

North Penn Ski Club



Life is good!

Summer Activities

NPSC SPRING BANQUET

Thursday, May 12, 6:30PM

Franconia Heritage Restaurant

Route 113 and Allentown Road, Souderton PA

Buffet Dinner, approx 7pm start:

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

Awards, Trivia, Photos & more

Dinner, fun stuff, photos, story telling, and awards. For those who made reservations, we will see you this Thursday night!

Downhill Times

May/June 2016

www.northpennskiclub.org

NO MEETING THIS MONTH!

Our last General Meeting for this season took place in April, and was quite productive as far as getting input from our members! The Board received lots of great feedback on how to improve club communications and how to get NPSC more up to speed technologically speaking.

Some great ideas were also shared on how to improve the club website – look for changes and upgrades in the months to come!

Thanks to all who came out in April, and if not at the May banquet or June brunch, we will see you again at the Red Cedar Grille in September. Keep your eyes peeled for more summer activities in your email and on our Facebook page!

Play safe during the off season, and we hope to see you at club events throughout this summer!



SUNDAY BRUNCH — June 12th, at 10 AM

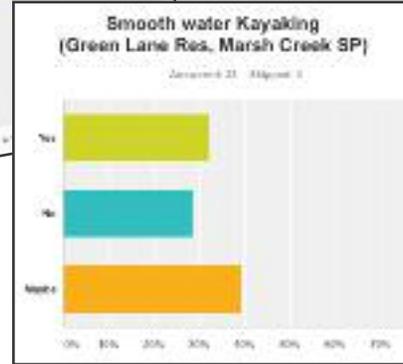
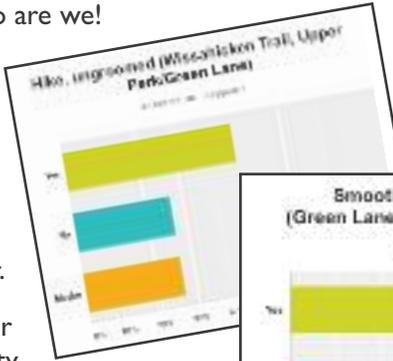
Come out and join fellow members and skiers for a delicious brunch at the Red Cedar Grille in Colmar. Yes, the same restaurant in which we have recently held our monthly dinner meetings, has a scrumptious Sunday Brunch! They have everything from made-from-scratch omelettes and eggs benedict to mussels, salads, desserts, and more. We have a group reservation, so please RSVP to JoAnne Landis by June 10 so we can have an accurate head count. (Our reservation is as a group, but payment for each meal is on your own.) Check your calendars and sign up today. Should be a fun, eat-too-much good time — don't miss it!



Presidential Ponderings

Looking for things to do this summer? So are we!

So far, the board has been hard at work putting the Spring Banquet festivities together (food arrangements, award ideas, recognitions, plaques, and the like). And, after tallying some results from a survey that was sent out last month, we also have a Sunday Brunch on our social calendar.



And at some point, we will put together details on a summer picnic. But obviously we need a few more things on our activity slate between now and our next general meeting in September! Fortunately, quite a few of you took a minute to complete the multiple-choice email survey (and it really only took a minute or so to do it, as Survey Monkey provides us with that data too!).

The survey gave us a good sampling of activities that seem to appeal to members, and these range from an easy hike in one of our local parks to kayaking to maybe even whitewater rafting on the river. I particularly liked the suggestions folks entered in the comment box at the end — so who knows, maybe we will have a night out for dinner and races or an afternoon horseback ride! One challenge we have is picking a weekend or a day that works for a number of people; but the toughest part is finding a volunteering soul (or two) to commandeer the events. So if you are one who checked off an activity as “yes, I’d like to do that” – could we talk you into coordinating or helping to coordinate it as well? We board folks will do what we can to arrange a couple of activities during the warmer months ahead, but it would certainly be a welcome relief to have helpers! (If you’re already going kayaking or hiking anyway, why not coordinate your day outdoors with other club members?) Give it some thought, and step right up and do it. We would love to offer as many social gatherings and outdoorsy activities as we can. North Penn is so much more than “just a ski club” now!

