even a bit of snow, we soon find ourselves suffering from rainy washouts and balmy, spring-like weather. And really – 15 degrees, snow accumulation, 60 degrees, rain, thunder, lightning, and even a tornado watch – all in the month of February?! Doesn't look like that extra day at the end of the month is gaining us much as far as skiing goes.

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. I'll mention again that we've signed up to have a display table at the Calvary Church Outdoors Expo (on Route 113 in Souderton) on March 5 – lots of couples, singles, and families with an interest in outdoor activities will be there – and you could help us get them excited about skiing and snowboarding with North Penn! Come help out at our table for an hour or so, and go off and enjoy the expo yourself when others take over. Have an idea on how we can further promote the club? Let one of the officers know – don't just assume that they're going to come up with all the ideas on their own – pitch in!

We have lots of great stuff to talk about this month, and plenty of stories to share about the trips that have already taken place. And there are quite a few members who haven't come out to see our new digs yet. April's banquet will take place somewhere else – so come out next 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 on March 10th!



JoAnne Landis (“Madam President”)

## March Meeting Agenda

In addition to dinner, raffles, and socializing, the board hopes all of you NPSC members have done your “homework” as assigned to you the past couple of meetings. Uh oh, what's that? We would like you to take a gander at the club website and give us feedback on what works, what doesn't, what is lacking, and ideas on what additional things can be featured on the site. In other words, how can we make it better? Let's discuss our club site: [www.northpennskiclub.org](http://www.northpennskiclub.org)

And, some info on the speaker we have at March's meeting: "When you're feeling your best, you're more able to take on the challenges life throws at you. When you're loving yourself and putting yourself first, EVERYTHING in your life benefits. In order to feel your best, you must care for yourself deeply, making your sleep, nutrition and overall well-being a priority. K.M Integrative

therapies offers an alternative therapy called *Lymphatic Enhancement Technology (LET)*, which has been shown to help reduce stress and anxiety while improving energy, sleep and strengthening your immune system. LET is a non-invasive, gentle detoxification therapy used to improve lymphatic integrity and restore lymphatic flow and function. Using glass pyrex bulbs that emit low-energy, vibrational frequencies, LET encourages toxins, excess fluid, cellular waste and proteins accumulated between the cells to safely exit through the body's natural elimination channels. When combined with proper nutrition, diet and moderate exercise, LET produces an overall feeling of well-being and can help restore your lymphatic system to optimal health within a few sessions. Loving yourself is all about listening to your body and giving it what it needs to feel its best. When you think about it in this light, LET is not a luxury — it's a responsible investment in your long-term self-care.” – Katelyn Mohr, therapist, 215-962-2485

## NEW OFFICERS!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 27:** Buckmans Ski Shop "Big Air" competition, Spring Mountain
- **March 1:** Buckmans Women's Demo Day, Bear Creek, Adv.tickets required
- **March 6-11:** NPSC's Vermont Spring Skiing Spectacular (trip is closed)
- **March 10:** General meeting at Red Cedar Grille, Colmar PA, 7pm
- **March 19:** Buckmans Ski Shop "Rail Jam" at Blue Mountain
- **April XX:** Annual spring banquet, place and date yet to be determined ...

### Northern Websites & Phones

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| www.belleayre.com       | 1-800-942-9604    |
| www.goremountain.com    | 1-800-342-1234    |
| 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    |

### 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!



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

## Ski-Related News

### Scouts at Shawnee Mountain

Annual Scout Weekend, March 12th-13th — Now in it's 26th year, Shawnee Mountain's annual Scout Weekend is open to all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their immediate family members. Go as a troop or on your own. Scouts and their immediate family members can save up to 40% off retail rates. Save even more when you book your tickets in advance online. Deadline for early booking rate is March 1, 2016. All inclusive Snow Sports Merit Badge Test will be held on March 12, and includes a 6-hour, on mountain and in classroom clinic and test. By reservation and pre-payment only. [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com)



