



Summer Picnic!

Saturday, July 18th 12-5pm

The NPSC summer picnic is not far away! THIS Saturday, July 18, we will all be meeting up at Jenny Hutchison's home again in Pennsburg. Festivities start around noon, and members are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. The club provides the usual hot dogs, burgers, condiments, paper products, and soda. BYOB – over 21 only.

If you haven't already, please let Jenny know that you will be joining us, and if possible, what edibles you intend to bring. Non-member guests are welcome to attend too!

We certainly hope to see many of you on the 18th, especially if you have not attended NPSC picnics before. (And why haven't you?) Come on out and experience it for yourself — our picnics are fun social events!

There is plenty of parking and shade trees — bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, yard games if you have them, and an appetite! The food is set up indoors in the A/C, so there's no danger of spoilage, no matter what the weather. See you Saturday, July 19th!

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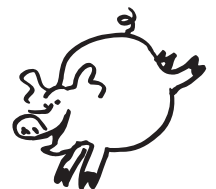
Directions to the Picnic

(based on driving up from our Lansdale / Colmar meeting area)

- Route 309 North to Quakertown
- Turn LEFT on to Route 663W (go past NE Turnpike entrance)
- Turn LEFT on to Geryville Pike (2nd traffic light after turnpike)
- Turn LEFT on Old School Road.
- Turn LEFT on Fennel Road, go around the bend, and Jenny's log cabin is on the left-hand side.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 8:** 9am NPSC Breakfast Social, Souderton, Heritage Family Restaurant (page 3)
- **September 10:** First meeting of 2015/16 season, Elks Lodge. Trewigtown Rd, Colmar PA
- **September 12:** Upper Bucks Ski Club family picnic, 9am-5pm, Lake Nockamixon, Quakertown
- **September 23:** EPSC fall dinner meeting, Kulpsville Holiday Inn
- **October 17:** Breakfast Social, 9am, Broadway Joe's, Lansdale
- **November 6:** UBSC auction, Shelly Fire House, Quakertown
- **Nov. 8:** EPSC auction/ PRW Winter Expo, King of Prussia



presidential "summer rant"



What kind of Duck are you?

Recently I was in the company of a man who was exasperated about people who claimed they were not informed about what was going on with a rather expensive project. He had sent emails to all of them, sent a monthly newsletter to all of them, and had occasion to speak with them on a weekly basis. Still many had no clue what was going on.

I have had some similar experiences regarding my communication with club members. When I asked for ideas on your desired western destination in 2017, I received only 10 responses. When I asked for ideas about why people join ski clubs, once again I received a sparse number of responses. I asked myself, *"Do people not read their emails? Do people not read the monthly newsletter? Do we live in that much of an apathetic world where people think their opinions do not matter? Or has responding gone the route of written 'Thank You notes' where most people just don't respond anymore?"*

Personally, I tend to be much more optimistic about the human animal and blame a lot of it on the sociologists. Talk about watching, I just read the statistic that more children have TVs in their rooms than fathers in their homes. Kinda sick, huh?

There are three kinds of ducks pictured in a magazine layout: One duck has an interested and connected look about him. He/ she is the duck who is engaged in everything and he/she gets things done.

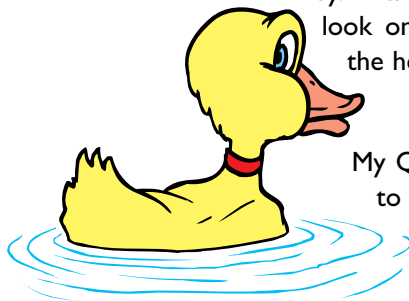
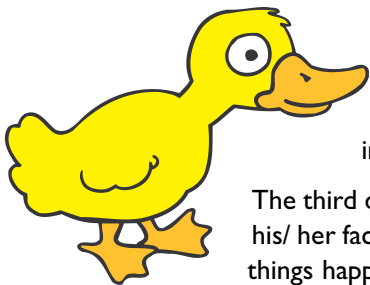
The second duck is sitting down with a paralyzed look on his/ her face; similar to a person affixed in front of a TV for a long time. That duck is the one

who simply sits back and "Watches" the world go by offering no help or input.

