



Something Different!

Last month we failed to get a newsletter out, but members DID receive quite a few email blasts with info on club happenings. And the day of our February meeting was the only one this winter to feature snow-fall – we ended up with several inches of snow that day, but the meeting took place anyway. Thanks go out to those folks who ventured out that night!

If you venture out this Thursday evening, we have quite a bit in store for you. First, **there will be a guest speaker!** His name is Kenny Perry, and he is a polio survivor. Kenny mono skis, which he learned to do with the PA Center for Adapted Sports. Kenny also participates in wheelchair basketball and martial arts, in which he has a 3rd degree black belt. So we have quite an interesting program scheduled this week that you won't want to miss!

As always, you're welcome to come out to the meeting and enjoy a meal, adult beverages, appetizers, or even dessert. But don't think you have to make a purchase – if you just want to come socialize and hear the latest ski news, that's ok too. We meet in the "back room", and eats and drinks are available, but not required.

This week's meeting also features the latest club announcements, details on trips, and Council / ski resort



news. Plus, **we will be raffling off a \$25 Red Cedar Grille gift card.** So bring your friends, coworkers, or family members, and join us for some fun!

And, there will be details shared about April's meeting ... we will be doing something different there too. Instead of our typical formal dinner and awards banquet, we're going to try something a lot more casual. How about a pizza and wings party at Giuseppe's? We have the upstairs room reserved for Thursday, April 13. More info is provided within this letter, and we will discuss the event at Thursday's meeting as well.

So come on out this Thursday evening and visit with your ski club friends (or make new ones). See you there!



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. "Business" portion of the meeting starts around 7:30pm. See you all on Thursday, the 9th!

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

NEXT MEETING: 
**7PM, Thursday
March 9th**

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

Guests & visitors welcome!

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



Presidential Ponderings

The ski season certainly has had its ups and downs so far this winter. For us here in PA, the ups and downs have all been in record-breaking temperatures and weather conditions. Sixty degrees one day, four inches of snow the next. Then a couple weeks later some more 60-, 70-degree days! Meanwhile most of the west coast has been hammered with snow all winter, and New England fared well for snow this season too. Sadly, our local resorts have had to make their own white stuff, with no help from Mother Nature in keeping it!

Such was the case two Saturdays ago, what with sunshine, 75 degrees, and then LOTS of rain. The very next day we had a display table set up in the lobby of the main lodge at Bear Creek. It didn't look too promising as far as reaching "crowds" was concerned. However, from 10am to 2:30pm that Sunday, we had several club members hanging out and talking with anyone who questioned our bright pink banner or was hoping for some free resort stickers (the kids loved them!). Several people expressed interest in our club, picked up literature, and some even entered our drawing for a free 1-year membership. Which, by the way, was won by the Uhler family – congratulations! And, I would like to thank our volunteers – John, Molly, Pete, Jenny, Robert, and Dave – for coming out to promote the club. With that many of us manning the event, time passed quickly! And, everyone got a free pass to ski that day, for which we took turns skiing / hosting the table. It worked out quite well!

A couple months ago we posed the idea of promoting our club where you work by sharing promo flyers or inviting coworkers to a meeting. Well, Dave Schoneker took that idea one step further and got the folks in HR at Colorcon to provide their employees with information about North Penn as part of their sports/wellness program. Our board decided to give Colorcon folks the opportunity to join NPSC for a season at an introductory "half price" rate. So far, THREE couples / families have taken us up on that offer! We hope to have more join us next fall, and would love for other members to open the door at their employer for NPSC to offer a similar membership program.



Talk with one of us on the board, and let's make it happen!

Quite a few other new ideas are in the works, such as the change from a formal spring dinner banquet to a casual family social night, club T-shirts, and more. We will keep you posted!

*Till next time,
JoAnne Landis
("Madam President")*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 31:** All season rentals due back to Buckmans and Salter's ski shops
- **April 1:** Unused EPSC discount tickets return deadline. Be prepared for either no refund or a return fee!
- **April 13:** Final meeting of the season; pizza / wings / cheesesteaks party at 6:30pm, Giuseppe's Pizza, Cowpath & Broad, Lansdale (next to Fortuna train station). Trivia games, awards, good food, and plenty of laughs -- mark your calendars and plan to be there!
- **June 3:** NPSC table at "Lansdale Day", community outreach for the club, Main Street, Lansdale, 10am - 4pm.

Discount Lift Tickets

Tickets were available only through the end of February via the **Discount Lift Ticket program** from Eastern PA Ski Council for local Pocono mountains as well as a few in New England. If you purchased tickets via EPSC's website, be sure to have your ID and ski club membership card when visiting the mountains for which you bought discount tickets! These tickets are for use by current club members ONLY.