### Family Night Discounts at Montage

Montage (in Scranton PA) has Family Four Packs of Night Lift, Airboarding, or Snow tubing tickets every Sunday for only \$10 per ticket (you must purchase a 4-pack). Not many Sundays left to our season, so make plans now! [www.montagemountainresorts.com](http://www.montagemountainresorts.com)

### Whitefish: A different "Big" Mountain

The cover of *Sports Illustrated* from December 3, 1962 features a skier emerging from a stand of snow ghosts with the caption "Winter Wonderland in Montana." Yes, Ski Whitefish (then called Big Mountain), made the cover of Sport Illustrated before many of today's famous western ski resorts existed! The article called "The Sweet Snowy Look of Success" by Ezra Bowen featured four "burgeoning" western ski resorts: Vail (which had just opened), Alpine Meadows in California, Big Mountain in Montana, and Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico. (Wow, they've all been around a long time! And, NPSC has been to both Big Mountain and Whitefish.) [www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)

### Bolton Valley Car Deals

March 4th is Subaru Hyundai Day at Bolton – owners will receive one free ticket and the opportunity to purchase three additional tickets at 50% off the retail rate for that day. Bring your car registration to Guest Services in order to get your free and discounted lift tickets. Also, all season long Subaru and Hyundai owners receive 10% off Ski and Stay packages.



### Leap Year Prices at Blue Mountain

On Monday, February 29th, pay just \$29 for a 6-hour lift ticket at Blue! [www.skiblument.com](http://www.skiblument.com)

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### NPSC Snow Pig Adventure at Elk

Once again North Penn hit the slopes at Elk Mountain! Tuesday, February 23 was a grey, dismal looking day and the forecast was equally daunting. But we were very fortunate that the rains held off until that evening when we were already on the bus and riding home. (So if you decided not to go because of the weather, you REALLY missed out!)

The day started out a little foggy up top, but the temperatures weren't bad and snow conditions were good. Elk does such a great job with grooming! Our mogul maniacs were disappointed that all the bumps were mowed down that weekend before, but everyone had a great time cruising the almost-empty trails. Top-to-bottom skiing all day wore everyone out as the bus was really quiet on the ride home! We had several new folks join us on this trip, as well as a few from other ski clubs.

Thanks to all who came out and made this such a fun day!





## Ski Club / Council Appreciation Days (NY)



Last chance to enjoy “Ski Club Appreciation Day” rates of just \$42 for one or \$75 for two days of skiing — March 20th-21st. Each person must show their photo ID and ski club or council card. Council day tickets may only be purchased at the Snow Sports Desk of the Northwoods Lodge or Guest Services Office. Questions: Contact Cindy at (518) 251-2411 x1008 or cindy@goremountain.com.



Tickets are just \$42 per person with a ski club card AND photo ID on March 6th-7th; March 31st-April 2nd. Each person must show their photo ID and ski club or council card to get this price. Purchase tickets at Guest Services Office.



Show the folks at Belleayre (Highmount NY) your valid Ski Club ID card and receive a discounted ticket at \$38 each on: March 14, and March 20 & 21, 2016

**ALSO:** Seniors 65 and older ski for only \$10 when an any-age day ticket is purchased at the same time, March 7-11. Plus, all seniors who are wearing a senior ticket can go to the cafeteria and receive \$1 cups of coffee and \$2 breakfast sandwiches.



EVERY Wednesday is “Ski Club Discount Day” at Bear Creek in Macungie PA. For just \$20, you can ski from 9am to 9pm, or any amount of time in between. Must show ski club membership card to get the discount. Let’s go!