The third duck has a look of bewilderment about his/ her face. He/ she is not the duck who makes things happen or the one who watches things go by. He/ she is the one with the confused look on his/ her face wondering, "What the heck is going on? I have no clue."

My Question then: How do you want to be perceived? What will be your legacy? Simply put, "Which kind of duck are you?"

— Bob Lorence, NPSC President



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To all NPSC Members:

As most of you are aware, our ski club is a non-profit organization. The officers and board members volunteer their services to the club. Your membership dues go towards the following:

- Membership in the Eastern PA Ski Council.
- Preparing of 990-EZ Tax form by the CPA.
- Helps pay club liability insurance each year.
- Pays for the rent of using the Elks Club for our monthly meetings and the Auction night.
- Snacks at regular meetings on Thursday nights.
- Helps pay for advance payments on ski trips.
- Pays for some portion of the food for picnic.
- Pays for the newsletter, printing, and postage needed to send out letters, newsletter, etc.
- Contributions for condolences of members.

The money collected as dues covers part of all the above items. Profits from our annual auction pays the majority of the liability insurance for the club.

Without members (all of YOU), we would not be a ski club, nor would we have the opportunity to go on the fabulous trips that we do, or enjoy each other's company!

Regards,

Jenny Hutchison, Treasurer
North Penn Ski Club



Member News & Travel Stories



Baseball!

North Penn Ski Club is going to the Reading Phillies Baseball Game on Saturday, August 22nd. The game is against New Britain and will start at 6:35 pm. This event will be a

drive yourself affair; however, if you wish, you could come along with Bob and me. (We will take along the first four who ask.)

Since a good friend of ours, David Brennan, is the owner and head chef at Panevino Restaurant in Reading, the Lorences will most likely have dinner there before the game. If you haven't been to Panevino yet, it could be a destination of its own and since you will be with us, it mostly likely will be a dining experience to savor.

At this point, we do not have a ticket price. The administrators in charge of the "Fightin' Phillies" would like a head count by August 2nd. We will have an opportunity to talk about the event at the summer picnic. In the meantime, if you are excited about the game and plan on attending, please email me.

— Karen Lorence, NPSC Board Member RCL357 at verizon.net

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 interesting resort information, comics, member photos, 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!

Birthdays!

Jane Chambers	★	June 1
Andrew Patynski		June 11
Donna Graulich		June 12
Donna Antonucci		June 13
Allison LaTorre		June 17
Paul Karcewski		June 24
Jen Shaffer-Willison		June 27
Don Petrie		June 28

Bryan Wasko	★	July 2
Tom Kramlik		July 6
Garry Engelmann		July 9
Les Bucher		July 9
Lauren Schoneker		July 10
Pat Gottshalk		July 13
M. Flint Engelmann		July 16
J. Michael Galli		July 26
Shreyas Sundaesan		July 26
Dottie Eckert		July 30

Gail Shaffer	★	August 18
Allan Werner		August 22
JoAnne Landis		August 25
Hannah Kramlik		August 26
Tom Chambers		August 27



Breakfast Socials: During the off season, we occasionally meet at local eateries to enjoy breakfast, tell stories, share some coffee and laughs. If you've never attended a Breakfast Social before, why not come out one of these Saturdays and join in the fun? Please let JoAnne know if you plan to attend any of these socials, 215 234 0358, so we know who to look for and/or have enough seats reserved. However, last-minute walk-ins that day are also welcome!

August 8th, 9am: Franconia Heritage Restaurant, at intersection of Allentown Road and Route 113, Souderton. "New menu" with organic, vegetarian, and gluten free items added to the standard fare.

October 17th, 9am: Broadway Joe's Cafe, Broad Street, Lansdale. (formerly Friendly's, just a block from traffic light at Broad Street and Cowpath Road)



Travel Photo

Dave Schoneker (center) and friends hamming it up on the Olympic podiums while doing some late season skiing in April at Whistler Blackcomb in British Columbia (Canada).

