



Slopes & Trails

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CLUB NEWS & NOTES



Nancy Wick Beard updates us on the latest in ski fashion and technology

Members attending the November meeting were treated to a stunning presentation highlighting Paula Kramp's travels in Nepal and Tibet. Paula's list of off-the-beaten track travels continues to grow; we'll have to get her back for another!

Our Holiday Social was held for the second year now at the Riverwinds Restaurant on the Delaware River in West Deptford, New Jersey. This year we had a sit-

down dinner instead of a buffet, and of course enjoyed Wick's Ski Shop show of the latest ski fashions and ski technology and they generously donated some door prizes. Mike Fernandez was the recipient of the Wilhoite Award for service to the club. Thanks to all who came out for the festivities - we even roped in a new member!



Award committee chairman John Theodore and club president Dan Aronson present the Wilhoite Award to Mike Fernandez

Where's My Newsletter?

We have been getting a number of reports lately from folks who get a hard copy of the newsletter that they are arriving mangled in the mail. This is a problem that is increasingly affecting mailers of non-standard size items, and unfortunately is outside our control. The only solutions to minimize this - fitting the newsletter into a standard sized letter envelope or an oversized flat envelope - would either limit the size of the newsletter or be cost prohibitive.

If you receive a damaged newsletter, there are several options:

- Contact Bill Raney to have a hard copy mailed to you. He MAY have copies on hand, but then again he may not. We try to limit

the number of printed copies to only what is needed. Each printed newsletter that is mailed will typically cost the club a minimum of \$2.00.

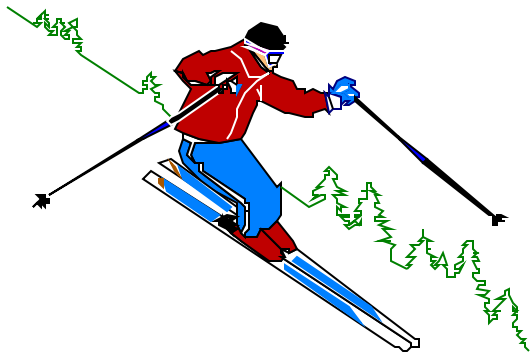
- Contact Mike Fernandez to have a digital version emailed to you directly. All digital versions will be a full color PDF, generally between 1 and 2 mb in size.
- Check the website periodically to see if the latest issue has been posted there. We do **not** normally send out an email notice when it has been put up, and depending on the season and the

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Deadline for articles for the Slopes and Trails is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to:

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For a paper copy of the monthly newsletter, please contact Bill Raney at 610-356-5199 to be placed on the mailing list, or download from the web site.



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WOODBRIIDGE LODGE

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Only if you have been repeatedly unsuccessful contacting the reservation chair for a key should you

Contact the following people:

Mel Stiles 609-230-5046 / Mike Fernandez 609-254-8461 / Glenn Weisel 570-257-0271

MEMBERSHIP

BRSC is an outdoor club for people of all ages who enjoy companionship in outdoor activities.

For a membership application and procedures for joining, visit our website

(www.buckridgeskiclub.org) or contact:

Mary Ann Popma, Membership Chair

1037 Warren Road, West Chester, PA 19382

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your email address and want to keep *Slopes & Trails* in your mailbox or inbox, please notify:

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REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 8 pm AT SPRINGFIELD MASONIC HALL ON RT 420, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA.

NO MEETING IN JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS



SKIING

Ski Schedule Update

There are a few changes to note on our ski schedule:

- Family Weekend has been moved to Feb 26 - March 2, with Cheryl Amey as the leader.
- Paddlers' Weekend has been cancelled. This weekend, which is normally filled by the Philadelphia Canoe Club, is now available for general reservation by Buck Ridge members. This weekend (Feb 21-23) is also an EPSC Council Awareness Day at Mount Snow - see below for more details!
- Mike Fernandez will be trip leader for the Vermont Mid-Week.

Don't forget you can get advance purchase of discount lift ticket vouchers through the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council website for a number of ski areas in Pennsylvania, New York, and New England. Visit the EPSC website at:

www.easternpascouncil.org/

Click "read more" under discount lift tickets, then "list all products" under order discount tickets. Be sure to read the restrictions on use and returns.

Discounted advance purchase tickets may also be available from the web sites of individual ski area, but pricing varies.

EPSC COUNCIL AWARENESS DAYS AT MT SNOW

Discounted lift tickets for member clubs of EPSC are available for Mount Snow on the weekends of Jan 10-12 (Fr/Sa/Su); Feb 21-23 (Fr/Sa/Su); and Mar 14-16 (Fr/Sa/Su). Tickets, purchased in person from the group sales office, are \$45/\$53/\$49 (Fr/Sa/Su). See the EPSC web site for more details. You must show a club membership card with EPSC sticker at the time of purchase to get this pricing.