In the meantime, a lot will transpire during the next few months to keep this NPSC revival ball rolling. There were lots of great ideas shared and comments made during April’s meeting regarding the club website and how it can be improved. Some folks thought this was a discussion “for the board” to have on their own (which, rest assured, we have). But the board is here to do what is best for the club, and that means getting input directly from as many of our members as we can. Many folks in attendance that night came up with suggestions and ideas that we hadn’t even considered; so it may not have been an exciting meeting “program”, but it was well worth the time spent.

A few of us will be spending a (hopefully lovely) day in the park on Saturday, June 4. It’s Lansdale’s “Community Day”, and we will have a table full of NPSC info, Council literature, and other ski-related items available. The day spent at the Outdoors Expo back in March was beneficial in expanding our membership a little, as well as just getting the word out to the public that there are ski clubs in their local area. We hope this Lansdale Day will get North Penn Ski Club noticed favorably as well. Not comfortable working an exhibit table? No problem. Just talk up the club, and the fun we have, and the trips we offer to people you bump into during your everyday activities. Every little bit helps.

Till next time, JoAnne Landis (“Madam President”) (2)



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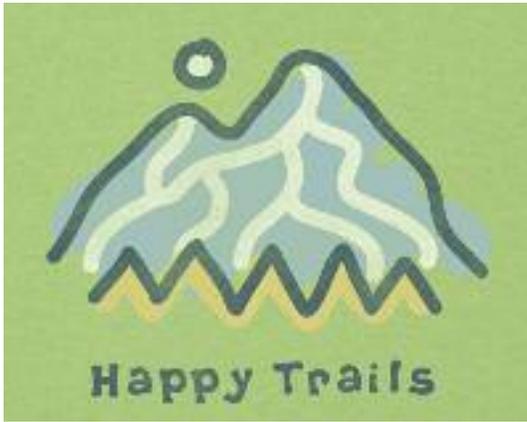
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 12:** Annual spring banquet, Heritage Restaurant, 6:30pm
- **June 4:** Lansdale Community Day
- **June 12:** Sunday Brunch, 10AM, Red Cedar Grille, Route 309, Colmar PA
- **Date TBD:** possible summer bike ride, day hike, and annual NPSC picnic. Anyone like to coordinate one of these events? Contact one of our officers!
- **September 8:** First General meeting of the 2016/17 season at Red Cedar Grille, Colmar PA, 7pm



SENIORS SKI FREE:

Many ski resorts have long honored a tradition that folks aged 70 and over get a free lift ticket. Some still do this, some charge a reduced rate. However, some have opted to raise the “free” age. There are 97 US ski areas offering coveted freebies; here are some of their age requirements:

70: Sugar Bowl Resort CA, Soldier Mountain Idaho, Saddleback ME, Otis Ridge MA, Crystal Mountain MI, Whitefish Mountain MT, Red River NM, Hunter Mountain NY, Mt Ashland OR, Bear Creek PA, Blue Mountain PA, Shawnee Mountain PA, Canaan WV, Timberline Resort WV, Snowy Range WY.

75: Royal Gorge CA, Big Rock Mtn ME, Lost Valley ME, Mt Rose NV, Swan Resort NY, Snowbasin UT

80: Mammoth CA, Wolf Creek CO, Schweitzer Mountain ID, Sunday River ME, Boyne Highlands MI, Bridger Bowl MT, Diamond Peak NV, Bretton Woods/ Crotched Mountain /Loon /Waterville Valley NH, Mountain Creek NJ, Seven Springs PA, Alta Ski UT

90: !! Alta Sierra CA, Welch Village Ski Area MN

Ski-Related News

History is Only What We Save

The Eastern PA Ski Council is working with the PA SnowSports Museum to find out what you know and can preserve in the history of snow sports. Below is a call for anyone to take a step forward to save the past!

If you or your organization has played a role in Pennsylvania snow sports, there's a history. Help the Pennsylvania SnowSports Museum staff compile and save yours.

Our research includes any person or entity that contributed to the enjoyment of skiing and snowboarding in Pennsylvania since the dawn of time. To make it easy, just write a brief historical outline of your snowsports related business or organization and we'll begin the research process. Meanwhile, visit the museum website at <http://www.pasnowsportsmuseum.com/> to review our current exhibit sites and the SnowSports Hall of Fame.