Visit the EPSC website for details. Remember, refunds are NOT available for New England tickets, and returns are VERY limited on Pocono resorts. So if you bought some, use 'em!
www.easternPAskicouncil.org

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



North Penn Ski Club
Travel/Leisure



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!

Council Day Confusion

At first, an urgent email was sent out the week before announcing that EPSC had decided to cancel the Council Cup due to the dreadfully warm, rainy weather prior to the event. Their fear was the course would not be prepared / repaired in time and conditions might not be good or safe enough for 100 racers to run a Nastar course.

However, temperatures dropped significantly just days before the event, and with tremendous snow-making efforts on the part of Bear Creek, the event was back on. Another urgent email was sent out – hey, there's a race on Sunday! Despite the on/off/on confusion, Council's event had a good turnout of racers and skiers in general. They filled the banquet room, enjoyed good snow, cold temperatures, and several clubs went home with trophies. North Penn did not have a team there, but several members took advantage of the discounted ticket price and enjoyed the festivities. So

thanks go out to all the Council folks who coordinated the day's events, and especially to Bear Creek for reviving the Nastar course (and all of their trails, for that matter) in such a short amount of time. Seriously, from 75 degrees, slush and mud to acres of fresh white snow - wow!

Mt. Bachelor in 2019

The EPSC Winter Carnival is headed to central Oregon and Mt. Bachelor in 2019! The resort was in competition with the Big Sky trip in 2016, and it might be good that Council held off.

This season Mt. Bachelor installed the new "Cloudchaser" high-speed quad, which opens up 600+ acres of intermediate terrain and single black tree skiing. This new addition places Mt. Bachelor in the TOP FIVE largest ski resorts in the US. With it's location and elevation, Mother Nature blesses the resort with LOTS of snow! Prior to their opening day (Nov. 25th), they had already received 61 inches of snow.

Clubs will stay in the friendly town of Bend with it's many brewery pubs, quaint downtown and extraordinary shopping. Non-ski day activities include visiting an informative High Desert Nature Center, going deep underground into the Lava Tube caves, and snowshoeing to the edge of the breathtaking Crater Lake.

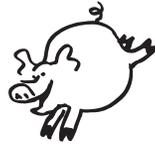
How unique can a ski trip get? Not very often you get to ski a volcano and all 360 degrees of it, too! More details will be coming soon.



You can Join the Board!

At April's meeting, we will be holding "elections" of sorts for next season's officers and board members. And, there are a couple of board positions that will be available for someone new to step in — that could be YOU! Here's your chance to have a say in the activities and trips that NPSC plans each season. If you would like to help and be a part of our club continuing to grow, contact Jon DePizzo for details. Either at our meetings or call 484 362 8470.

Club Activities



End-of-Season Social

Our last meeting of this season takes place on Thursday, April 13 — at Giuseppe's Pizza! We are replacing our "formal" annual spring banquet dinner with a casual, family-friendly pizza party! There will be several choices of pizza, as well as cheesesteaks, wings, salad, and soda, tea, and coffee. (Adult beverages available at the bar downstairs; not included in the party.) The event takes place upstairs at Giuseppe's, which is located on Cowpath Road, just off Broad Street, Lansdale (next to the Fortuna train station). Parking is available in the lots behind the building (the front lot by the road is for take-out customers), or at the former gas station right next door. And the cost of this party is VERY reasonable — just \$22 per person (kids 12 and under are just \$12 each) — which includes tax and gratuities too.

Doors open at 6:30pm; buffet starts at 7pm. We plan to have a couple of awards to present, possibly some trivia or other games, and a brief portion of "business" with announcements, elections of officers, and the like. Mark your calendar so you don't accidentally plan something else for that day. AND, get your name on the list to attend (pre payments welcome!) – there is a maximum of 45 people upstairs, so don't wait to sign up as you may miss out! Contact Linda Dedman, 215 412 2080 to get your name on the list.

Lansdale Community Day

Last summer we had a display table set up on the street at "Lansdale Day", and we met quite a few people who had no idea there was a ski club in their area! We also gained a few new members from the event. So . . . we are going to do it again!

"Lansdale Day" is on Saturday, June 3 (rain date of June 4), and runs from 10am to 4pm. They close off a portion of Main Street for the event, and free parking nearby is provided. We plan to set up our table, with a canopy tent over our 10' x 10' space (quite handy for shade!), and provide folks who stop by with club literature, ski resort stickers, Council Snow Drifts publications, coloring pages for the kids, and more. We already have two volunteers to set up the club's space and man the table for the first two hours – we're looking for a handful more people to help cover the remaining 2-hour shifts during the day. And of course, before or after your "shift", you're welcome to wander the street and check out all the other vendors, get some food, etc. So if you can help out, or if you have some cool giveaway items we can have on our table that day, contact JoAnne at 215 285 0736 or joscott49(at)verizon.net.