Ski Related News

Multi-million Dollar Quad

Aspen Skiing Company will replace and realign the High Alpine lift on Snowmass. The estimated cost of this project is nearly \$8 million. The new high-speed quad has a ride time of 5.6 minutes, down from an 11 minute ride on the old chairlift. Construction will begin this summer, and the new lift and improvements will debut for the 2015-16 ski season.



Lessons for Senior Skiers

Many seniors are skeptical of what they call teaching old dogs new tricks, unless they plan to do something very different, like ski powder in Utah for the first time. However, a senior ski lesson can actually lead to more enjoyment.

“Most senior skiers like the medium to long radius turns and cruising the mountain and enjoying it,” says the Snowsports Director at Waterville Valley. “But that is no reason not to ramp up your technique. Whether you’re 7 or 77, technique trumps all. The better you are technically, the easier everything gets.”

It’s important for seniors to take lessons, as seniors will be safer and will enjoy skiing more if they embrace the new techniques including a wider stance and shorter, wider shaped skis. Skiing has evolved so much – from throwing your body into the turn to letting the skis do the work for you. No matter if seniors are updating old technique or learning for the first time, it is never too late to learn. Skiing is a dynamic sport and seniors enjoy learning just as much as younger folks. This enables them to ski longer and enjoy more terrain with family and friends.

(source: www.SeniorSkiers.com)

Another Gondola Connection

Squaw Valley has reached an agreement with the owner of the land between Squaw and Alpine Meadows to create a base-to-base gondola between the two mountains, forming a lift-connected area of 6,000 acres. “For decades, skiers and riders have talked about connecting these two world-class resorts,” said Andy Wirth, president/CEO of Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, LLC. “The base-to-base gondola will offer guests the ability to easily explore and experience the unique attributes of these two mountains via a brand new aerial connection, while simultaneously reducing vehicle traffic between them.”

Plans to connect the two mountains have commenced, and include the possibility of a high-speed, detachable gondola that would operate between the base of Squaw Valley and the base of Alpine Meadows, traveling over the KT-22 Peak. There are no plans currently being contemplated to allow skiing or other non-skiing activities along the lift route or on the terrain located between the two resorts. The estimated completion date of the project will be subject to Placer County and U.S. Forest Service approvals once applications are submitted. The planned base-to-base gondola will be designed to minimize the overall footprint and potential visual impacts to the adjacent Granite Chief Wilderness, as well as maintain the scenic beauty of the area.

the SkiDiva.com

“If you’re a woman who loves to ski, you’ve come to the right place! You’ll find ski conditions, TheSkiDiva blog, a directory of women’s ski resources, and a forum where you can chat about anything that has to do with skiing — gear, technique, resorts, and more — in a way that you can relate to. It’s fun, informative, and there’s always something new, so check back regularly. Welcome — and think snow!!!”

So begins the intro pages of theSkiDiva.com -- a website for women who ski and love to talk about skiing!

“Women skiers, this is the place for you – an internet forum without the male-orientation you’ll find in conventional ski magazines and internet ski forums. At TheSkiDiva.com, you can connect with other women to talk about skiing in a way that you can relate to, about things that you find of interest. Be sure to join our community to participate (women only, please!).” Ladies ... feel free to check out the site!



More Member & Ski Club News

In Memory of a Club Friend

Newton L. Beck, a longtime resident of Mechanicsville, PA. passed away after a short illness on Friday, March 13, 2015. He was 83.

Newt was the husband of Ann Vasey Beck, with whom he just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He was born in Mechanicsville on his family's farm in Buckingham Township, and as he grew older, he went from farmer to entrepreneur. Newt was self-employed his entire life, starting his own real estate office in 1959. He also worked as a builder and developer starting in the early 1970's.

Newt was a member of the Bucks County Board of Realtors for over 50 years and was a charter member of Bucks County Ski Club. (You may remember him from our trip to Big Sky in 2000 – Newt acted as guide during our snowmobiling excursion through Yellowstone National Park.)

Newt was also self-taught in many things. He held a private pilot's license and was an avid hunter, hunting all over the United States. He also enjoyed boating on the Chesapeake Bay and in the Poconos. His greatest joy came from spending time with family and friends at their mountain house on Lake Wallenpaupack. Newt had recently been heard to say, "I'm lucky; I've completed my bucket list." Our condolences go out to Newt's friends and family members.