## EPSC / Council News

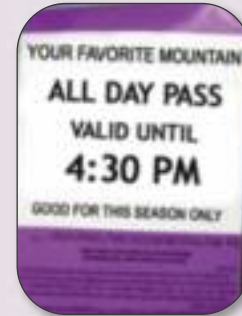
### Discount Lift Tickets

At this point, it’s a bit too late to purchase anything through the **Discount Lift Ticket program** from Eastern PA Ski Council. Tickets were available December through February for local Pocono mountains as well as a few in New England. If you purchased tickets and will 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](http://www.easternPAskicouncil.org)

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

If you still have tickets and WILL be using them prior to season’s end, please be sure to have your ID and your ski club membership card when visiting the mountains for which you bought discount tickets! Most resorts require that each person have their own membership card in order to use the discount ticket. Discount tickets are for use by current club members ONLY.



### Mount Snow Awareness Days 2015-2016

Mount Snow will extend the following discounted dates and rates to members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council through its Group Sales office:

| Date               | Awareness Day Rate | Group Rate | Window Rate |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Friday, March 11   | \$48               | \$50       | \$90        |
| Saturday, March 12 | \$56               | \$67       | \$90        |
| Sunday, March 13   | \$51               | \$57       | \$90        |

To purchase discounted tickets, members must go to the Group Sales office. The Group Sales Office is located in the Clocktower Building Monday through Friday from 8:30AM-1:00PM and at the Sundance Base Lodge on weekends and holidays from 7:30AM-1:00PM.



You must have a ski club membership card with NCSF sticker on the back, a photo ID, and purchase an Evolution Stowe Card (\$5) to get Council discounts on these dates.

Adult tickets, age 13+: 1-day = \$45, 2-day = \$90, 3-day = \$135. Child 6-12 years: 1-day = \$33, 2-day = \$66, 3-day = \$99.

Discount lodging is also available. [www.stowe.com/groups](http://www.stowe.com/groups)



## Member News & Travel Stories

### Continue to Get Well

Unfortunately a couple of our members suffered physical maladies that prohibit them from skiing this season (so far), or even from everyday activities ... we wish them speedy recoveries!



**Surgery** – In early February, Michelle George underwent an unexpected surgery and spent a couple of days in the hospital afterwards. We are happy to report Michelle is feeling much better and has returned to work part time.

**Broken Collarbone** – An early season, December ski trip to Colorado gave Lori Yamashita a couple of days of great skiing – and a cartwheel fall that broke some bones! As Lori says, “I’ve maintained a hell-of-a-great attitude while in a sling before and after surgery. I’m thankful that I’ve been out of the sling for several weeks now and doing physical therapy 3x per week. I’m getting stronger and my infrequent pain is usually low. But I am now healthy enough to REALLY REALLY MISS SKIING!” (Lori’s anticipated return to the snow this week was delayed due to the severe rain!)

**Knee Replacement** – It appeared that all was going well with Gail Shaffer’s knee replacement surgery in mid-February – until an unfortunate fall a few days afterward earned her a broken ankle on the opposite leg! Therapy is proving to be a challenge, and we all wish Gail a very speedy recovery for both injuries!



### “Throwback Thursday” from Aspen / Snowmass 2014

Some of “the girls” taking a quick Kodak-moment photo break. L-R: Laura Miller, Jean Buchanan, BettyJane Moyer, Judy Gordon, and Judy Kurcik.

### Congratulations!

Congrats go out to Dave and Andrea Schoneker on the birth of their first grandchild! Their son Jake and his wife Teresa, who currently live in California, are the proud parents of a month-old baby girl. Zoe was born while Dave and Andrea were enroute to the EPSC Carnival trip to Big Sky the end of January!

## Birthdays!

(belated wishes for February!)

|                    |         |
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| Justin Ostopowicz  | Feb. 3  |
| Jane Smalley       | Feb. 5  |
| Jenny Hutchison    | Feb. 15 |
| Dan Morrissy       | Feb. 21 |
| Catarina Sacchetti | Feb. 21 |
| Joan Bucher        | Feb. 27 |

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| Tom Kosek           | March 1  |
| Betty Ann Bishop    | March 3  |
| Ron Gottshalk       | March 6  |
| Anne Moore          | March 7  |
| Russell Schuss      | March 12 |
| Will Lapp           | March 13 |
| Annette Heinsheimer | March 15 |
| Josh Heinsheimer    | March 15 |
| Timothy Matthews    | March 18 |
| Butch DeBonis       | March 19 |
| Mike Long           | March 23 |
| Barb Landis         | March 24 |
| Spencer Dech        | March 24 |
| D. Pat Smith        | March 25 |

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| Jeff Spicer       | April 3 |
| Marlena Samuelson | April 4 |
| Ray Messina       | April 8 |
| Ed Murphy         | April 8 |

### Have Adventure, Will Share



Do you have a photo, special event, adventure, or story we can share with members? Let our editor know so it can be included in a future newsletter!

