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**Board Meeting:**

March 18, 2008



**March Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18**

**Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center  
2700 Mt. Rose Ave., York (Rt. 124)**

The meeting will be held in the "Loff". You will be able to purchase food and drinks. Sugarloaf pre-trip meeting starts at 7pm. Hear the tales of the Blue Mountain trip and start planning for our summer adventures and next years ski trips. Please give it some thought as to what type of activities you would participate in.

Socializing starts at 7:00. Meeting starts at 7:30. Guests Welcome!

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As our 2007-2008 ski/board season is winding down, the Annual Awards are starting to accumulate. I know I'm doing my best to participate and initiate new members in the process. The Awards Ceremony for resorts and individuals will occur at the April post trip party. The more people that participate, the better the party. This is your chance to roast another member or reward them for a good deed. We also want to hear the story behind the incident or accident. You don't have to present any awards or plaques, but they certainly add to the festivities.

At the January meeting, we solicited input from YSC members on what destinations we should consider for 2009. The questionnaire results were inconclusive with Park City, UT, Jackson Hole, WY and Lake Tahoe, NV/CA the front runners. Each one has positive and negative elements. With a dwindling membership, we need a better consensus on this and other trips. YSC and several other ESPC clubs had to cancel bus trips this season due to lack of participation and possibly a declining economy. The Board of Directors is currently discussing the types of trips (more you drive trips/shared buses) designations, and schedules for the upcoming season. We would like member input and we will be reviewing options at the March and April club meetings. PS Please consider bringing a guest to either meeting.

Rick

# Whistler 2008

## February 2-9

**Friday** the heavy rains were falling, ice coated trees and the Chicago airport was closed because of snow and it had us feeling a bit uneasy about our early Saturday morning departure to Whistler. Not only was it very wet outside it was also moist inside the Angstadt's basement when their water heater burst that morning. By 2:00 pm the new water heater was installed, the rains were slowing and the Chicago airport was expected to be open on Saturday. Things were looking up. Marjie White and Marianne Ziegler were traveling on their own to Aspen for the week and were to depart Friday but their flights were canceled and they ended up with us on our flight to Chicago. To find out more about their adventures of trying to fly from Chicago direct to the tiny airport in Aspen you'll have to read the book. Too much happened to them for this article.

**Saturday** our flights couldn't have been any better. Everything was smooth and on time. The only luggage problem we had was Lee Dubs missing boot bag and then Lee missing when he realized he needed another form. Deb found out Customs officials aren't keen on you trying to get back into the secured area to look for someone. We loaded the bus after we gathered everyone from their first experience of buying food in Canada. Loonie's, Toonie's and the pretty money started flowing before we even left the airport.

During our 2 1/2 hour bus ride, Claude our driver, explained what was happening around the area to prepare for the 2010 Olympics. He gave us plenty of information on the Sea to Sky Highway including passing thru the town of Squamish, where the TV show "Men in Trees" was filmed. Except for finishing the road to Whistler, Vancouver seems ready to welcome the world.



We arrived at the Summit Lodge in time to grocery shop and unpack before our wine reception. You will notice, wine becomes a central part of this trip. Someone, who we won't mention except to say his fellow skiers refer to him as the "probe", enjoyed drinking lots of free wine. (The Summit Lodge has a Wine Party every evening).

**Sunday** morning we all were eager to hit the slopes on a nice cloudy/bright day. A perfect start to our trip. We had groups go to both areas, Whistler and Blackcomb. Many took the mountain tour at Whistler to become familiar with the area while the "Big Dogs" went right to the top of Blackcomb with their newest pup in tow. It seems that Rick, Lee, Joanne, and Craig wanted to show Casey just what old people can still do. Skiing on the Horstman Glacier was a new experience for most of us.

**Monday** was another bright day with many switching ski areas so they could find their way around before the snow storm that was predicted to hit. Gary (non skier) took advantage of the Spa at our Lodge and opted for the 2 hour Balinese Massage. Our "western newbie" Jackie B. skied her first "Canadian Blue" trail. Jackie also went for a Massage in the Lodge. After those Blues, she needed it. Charlie rented the "new" skies and found them to be far better than the old skis resting at home. It might be bye--bye to those old skis. Or is it buy--buy new ones!

**Tuesday** was windy and white. The tops of both areas were closed due to zero visibility and 60 mph winds. You easily gathered a quarter inch of snow on your lap with each chair ride. It sounded like a lot more in centimeters but most of us didn't understand how much that really was. Only the engineers and those that work with the metric system could do the conversion easily. Tell me the snow in inches and the temperature in Fahrenheit.

**Wednesday** was another snow day. While most skied some took the day off to rest their weary legs after trying to ski real snow. Tell me how to ski it! Mary and Gary did the Ziptrek, a real eye opening experience. They Zipped 5 lines including the 2300', an awe inspiring monster that drops over 20 stories and ends zipping right into the village.

