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**Board Meeting:**

March 20, 2007



**March Meeting  
Tuesday, March 20**



**IT'S A REVOLUTION!**

No we're not planning to assassinate Punxsutawney Phil. A representative from the York Revolution Baseball organization will be our speaker at the March meeting. Find out how construction of the stadium is progressing, the team's schedule, seating pricing and other prospects for the upcoming year.

Eating and socializing begins at 7:00. Meeting at 7:30.

See you on the 20th at: Alberto's Pizza, 2736 S. Queen St. York, PA

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

With the election over, the Board of Directors is back to the business of running the York Ski Club. There are operating costs and trip expenses to track, and the 2008 schedule of events to develop. While, officer positions remained unchanged again (and again), we sure could use some volunteers to organize other events or even run trips. We need your commitment of time, rather than money. We need you to support our activities, not indecisions.

Enough of the serious side; we have one major trip remaining this season to Killington, VT. Between Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the resort got 40 plus inches of snow and 197 trails of 200 slopes are open. The bus trip is always a good time, both coming and going. Only the Gehly's and March's know what videos are in store (or out of store) for us. Many of us are looking forward to ski at Killington/Pico with in season conditions and at least one of us is looking to revisit the "Wanderer" after a 15 year absence. Remember I'm taking notes for our April Awards meeting.

I'd like to thank those who did a snow dance on New Year's Eve, sacrificed skies to the Snow Gods, wrote a wining article for the January newsletter and especially to Dover Doug. Please enjoy the rest of your ski season and let us know where you want to travel in 2008.

Rick

# Big Mountain

Another year another wonderful trip. Our flights were on time and no weather delays this year. It is nice to have things go right once in a while.

Our early evening departure from BWI wasn't as bad as it sounded when we first got our revised schedule. Not getting up in the middle of the night to catch an early flight meant you could get a good night's sleep without worrying about oversleeping. It also meant a nice leisurely breakfast and a chance to get a hearty lunch before departure; plus, everyone was awake and happy on the bus ride to BWI.

Flights...no problems. We got to the Grouse Mountain Lodge late but it wasn't a big deal, we all headed for our rooms with all our luggage and got another good night's sleep.

Sunday greeted us with an incredible blue sky and a breathtaking view of Glacier National Park from the top of the mountain and the conditions were great. What a way to start our week. Several of us took the Mountain Tour to get acquainted with the area and that's where our first little problem began. One of our newer members and first time YSC west tripper discovered he brought a "little black cloud" along with him on the trip. Rick B. joined a group of us, which included Mary and myself, on the tour. That was just the beginning of his troubles. Our Mountain Host decided to take us down Hogan's East which makes a cut off through a narrow trail of trees. We made it, Rick didn't. He was rushing because he missed the cutoff and then had a first hand experience with Montana trees. The tree won. We all thought he went straight on Hogan's and would meet us at the bottom. We never thought that he was hurt, but he was and it was so uncrowded no one else came down that way. After he caught his breath he painfully made it to the bottom. The good news is that nothing was broken just bruised and he was able to ski later in the week. The bad news is that his bad luck continued!



The Grouse Mountain Lodge is a great place for groups, or our group, because we were the only ones there for most of the week. (Ask Sharon and Rick for details on Friday night!) We'd all gather by the fireplace at night where Lee, "Wentzy" and Mike the former FBI agent provided the entertainment. It helped that the bar was right there...maybe that was the attraction! Our shuttle driver Tom, was a West York graduate and he treated us to door to door service to our dinner destinations.

Tuesday some of the group went to Fernie, while the rest of us enjoyed another unbelievably beautiful day at Big Mountain. We saw a snowbow, a sun dog and diamonds. The sun was surrounded by a colorful rainbow and we had diamonds floating through the air. Joanne said they were snow angels looking after us, but they obviously couldn't find Rick B. We found out later that the Fernie group saw and had the exact same conditions

Wednesday proved to be interesting. We got our first taste of fog. We had skied the mountain 3 days and still had trouble seeing where we were at times. Mother nature just wanted us to experience a little of everything she has to offer. By Thursday it was back to sunshine and Friday we had 6 inches of fresh powder. A great way to end our stay at Big Mountain.