### Graphic Design

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brochures, logos, flyers, newsletters, ads

Have a creative pro design your promotional materials!



### New Members:

Henry & Regina Sheldron & family,  
Jane Smalley, Gary & Devin Block,  
Michael & Nicholas Isabella,  
and Leon & Justin Ostopowicz

**Welcome to the club!**



# Ski-Related News

## Throwback Tuesdays

EVERY Tuesday in February was a throwback to over 30 years ago when Montage first opened, as all lift tickets, all day, were only \$19.84 at Montage ... And for THIS weekend, Family Fun Night \$10 Special and Fuzz 92.1 Cardboard Box Sled Derby, both on Sunday, 2/28.



## Vail Resorts purchases Wilmot

In a move similar to having Killington suddenly purchase Spring Mountain (which did not happen), Vail Resorts announced that it swallowed up another Midwestern ski area, acquiring Wilmot Mountain, 65 miles north of Chicago.

Wilmot is the third Midwest ski area that Vail Resorts bought in just more than three years. In 2012, the company acquired Afton Alps near Minneapolis and Mount Brighton near Detroit in hopes of expanding its footprint and enticing more skiers and riders to ski at its other resorts in the West.

While a timeframe was not disclosed for renovations, Vail plans to build new terrain parks, revamp Wilmot's instruction program, expand its dining and entertainment options, and bolster the small ski area's snowmaking and parking infrastructure. Vail also announced that it will add Wilmot to the Epic Pass and Epic Local Pass starting next season, connecting it with Vail's two other Midwest resorts and eight resorts located throughout Colorado, Utah, and the Lake Tahoe area.

Wilmot Mountain, which has been owned by the same family since it opened in 1938, has 25 runs, 120 acres, a 230-foot vertical drop (half what Spring Mountain or Bear Creek have) and, being the closest slopes to the Windy City, a long legacy of teaching Chicago kids how to ski and ride. (It's also where our very own Lori Yamashita learned to ski!)

### Local Websites & Snow Phones

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| <a href="http://www.bcmountainresort.com">www.bcmountainresort.com</a>         | 610-682-7100   |
| <a href="http://www.skibluemt.com">www.skibluemt.com</a>                       | 610-826-7700   |
| <a href="http://www.skicamelback.com">www.skicamelback.com</a>                 | 1-800-233-8100 |
| <a href="http://www.elkskier.com">www.elkskier.com</a>                         | 1-800-233-4131 |
| <a href="http://www.jfbb.com">www.jfbb.com</a>                                 | 1-800-475-SNOW |
| <a href="http://www.shawneemt.com">www.shawneemt.com</a>                       | 1-800-233-4218 |
| <a href="http://www.montageisback.com">www.montageisback.com</a>               | 1-855-SKI-SWIM |
| <a href="http://springmountainadventures.com">springmountainadventures.com</a> | 610-287-7900   |



**Local Competitions:** If you like watching jumps, flips, and tricks – then be sure to check out these local competitions sponsored by Buckmans Ski Shops: “Big Air”, Saturday, February 27 at Spring Mountain, and “Rail Jam”, Saturday, March 19 at Blue Mountain.