**Thursday** it was still snowing but you could see better and everything was open if you were brave enough to find the really deep stuff. Deb and Don started out on a blue supposed groomed run pushing snow up over their boots. A boarder sitting along side the slope, you notice I said along side not in the middle like usual, heard Deb laughing and said where he just came from he was in snow up to his thighs.

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## Whistler continued

**Friday** was a perfect ending to our trip. The sun was partially out, the snow had stopped and it was time to explore what you couldn't see for the last 3 days. The wind at the top of 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven still had some force but once you were heading down the slopes it was nothing but lots of powder. Some poor skier found out just how much when we saw him hunting for his missing ski. Oh, and Lee's missing boot bag from Saturday showed up at 6:20 pm Friday just in time for him to have to lug around through Customs for the trip home. Great timing. At least he liked the rental equipment United paid for.

The Summit Lodge was a great place to stay. Not only did they have a fireplace where we gathered at night after dinner but they had wine. Every night from 5-6 pm we met for our free glass of wine. We relaxed, shared the day's experiences and basically were "clubbers" before we headed our separate ways to eat. Mark and Adam and the shuttle system they offered were excellent. They were always there and very helpful. The Lodge was convenient to the Village Stroll with the restaurants and shopping located along the beautifully lit tree lined walk. This area will surely be shown on TV during the Olympics. And you can say "I was there!"

**Saturday** we arrived early at the airport in Vancouver and it didn't take us long to figure out why. We had forms to fill out, Customs to clear and drag our own luggage to the conveyor belts. Did anyone see my buns?

When we arrived in Harrisburg a cheer rang out when Lee's boot bag appeared. Deb's luggage took a beating with a slice the whole way across the back. The rep from United offered to order the same thing or she could pick a new one from their "store". He took her in this room full of all different size and styles opened a box and out she went with a brand new suitcase. How about that for service! All's well that ends well!

Thanks to everyone for being such a great group. Mary even got a note from Ricky Chang, our wine server and Summit Lodge representative, commenting that we were the best group they've had all year. Thanks again for another wonderful YSC trip.

An Inukshuk is the logo for the 2010 Winter Olympics. May the Inukshuk be your guide for safe journey through life's travels...it is a wish for a directed and peaceful future, representing strength, leadership and motivation.

Mary and Deb

## **RETRO DAY AT ROUNDTOP**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual YSC Retro Day will be held at Ski Roundtop on Sunday March 2, 2008 starting at 8:00 a.m. We plan to offer grilled sandwiches in the parking lot around 11:30 a.m. BYOB and a snack to share.

What is Retro Day? I'm sure most of us have old clothes, straight skis and rear entry boots in the closet or garage. Skis should be in the 200 cm range. Vintage clothing should consist of animal skins, spandex, or neon. Yes, you may have a problem fitting into these items. And please don't ask your local ski shop to do a binding release check. Because of the age, they can't accept the liability and neither can the club. Please use your own judgment and make sure your equipment is in reasonable condition. Contact Rick Resh (767-5951) if the weather looks iffy. We could move the event indoors to the second floor lodge. P.S. If you don't have any equipment or clothing, we do allow jeans (West Virginia Gortex) - sorry Scott.

## **BLUE KNOB DAY TRIP**

**Saturday, January 26, 2008**

With several last minute cancellations mostly due to the flu bug, YSC members still got the group rate on our first Saturday day trip. The weather was cold and damp, but the visibility was relatively good. A moderate breeze at the top of the mountain, plus a slow lift system, equaled a chilling chair ride. The crowds were light and most of the slopes were opened, but not the glades.

I think most enjoyed the day and we had several new day trippers who typically can't get off for our mid week trips. I believe we will have to consider a Saturday day trip option in our 2009 calendar. The snow conditions were more than adequate, although by late morning several higher traffic areas were scraped down to hard pack (dense coverage). Our two telemark skiers were frolicking in the snow. Beers flowed freely in the parking lot and at lunch time. Eight of us stopped at the new American Brewing Company site in Camp Hill on the return trip.

Rick

# Club Calendar

2008

YSC Meeting..... Mar 18  
Sunday River/Sugarloaf ME..... Mar 26-30  
YSC Awards Meeting..... April 15  
Rail Trail Bike Ride/Wine ..... May 3  
Revolution Baseball game ..... TBD  
Summer Picnic..... TBD

## SUGARLOAF, USA/SUNDAY RIVER, ME March 26 - 30, 2008

The sign-up period is closed. The pre-trip meeting will begin at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, immediately prior to our club meeting. The trip leader will be leaving the week before the trip, so if you have any questions, please contact Rick Resh 767-5951 before March 21, 2008 (Good Friday).

### WANTED

Men's size 10 1/2 boots. If you have any to sell call Dean Cornbower at 578-6196 or 846-8894.

Start thinking about those  
April Awards.

## YORK SKI CLUB HOTLINE

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## Trip Refunds

All trip refunds will be handed out at the April 15th meeting.

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