HIKING

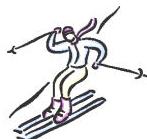
Our Fall Short Hikes are done for the season. See page 5 for a retrospective of our hikes - look for short hikes to return in the Spring!



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webmistresses' schedule this could be several days to a week after the hard copy is mailed.

- Join the BRSC yahoo newsgroup; instructions for doing this may be found on the website or in the newsletter from time to time. Newsgroup members **will** get an email when the newsletter is posted with a link for downloading. The newsletter will be available on the newsgroup before anywhere else, and there is also a one to two year archive of past newsletters maintained there.



2013 Hunt For Snow I

This year, for the first time in a while and on one of the most poorly attended HFS's I can recall, we were the hunted! There *was* no hunting for snow – it found us and wouldn't leave. Four intrepid souls ventured north to the Lodge, and only three skied. Driving north we began to encounter snow squalls around Albany, and on arrival at the Lodge on Friday evening were greeted by a nice accumulation of about 6" of powder.

Saturday was quite cold; highs were barely above 10 degrees but with no wind it was quite tolerable. Skiing at Mt Snow was enjoyable with fresh powder over the man-made base. While only about 10 trails were open, there was quite a buzz in the air with the promise of a significant snowfall on the way. The best run of the day was Ridge, which we didn't discover until our last run.

Light snow began falling Saturday evening, and we awoke Sunday morning to an accumulation of about 14 inches. Cort Wizorek, a new member up for his first trip to the Lodge, was out early clearing the cars and Jeremy, our trusty plowman, made quick work of getting the lot cleared and we were off to Mt Snow again. For early season, the lots were full and we certainly did not get first tracks. Unlike Friday's snowfall this was not a light powder and it quickly got chopped up. A lot of work for my second day on skis, and temperatures in the low twenties felt downright balmy! The number of open trails had increased substantially, and we even tried a tree run which turned out to be not such a great idea. Sunday's run of the day was

Bear trap, Mt Snow's signature bump run. It had been closed with minimal cover on Saturday, but with soft natural bumps on Sunday it skied superbly. All in all a stellar season opener - wish more folks could have made it!
D. Editor



New member Cort Wizorek earning his keep with the snow blower

ODDS 'N ENDS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 8th: Open board meeting. This is a chance to stop by and talk to the board meetings and it's a good time for new members to sign up. So if you have friends that have put off joining our club, now is a good time to join and enjoy the benefits during the upcoming ski season and more.

February 12th: Details haven't been firmed up yet, but there's a good chance Buck Ridgers will be going a bit high tech. There are a lot of gadgets, apps and fitness programs out there, so we are looking into getting someone to show us what's available. More to follow. Call if you know of anyone who might be interested in helping out.

March 12th: Hiking in Chile! Mel shares his December trip to Patagonia and the Torres del Paine National Park.

April 9th: Paddling the Georgian Bay of Ontario with Mike Fernandez.

May 14th: This is where our members come in, but you have to start now. Be sure to take some pictures at the Woodridge Lodge this season to share with your fellow Buck Ridgers. We will also get a preview of the next ski season, so don't miss our last regular meeting for the year!

We meet on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month at 8:00 PM at the Springfield Masonic Hall, 400 W Woodland Ave, Springfield, PA 19064. Meetings are held from September through May.

I'd love to hear from you if you have an interest in sharing some of your adventures. We usually ask the presentation run about a half an hour or so to allow for questions and discussion. The presentation starts right after the general business meeting.

We, of course, will keep you informed by our website, Slopes and Trails, and an occasional email or two. But feel free to give me a call or send an email about the programs. Can't do it without you!

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Cort has signed up for lodge privilege and joined us on the Hunt For Snow.

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Ana joined us at our Holiday Social.

New (and old) members are reminded that one of the best ways to communicate with club members is to join our Buck Ridge Yahoo Group. Just click on the Yahoo Groups icon on the Buck Ridge Ski Club Web site (www.buckridgeskiclub.org) and follow the step-by-step instructions. Please join today and become an informed Buck Ridger. You will be the first to get notice when newsletters are posted and other late-breaking news. Do it today!

Lodge Update

A reminder for folks using the Lodge this season. Its been quite cold in Vermont. If you arrive to an empty house, it can take quite a while for the main rooms to warm up - several hours in fact! The electric wall heaters in the bedrooms and the upper dining room can help take the chill off, but please remember to switch them off as they do use a lot of electricity.

We have also had reports of the sink trap in the upper kitchen freezing. If you find this to be the case, check to make sure the plastic pipes under the sink have not burst. Hot water from the lower kitchen may be used to help thaw the trap. While this is not normally a problem, we have had some exceptionally cold nights!