Travel Photo

Took this image of salmon cans in Seattle. The graphics were great.

This is the zoom in of a favorite. Is it time yet? — Pat Gottshalk

Upper Bucks Ski Club Joint Venture

Greetings,

Upper Bucks Ski Club will be looking to "join forces" with other clubs to plan trips for the 2015-2016 season. If your club would be interested in sharing a bus and planning a joint trip, please let me know. The PRW show is May 4th, which will be the perfect opportunity to speak with various mountain representatives.

Our members have expressed interest in either a weekend or extended weekend bus trip. We would also be open to a weekend day bus trip to a New York destination. Places of interest - Bolton Valley, Vermont, Waterville Valley, NH, Bretton Woods, NH, Mont Tremblant, Eastern Townships, Quebec City, Sunday River, Pico, Stratton, Mount Snow. Of course, we would be open to other suggestions as well.

Upper Bucks is a family club; however, our demographic for bus trips is typically couples or adult singles. We often have a number of singles looking for roommates.

Looking forward to your reply!

— Lynn Geesaman, UBSC



Pie Contest!

Do you like pie desserts? Do you feel you prepare prize-winning pies? Let's put it to the test! October's club meeting activity is a pie contest. ONLY homemade pies are permitted to enter the contest.

NO Bakery Shop Pies, permitted!! Judging will be on the best tasting and best presentation

(appearance) "FRUIT" pie. We will have three, esteemed, "unbiased" judges to preside over the contest.

By e-mailing Karen Lorence at rcl357@verizon.net your name will be included on the "pie baking participants" list. Cut-off for sign-ups will be the September club meeting.

More details at the NPSC Picnic in July, and the September newsletter.



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!

WHITEFISH, Montana (February 2015)

Whitefish? Never heard of it. Where is it? Montana, never been there. So after checking out ski reviews for Whitefish and learning the only drawback seemed to be the possibility of fog, I decided I was in for the trip – because who wouldn't want to go to Montana?

My reasoning might not work for everyone, but it paid off for me, and I believe everyone on the trip would agree we had a great week. Whitefish is not as big as many western resorts, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in spectacular scenery, including views of Glacier National Park. The resort could have used more snow, which would have allowed more of us to ski through the trees and dramatically increase the skiable terrain. Conditions did not stop the Elais Family, they skied it all, and the steeper the better. We did enjoy sunny days, no fog, and it wasn't too cold. We missed seeing the snow ghosts due to lack of snow and can best be described with a picture. (bottom right)

Me and my skiing roomies for the week, Jenny and Susan, started each day with a run with Jesus. Well a "ski by" of a statue of Jesus. Returning WWII troops who were members of the Knights of Columbus in Kalispell wanted to erect a shrine of Jesus in remembrance of all the shrines they saw throughout Italy and the France and Swiss border. In 1953 they were granted permission by the Forestry Service, and the statue was erected in 1955. It was a perfect way to remind oneself of all the blessings we have living in America.

Off the slopes we also enjoyed lots of fun. The Kandahar Inn had a wonderful gathering room with an inviting fireplace, and of course a bar, perfect for reliving the ski moments of each day. If you did not eat in one of the restaurants in the ski village, it was a quick bus ride down to the town of Whitefish. One thing on every menu was a dish done in a huckleberry sauce or a huckleberry dessert. It's a Montana thing, and the locals hike Whitefish in the summer to pick fresh huckleberries.

A trip to the Bulldog Saloon quickly spread through our group as a "must". The drinks were cheap, the food was good, but no — the reason to experience the Bulldog was to visit the bathrooms. I'd love to tell you all about it, but it's R-rated, and I had to delete my pictures before I came home to my husband.