The return trip was smooth flying. No delays just a little de-icing for good measure. The only minor problem we had was luggage. Two of our new members didn't get theirs. One, of course, was Rick B. with his "little black cloud" still firmly planted over his head. We know how to treat our new people! That just meant they didn't have to go right home and wash (an extension to their vacation). Thanks for being such a great group. Deb



## SOME THOUGHTS AND NEWS FROM THE BIG MOUNTAIN TRIP

**B**oy, can you believe Delta got all of us and our “stuff” on that “Puddle Jumper” into Kalispell—now our whole week was ahead of us.

**I**inerary – Definition: --the pieces of paper in your trip packet that details all you need to know on the trip!!!!

**G**reat to hit the hot tub after a hard day on the slopes but someone has to do it. Those Kokeenee’s and Martini’s sure eased our aching bones.

**M**y horse’s name was Big Mama (no kidding) says Gary A. You have got to try horseback riding in the snow—this from Sharon, Cheryl, Chris and Gary. And how about snowshoeing in Glacier Park—ask Sharon, Chris, Cheryl and Joanne.

**O**h! here I am hugging a tree on my first trip West says Rick B. I am supposed to be on a mountain tour with my group.

**U**nlike the other ski resorts, no \$\$ was spent on selecting a catchy name. They just called it like it is -- A BIG MOUNTAIN -- Nothing fancy for Montana.

**N**othing like a 12 mile dogsled ride to re-align your spine.. Our team of 10 dogs just didn’t stop for any bumps. On sleds were: Gary, Mary, Sharon, Cheryl and Chris.

**T**hanks to all on the trip for going with the flow. Know you had a great week of skiing. A big thank you to my co-chair, Deb Angstadt for all your help on this trip

**A**nother blue sky day and here we are in Fernie, BC. Awesome scenery and steeps for the big dogs. Mary & John elected a guided tour with our driver/guide, Dudley—no need for a map. See Rick R. for more on this great day of skiing in Canada.

**I**t was all foggy and dark on the “Moonlight Dine & Ski Friday night. The ski down on the Oh S@# trail wasn’t for the faint hearted. Whose idea was this??Mary.