SHORT HIKE RETROSPECTIVE

Clockwise from upper left:

- Wolf Creek Hollow on the Octoraro Creek
- French Creek
- Ridley Creek - where did that crew come from??
- Baaaah! Wildlife on Wolf Creek
- Brandywine Creek



BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2013-2014

Dan Aronson, Ski Chair 215-643-7252

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	DEPOSITS*	
				LODGE PRIVILEGE RATE	REGULAR MEMBER & GUEST RATE
Dec 13-15 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	\$40	\$60
Jan 24 -26 Fri-Sun	Cross Country Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 609-254-8461	\$40	\$60
Jan 25-Feb 1 Sat - Sat	ESPC Winter Carnival	Aspen, CO	Dave Schoneker 215-822-2179		See EPSC web site - app \$1695 pp
Feb 2-7 Sun-Fri	Vermont Mid Week Ramble	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 609-254-8461	\$100	\$150
Feb 21-23 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge		\$40	\$60
Feb 22-Mar-1 Sat-Sat	Taos Ski Resort	Taos, NM	Dan Aronson 215-643-7252	See Flyer	Approx. \$1670 per person
Feb 26-Mar 2 Wed-Sun	Family Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Cheryl Amey 610-593-2467	\$80	\$120
Mar 14 -16 Fri -Sun	Hunt for Snow II	Vermont Lodge	T B A	\$40	\$60

Woodbridge Lodge 2013-2014 Season	* Lodge Privilege Rate	\$ 20.00 Per Night Winter	Lodge Privilege Rate for Family of three or more is \$60 Per Night Winter
	* Regular Member & Guest Rate	\$ 30.00 Per Night Winter	

To sign up for ski trips, please send a (signed) release form to the trip leader along with your registration form and deposit for each Buck Ridge ski trip. NOTE: Above deposits are based on the lodge fee times the maximum number of days in the trip. Please adjust deposit to account for the number nights that you will be staying. There is no deposit required for children six years of age and under, but the trip leader needs to know his/her name.

REGISTRATION FORM

TRIP NAME:	DATE OF TRIP:
NAME(S):	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT EMAIL / TELEPHONE#:	
OPTIONAL: Please indicate your roommate preference (s):	

RELEASE FORM

In consideration of the benefits derived by me from membership in the Buck Ridge Ski Club and the use of its facilities, I release said club and its members from all responsibility on account of personal injury to me or my minor children, or damage to my personal property which may occur by reason of my/our participation in the activities of the club.

SIGNATURE(S):	DATE:
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SPOUSE (or Guardian) SIGNATURE:

WOODBRIIDGE LODGE – RESERVATION FORM

Note: Ski season reservations may only be made after October 1.

USAGE RATES (effective 11/1/2013)

Season	Nov 1 – Apr 30	May 1 – Oct 31
Members with Lodge Privilege	\$20.00	\$10.00
Regular Members & Guests	\$30.00	\$15.00

Rates are the same on weekends and weekdays. Children 6 and under are free.

A family of three or more with Lodge Privileges pays a maximum of \$60 per night, but all family members must be listed..

Member's Name	Date: (nights)	COST
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

TOTAL: _____

GUESTS are welcome when accompanied by a member. Maximum three (3) guests per member.

Inviting member is responsible for guests complying with the Lodge rules and regulations.

Guest's Name	Accompanying Member	Dates: (nights)	COST
1.			
2.			
3.			

TOTAL: _____

Name, phone number, or Email where you can be reached:

Make checks payable to "BRSC LODGE". Mail reservation form and payment to:

Lydia Hill, 1701 School House Lane, Ambler, PA 19002

Key Deposit - \$75. Issue a **SEPARATE CHECK** and send with reservation form & payment.

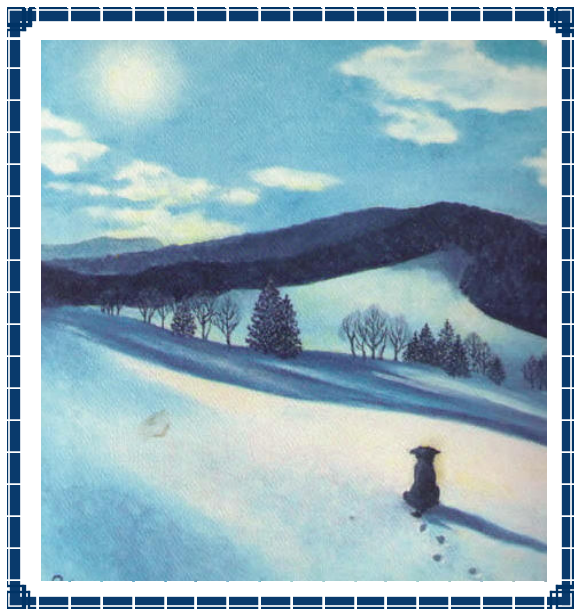
Enclosed is my check for \$75. I understand that this key is due back **within 2 weeks after my planned trip** or my deposit check will be cashed. My check will also be cashed if key is lost in the mail.

Signed: _____

Any questions, email Lydia at: brsc_lodge_lmh@comcast.net

RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS



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