## From Little Gap to Blue Mountain to ...

### Hold on to your hats!

This winter, Blue Mountain has begun a new development project that will introduce property ownership right at the top of the Resort. This plan includes a luxurious 4-star condominium resort hotel adjacent to Blue's Summit Lodge with incredible panoramic views! The Vista Lodge Residence Club (VLRC), will offer studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums that will be available for purchase or for rent. All condos will come fully-furnished and will have full kitchens. VLRC will provide a long list of amenities and services, including: Ski-in/Ski-out, Members Club Room, Fitness Center, Indoor/Outdoor Year-Round Heated Pool, Hot Tubs, Owner's Private Lockers/Storage Room, Valet and Bell Service, Owner Concierge, and 24/7 Front Desk.

Blue Mountain evidently has experienced a tremendous influx of year-round, destination visitors in recent years, and is confident that demand for The Vista Club will be incredible given the lack of lodging within a 30-minute drive of their resort. Last year alone, Blue hosted over 100 weddings. As an owner, you will have the option to use your ownership for family enjoyment, or rent it out when you are not in residence. In-house property and rental management will take care of everything, so ownership will truly be hassle-free. To request more info, visit [www.vistalodge.com](http://www.vistalodge.com) and sign up to be on Blue Mountain's mailing list.



## Photo Sampler

Here's just a smattering of shots taken by folks who enjoyed the Eastern PA Ski Council "Winter Carnival" this past January. The week-long trip included a Nastar race, a Woodstock-themed banquet dinner, and so much more!



(Above) Dave Schoneker enjoying a blue-bird day amongst the trees and moguls.

(top, middle) "Lone Peak" – Big Sky's famous landmark makes for quite the scenic backdrop.

(bottom middle)  
The Schoneker / Schubert clan enjoyed a day of touring by snowmobile through the trails and scenic awesomeness of Yellowstone National Park.



At Right: (top) Ryan Landis cruises through the gates during his second run in the Nastar race.  
(middle) The Philadelphia Ski Club went all out for the "High in Big Sky" Woodstock-themed banquet!  
(bottom) Wild buffalo and tour buses co-mingle in Yellowstone.







  
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## Ski Related News



### Winter Biking at Crested Butte

Crested Butte Mountain Resort has decided to welcome bikes during the winter months. With the rise in popularity of “fat bikes” within the biking industry, the resort realized the opportunity of allowing winter riding enthusiasts to enjoy the slopes with other “uphill” users. Almost 3 years ago, the resort launched an established uphill policy for skiers who were seeking to “skin up” the mountain before and after lift hours, due to the popularity of the sport at the time. The resort also hosted the first Borealis Fat Bike World Championships, January 28-31, 2016. The Winter Biking policy is similar to the resort’s Uphill Policy for skiers. Winter biking is only allowed before and after ski resort operating hours, 9AM to 4PPM. All bikers need to stop by the Adventure Center between 8AM and 5PM to review the biking policy, sign a waiver, and receive a sticker for their pass.

### No More Bottles at Squaw

In an effort to reduce plastic waste in nearby landfills, Squaw Valley-Alpine Meadows has removed water in plastic bottles from its shelves and replaced them with refillable bottles and filling stations. The move, believed to be the first by a winter resort in the United States, is promoted as a campaign not only to reduce waste in landfills used by the resort and surrounding communities, but also a way to urge its customers to change behavior and other resorts to follow suit.

### New Gondola at Jackson Hole



Jackson Hole has announced it will shortly be starting work on a new gondola for the 2016/2017 season. The new Sweetwater Gondola which will be located between the existing Bridger Gondola and Teewinot High Speed Quad and will have a mid-station approximately a third of the way up the mountain in the Solitude area, then continue up to terminate just uphill of the Casper Restaurant. It will feature eight-passengers cabins that will take 7.5 minutes to make its ascent.

### Indoor Skiing Idea in Florida Flops

Xero Gravity Action Sports said their plan to construct a \$309 million, 14-story tall skiing, surfing and snow tubing venue, skateboard and BMX park, and indoor snowball fight center, along with a 250-room Hyatt hotel with rooftop pool and bar, hinged on acquiring land along US-192 east of Celebration, and that deal has fallen though.