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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

Congratulations!

A well deserved pat on the back goes out to Pete Ryan for passing his PSIA Level I skiing/teaching exam. As many of you know, Pete has been a passionate advocate for folks to take ski lessons. He was a long-standing member of the Amateur Ski Instructors Association (ASIA), and has provided instruction for beginning skiers during the Council Monday night lesson program for many years. Most recently Pete has become a member of the Bear Creek Mountain Resort ski instructor staff, and he obtained his professional ski instructor's Level I certification the end of February. Congrats Pete!



Last chance! Use Club Membership Cards to Save Money

Many east coast ski resorts offer **Ski Council / Ski Club discount days**. Here are a few that you can still take advantage of. Check EPSC's website for any additional dates announced during the ski season. You **must** present a valid 2016/17 club membership card along with photo ID in order to receive these discounted prices!

Killington, VT: (Friday & Monday, Saturday & Sunday)
 March 10 & 13: \$45 March 11 & 12: \$50
 April 7-10, 2017: \$43 each day

Stowe, VT: (must purchase \$5 Evolution Stowe card; hands-free lift access replaces traditional lift ticket.)
 March 17-19; April 7-9

Adult (13+) 1-day: \$46 Child (6-12) 1-day: \$34
 Adult 2-day: \$92 Child 2-day: \$68
 Adult 3-day: \$138 Child 3-day: \$102

Bolton Valley, VT: Daily lifts \$35; March 20-26

Bear Creek Mountain Resort (Macungie PA) is extending its ski club discount days to include Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (non-holiday) throughout this **entire** season. Arrive anytime during the day (9am-9pm) and receive a \$22 unlimited daily lift ticket.

Mount Snow, VT: (per person, one day lift)
 March 10: \$49 March 11: \$57 March 12: \$52

Pico, VT: (Friday & Monday, Saturday & Sunday)
 March 10 & 13: \$36 March 11 & 12: \$41

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. When the next survey comes out (for whatever subject it may cover), PLEASE take a minute to go online and answer the questions. Thanks!



New Members:

April Behrens, and the Uhler Family

Welcome to the club!

SUGGESTION BOX:

Have you visited the NPSC website lately? If so, you may have noticed the home page is now sporting a "Suggestion Box". This will be a good tool for our members to use to suggest their ideas for things we can do with the club — whether it's regarding a current activity, a suggestion for a future trip, an off-season event, something new to try at one of the monthly meetings, better ways to share news with our members — whatever. Simply fill out the easy, brief form and hit "submit"!

Visit our site and check out all the other updates that have been done – let the board know what you think.

www.northpennskiclub.org

Birthdays!

Ginny Austin	Feb. 21
Carol Hankey	Feb. 24
Joan Bucher	Feb. 27
Tom Kosek	March 1
Betty Ann Bishop	March 3
Ron Gottshalk	March 6
Anne Moore	March 7
Joseph Walsh	March 7
Will Lapp	March 13
Annette Heinsheimer	March 15
Josh Heinsheimer	March 15
Tim Matthews	March 18
Butch DeBonis	March 19
Mike Long	March 23
Barbara Landis	March 24
Spencer Dech	March 24
Pat Smith	March 25
Jeff Spicer	April 3
Marlena Samuelson	April 4





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Ski Related News

Vail buys Stowe Resort



Vail Resorts, Inc. has now expanded its holdings to the East Coast! In February, Vail announced its acquisition of Stowe Mountain Resort in Vermont. That's just one more mountain to add to your Epic Pass next season!

More Resorts Up For Sale



Intrawest Resort Holdings, the owner or operator of six of North America's most popular ski resorts, is considering putting itself up for sale. Intrawest now owns or operates Steamboat and Winter Park in Colorado, Stratton Mountain in Vermont, Snowshoe in West Virginia, Quebec's Tremblant, and Blue Mountain in Ontario. It also operates condominium resort hotels in Mammoth Mountain, Calif. and in Hawaii, and owns British Columbia heli-ski operator Canadian Mountain Holidays.



Heated Goggles!



Abom, Inc., manufacturer of the world's first anti-fogging heated ski and snowboard goggles, has refined its technology in announcing the newest addition to its product line, the Abom Heet. The Heet features the second generation of Abom's heated goggle technology, with a new environmental sensor that automatically heats the lens to eliminate fog. (sounds wonderful!)



Colorado Resort Upgrades



Keystone and Breckenridge Ski Resorts in Colorado have announced plans for capital improvements due for next winter, including upgrades to both the Montezuma Express Lift at Keystone and the Falcon Super Chair at Breckenridge to six-passenger chairlifts, and plans to renovate and expand Keystone's Labonte's Smokehouse BBQ restaurant. These plans are all subject to U.S. Forest Service approval.