There were lots of winter activities to partake of besides skiing. A group of a ladies spent a day snow shoeing in Glacier National Park. You could also go snowmobiling, ice fishing, and of course my favorite off slope activity, shopping. Lastly, we had the privilege of watching kids participate in Montana's Special Olympics. They were wonderful and joy to watch. — **Linda Dedman**

Want to see more? Check out Frank Prindle's video online! It's not public, which means it won't show up in a search for Whitefish, you need the exact link. <http://youtu.be/qbytRiWksbQ>



Susan Matthews, Jenny Hutchison, Linda Dedman



View of Glacier National Park from the top of Whitefish



Whitefish postcard of "snow ghosts".

Eastern PA Ski Council's WINTER CARNIVAL

January 16-23, 2016

\$1,929 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. Limit 30 people.

Our trip is in conjunction with Bucks County Ski Club – so sign up early to get your spot!

LODGING: 7 Nights lodging at the Huntley Lodge, including current lodging taxes, 2 queen beds, round trip portage at hotel, full daily breakfast buffet, free overnight ski storage.

AMENITIES: Ski-in to core base area, coffee maker, refrigerator, TV, wet bar, outdoor swimming pool, two large jacuzzis, weight room, saunas, room service, laundry, ice machines, and vending.

LIFT TICKETS: 5-out-of-7 Day ski pass; 6th day add \$48. Non-skiers deduct \$270.

TRANSFERS: Round trip airport transfers from Bozeman / Big Sky via private bus (Karst Stage).



AIRFARE: Round trip airport Philadelphia / Bozeman via Delta Airlines. Checked baggage fees are additional. Only 30 seats available in our package.

DL#2061 SAT 16JAN PHILA/ATLANTA 7:30A-9:48A

DL#2321 SAT 16JAN ATLANTA/BOZEMAN 11:00A-1:25P

DL#4494 SAT 23JAN BOZEMAN/ATLANTA 2:05P - 7:45P

DL#1624 SAT 23JAN ATLANTA/PHILA 9:45P - 11:55P

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$100 per person Deposit to hold a spot.
Due **NOW**, along with a completed Trip Application.

\$500 per person Due October 2, 2015

\$600 per person Due November 6

\$729 per person Due December 4, 2015.
(Add the \$48 6th day lift ticket to balance.)

ACTIVITIES: Welcome Reception Sunday with hors d'oeuvres and drink ticket; Gala dinner buffet and dance (themed banquet "Woodstock") on Tuesday; Practice runs for race on Tuesday; EPSC Team Race on Wednesday, Race Day Lunch on Wednesday; Casual dinner on Thursday; daily on-mountain tours. Between the (3) evening events, there will be (3) drink coupons distributed to each person for the purchase of wine, beer or soda.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Nature and adventure zipline tours, Guided high rope course, Bungee trampoline/ climbing wall/ Smoke Jumper giant swing, Guided snowshoe tour, Dog sledding, Horseback riding, Sleigh rides, local snowmobiling

GROUP DISCOUNTS: 10% Discount on Ski / Snowboard lessons and services at Solace; Daily rentals on snowboard package, high-performance ski, and demos.

TRIP INSURANCE: Travel Guard's Club Travel Plan, call: 1.800.208.6173. Refer to Product Number 008058 PI. You can also use your own trip insurance plan.

Big Sky is rated #2 in SKI Magazine for terrain — 5,804 acres: 40% beginner / intermediate, 60% advanced / expert. 300 named runs. Elevation: Summit (Lone Peak) 11,166. Vertical: 4,366 feet

Make your deposit check out to: NPSC

and mail to: JENNY HUTCHISON

3225 FENNEL RD, PENNSBURG, PA 18073

(or bring your check to the picnic on Saturday!)

Questions: 215 541 1189 or jennyhutch@comcast.net

Why be a Member?

When your friends say they don't want to go skiing, your ski club will say, "YES, we're going!"

A ski club is like having a timeshare: you will be motivated and have the opportunity to travel to places you would not go on your own.



Vintage Ski Posters

Through SeniosSkiing.com we found a series of vintage posters depicting skiing promotions back in the 1920's through 1950. Seen here is a 1922 poster from Switzerland – other images from France, Italy, and more 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 Ski Club's page – in addition to images of cool posters, we share all sorts of resort news, seasonal activities, funnies, and club activities. Check it out!



Visit our web site! www.northpennskiclub.org



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Hope you're
having a great
summer!