**N**o more questions of the group leaders, Mary & Deb “Just read your itinerary”



Hope you all had as much fun on this trip as I did. Mary Amsbaugh

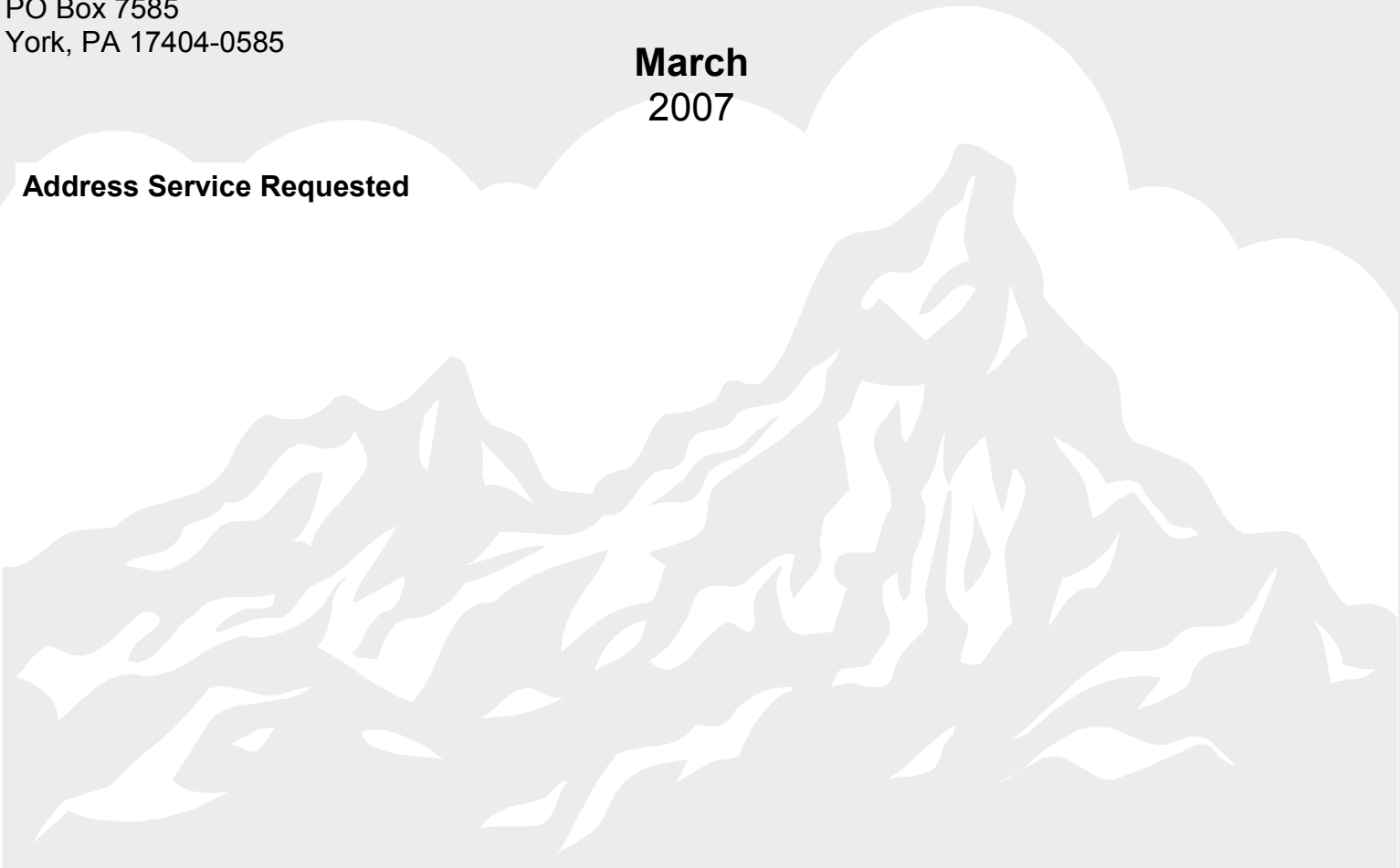
### A 360° VIEW FROM THE WILDER SIDE

The “Big Dog” skiers started the trip on the north side of Big Mountain with a warmup run down Black Bear and eventually tested the cliffs off Bighorn. The north side had consistently the best quantity and quality snow. Later in the week, the “Four Pack” expanded their territory to include Hell Roaring Basin and the east face, constantly searching for similar snow conditions on the north facing slopes. We made more than a dozen runs in “Connie’s Coulee” and down “Glory Hole”, especially when limited visibility became a factor. We were not deterred by single digit temperatures, clouds, or blowing snow, although Craig Wentz avoided the natural ravines and felt queasy in a fog bank. (or was it from drinking the night before?)

Rick Resh lead the Wolf Pack around Cedar and Lizard Bowls at Fernie in search of fresh food. He and Craig still haven’t mastered the “meat hook” surface lift, but Lee and Joanne McClellan did just fine. Wentzy, supposedly smacked a tree on the traverse to view the “Saddles”. We ended up skiing on “Decline” (about a 1 mile mogul run) back to the base area. Again, the glades off Cedar Ridge yielded ideal snow conditions and Mother Nature furnished us with sunshine, a rarity in British Columbia. We all turned in our U. S. apples at the border to the Customs Officer. We joked she was baking pies that evening. It’s great to live in America!

**March  
2007**

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## **Club Calendar** **2007**

Killington/Pico, VT ..... Mar 4-7  
YSC Meeting ..... Mar 20  
YSC Meeting ..... April 17

## **YORK SKI CLUB HOTLINE**

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Click on messages

## **BLUE MOUNTAIN DAY TRIP**

Nine members braved the trip to Blue Mountain. What started out as a nice morning ended with a messy combination of rain, sleet and snow midday for their skiing enjoyment. Mother Nature's sense of humor this winter is getting old. Someone must have made her real mad this year! Was it Al Gore?!?!?

Not to be disheartened our members made the best of the afternoon and went shopping! The economy got the better deal this day. Way to go guys!

## **Flying Humor**

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make in-flight "safety lectures" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

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On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

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On landing the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

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"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane."