Remember, history is only what we save. Help us save yours. Send your outline to: **PA SnowSports Museum**

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Paul Prutzman, Museum Vice-President, 610-334-4378
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“Peak Pass” to Multiple Resorts

With seven ski resorts from PA to New Hampshire, Peak Resorts has consolidated its season pass products for what it refers to as its northeast region. The new Peak Pass family of products takes an approach similar to Vail’s Epic Pass, providing access to multiple resorts for a low price. The flagship Explorer Pass starts at \$399 for youth aged 7-17, and \$599 for anyone age 18 and over. No blackout dates! The pass is good for any of the company’s seven resorts: Mount Snow, VT; Attitash, Wildcat, and Crotched Mountain, NH; Hunter Mountain, NY; and Jack Frost / Big Boulder in PA.

Birthdays!

Kirk LaTorre	★	May 1
Michelle Bell	★	May 4
Judy Zabrecky		May 5
Michael Long		May 5
Adam Bluestein		May 5
Lori Yamashita		May 12
Amanda Pushinsky		May 15
Bette Stricker		May 17
Paul Delp		May 21
Karl Kampfer		May 21
Jake Schoneker		May 22
Regina Shelfron		May 23
Scott Russ		May 24
John Markunas		May 24
Gayle Smith		May 30
Jane Chambers		June 1
Ginny Tice	★	June 2
Brian North		June 4
Bill McGonigal		June 7
Jamie Bell		June 10
Andy Patynski		June 11
Anita Bluestein		June 14
Terri Undercoffler		June 15
Carly Brufke		June 16
Kathy Francis		June 17
Martha Brufke		June 17
Allison LaTorre		June 17
Paul Karcewski		June 24
Don Petrie	★	June 28
David Byer		June 29
Karl Kraus		July 2
Tom Kramlik		July 6
Calvin Litka	★	July 7
Les Bucher		July 9
Garry Engelmann		July 9
Lauren Schoneker		July 10

Member News & Travel Stories

Okemo / Killington VT Wrap-up

For this season having been what it was in the east (winterless), the trip went off pretty well. There were 10 of us, 8 being skiers. The accommodations were excellent and the check-in process went smoothly (each room checking in as they arrived).

At Okemo, the snow was remarkably good, well-groomed, and plentiful considering. Though of course, none of the what I would call "interesting" runs (natural snow, glades, bumps, etc.) were open. Only on the third day did it get so hot (must have been pushing 70 degrees), we all gave up early since the snow was getting really heavy.

Killington, on the other hand, was a different story. They had closed their activities and cancelled their welcome reception. In place of those, they gave each of us a \$16 voucher for mountain food and a voucher for a drink and appetizer at the restaurant in the Grand Hotel (worth about \$20-\$30 depending on the appetizer).

The first day we tried to ski at Killington (Thursday) was foggy and rainy. But the real problem was that very many of the trails were unskiable – even those that were open – because of alternating thin-cover, puddles, and ice-sheets. Three of us went out in the rain and went searching for a lift that was open or a trail that was open and skiable, but gave up by 11 AM. Even the Superstar lift had stopped running. The mountain was truly in sad shape. Amazingly, we ran into a couple from UBSC that happened to be skiing in the same rain. Amazing because there were very few people on the mountain and visibility was poor. I don't remember their names, but they were headed down a trail of dubious quality and we didn't follow. As you might imagine, everything froze up that night and the mountain was perhaps 10% open and 0% groomed on Friday, and NOBODY went out, just headed home early.

On the way back, we stopped by Okemo and operations seemed to be in full swing. I would have skied a few hours there, but Antoinette was itchy to get home so I gave away my ticket. Killington just dropped the ball on snowmaking badly this season, while Okemo seemed to be on top of it.

All told, the trip just could have used a "real" winter, otherwise it was a success. Not wanting to end my season on such a damp note, I went up to Blue Mountain on the Friday before they closed and had a great time.

— Frank Prindle, trip leader (early March 2016)



Top Left: Our spring-condition skiers taking a break at Okemo. Middle Left: Dinner time!
Bottom Left: On the hill at Okemo
Upper Right: Frank & Antoinette Prindle in the coaster at Okemo.

Bottom Right: Two shots of poor conditions at Killington; pretty only at a distance!



Eastern PA Ski Council News

Eastern Inter-Council / Inter-Club Winter Carnival at Whiteface / Lake Placid (New York) January 26-29, 2017

More than a ski trip ... an Olympic experience with North Penn,
Bucks County, and Upper Bucks Ski Clubs

Lodging: High Peaks Resort Four Star Hotel (3 Nights), Indoor Pool, Hot Tub, Spa, Exercise Room

Transportation: Hagey Coach wide body, DVD and wifi

Meals/Reception: Breakfast Daily; Thursday, dinner at North Woods; Friday, Welcome Reception including one drink, appetizers followed by cash bar; Saturday Group dinner/banquet & awards ceremony followed by 3-hour party with cash bar, DJ entertainment and door prizes.

Tickets: 3-day, all-area lift ticket to Whiteface Mountain. Eligible for a discounted Bobsled or Skeleton run. With the purchase of a 3-day lift ticket, you will receive the Passport to Adventure (provides access to Olympic venues and provides discounts at town merchants).

Activities: Thursday, scheduled stop at ski jumping complex; Friday, optional Bobsled ride, Practice Run through the race gates; and Saturday, Inter-Council Race – Private Dual GS course, other Olympic venues available throughout the weekend. Also available: Ice skating on either the Olympic oval or on Mirror Lake, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, toboggan rides. Includes services of Banchi Outdoor Adventures staff.

Departure: Bus leaves Thursday from Hagey Coach and Tours, 210 Schoolhouse Road, Souderton, 7AM, and PA Turnpike Quakertown Commuter Lot, Route 663, at 7:15AM.

Return: Arrival approximately 11pm, Sunday night.

Rates: All Per Person (families welcomed)

Four (4) per Room \$628

Two (2) per Room \$768

Three (3) per Room \$668

One (1) per Room \$1068



Reservation: \$100 deposit per person at signup, plus membership to either UBSC, NPSC, or BCSC for 2016/17 season or other EPSC club. (Reciprocity for membership in other EPSC clubs, include copy of current membership).

Payment schedule: \$100 per person due at time of reservation and signed Release & Waiver of Liability. \$300 due: November 1st Balance due: December 1, 2016

Send checks made payable to **North Penn Ski Club** to:
Pete Ryan, 515 N York Road 7-D, Willow Grove, PA 19090

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SEATS ARE SELLING QUICKLY!



Sure, You can do This!

The Eastern PA Ski Council's Nominating Committee is currently looking for a Recording Secretary and a Senior Alpine Director (to coordinate Council Cup Races each winter).

If you are interested in helping out the Council by volunteering for a board position, please contact Nominating Chairperson, Betsey Galli at begalli@verizon.net. Please respond as soon as possible to get on the ballot for May's meeting. (or anytime before the onset of next ski season!)

Thanks for your consideration. Remember, everyone that helps makes the Council better – which in turn makes each of our member clubs better too. No previous experience needed – just a willingness to get involved. Contact Betsey today!

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!!!



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" as an opportunity for 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. 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.

Member News & Travel Stories



“Throwback Thursday” from November 2010

“Salvatore the Magician” entertained us with his tricks and jokes at that month’s meeting (held at the Elks Lodge at that time). Salvatore’s selected stooges for some of his tricks were members Les Sheely, and Tom & Jane Chambers. Lots of fun that night!



Elk Mountain February 2016

What looked like a dismal day (and the skies were questionable all day), turned out to be a lot of fun skiing at Elk Mountain. The potential rain held off until we were well on our way home on the bus. And, as evidenced here, everyone had a great time. One of our newest members, Molly Fisher, convinced a long-time friend to come out and join us. This was their first-ever bus trip to Elk with NPSC – we’re thinking the first of many!



Ski Related News

Creative Shirts

In response to inquiries about the article last month on ordering custom shirts online ... here are some websites where most of the designs are found (t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and mugs).

www.teevogue.com

www.outdoorsadventurer.com



Party Dress Collections

Members of both King of Prussia and Brandywine Valley ski clubs discovered that the under-privileged girl students at a nearby high school needed party dresses for their prom. So the two ski clubs collected their old party dresses for the kids at the high school. Way to go, KoP and BVSA!

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