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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of my non skier friends have asked me if I'm done skiing for the year. While my season may be over, I'm already thinking about November and December later this year. The YSC Board members are already planning the 2008/2009 season trips. But why wait to socialize with your friends. We have several Spring/Summer and Fall activities scheduled and several more are being planned. Check out the events in this newsletter.

As a recap of our 2008 season, our Belleayre trip started on the rainy and damp side, but our Sugarloaf/Sunday River trip after Easter had plenty of cold weather and excellent snow coverage. Whistler was windy and snowy. Conditions on Retro Day at Roundtop, a week before closing, were excellent. While the curse words in York, PA this past season were "warm air aloft", many western areas and New England resorts had near record snowfalls. Stowe, VT was approaching 32 feet when I wrote this article. People who love skiing, just have to travel a little further. And that's where the York Ski Club can help. Hopefully we'll be able to offer affordable packages for you and your friends next year. So when we announce our trips, please don't hesitate and sign up. We don't want to cancel trips for lack of interest. To avoid cancellation fees or penalties, we intend to establish a cutoff date for each overnight trip next season.

Our meeting place will change in September 2008. The YSC Board has voted to return to Alberto's at 2736 South Queen Street, (State Route 74) south of the Village of Spry in York Township.

Rick



News to Use



RAIL TRAIL RIDE/WINE TASTING Saturday, May 3 Ride the York County Rail Trail on Saturday, May 3. Please plan to arrive at the Seven Valleys parking lot by 9:30 a.m. We will be stopping at the Four Springs Winery in Seven Valleys around Noon and then proceed to Serenity Station Restaurant for a light lunch. If it rains, we plan to skip right to the wine tasting (12:00-1:00) and the bike ride will be rescheduled for Sunday, May, 4. Contact Rick Resh (767-5951)

PICNIC/PIG ROAST Saturday, August 2 The summer picnic will be held at the Oberdick's this year. Complete details and sign up sheet will be included with your July/August newsletter. Save the date on your calendar. You wouldn't want to miss the volleyball games and the food!

REVOLUTION BASEBALL GAME Saturday, August 30 Details are on the back page of this newsletter. Payment is due by July 21. This end of the summer baseball game, complete with fireworks, means ski season 2009 will soon be here.

YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE JULY/AUGUST It will have details on our trips scheduled for next year (locations are in the calendar) and will include your membership application, picnic sign up form and return envelope.....we try and make your life easier. Everyone will receive this copy by the US Post Office so watch for that torn up newsletter in your mailbox!

**DIRTY DOZEN (Plus)
2007/2008 YORK SKI CLUB
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**



1. CRUISE MISSILE AWARD - Goes to the member who gets run over the most times. Kenneth Meier-Anderson got smacked down by Rick Resh on Upper Ram Rod at Roundtop and then got bumped by Lee McClellan at the terrain park entrance on the same day.
2. THE HIT AND RUN AWARD - Goes to the member who runs over the most members. Rick knocked down Kenneth at Roundtop and kissed Craig Wentz skis at Ischgl, Austria.
3. LOST SOULS TRIFECTA AWARD
 - Goes to Lee McClellan, Craig Wentz, Shawn McEachern, Chip Conrad, Bob Grady (LSC member) and Rick Resh for missing the 4:00pm shuttle bus from Stubai Gletscher.
 - Goes to Shawn McEachern for his return 14½ hour trip from Farmington, Maine to York via Freeport, Maine and Wells Beach. We heard there was a stop at L. L. Bean and the Patagonia Outlets. But why Wells Beach? The topless donut shop is on Old Orchard Beach.
 - Goes to Ron Snyder who missed the exit on I-81 to I-84 in Scranton and just kept going North on I-81 on his way to Belleayre Mountain.
4. CLIFFHANGAR AWARD - Goes to Casey Scharadt for kicking off his skis to slide down a rock face covered with chain link fence fabric on the Sunset Boulevard traverse at Blackcomb.
5. FULL MOON AWARD - Goes to Dave Fuhrman who neglected to lock the bathroom door at the Colonial Valley Motel and got his butt slapped because Bob Gehly, a former MP, didn't adequately perform guard duty.
6. WILD LIFE AWARD - Goes to Lee McClellan for feeding the whiskey jacks at lunch at an outdoor grill in Whistler Village. The birds ended up pooping on his skis.
7. DOUBLE TROUBLE AWARD - Rick Resh and Shawn McEachern both got flat tires going to New Hampshire. The cost of the repairs was \$10 each.
8. FOOT IN MOUTH AWARD - Goes to Bob Gehly for several classic inquiries; When the shuttle bus run at Sugarloaf reminded everyone we were leaving Parking Lot E, Bob said that was easier to remember like "forever". He must have gotten an "F" in English. Late one evening at the Farmington Pizza Hut, our waitress was cleaning up; folding napkins, and watching TV. Bob asked if she was so poor she had to watch TV at work. She responded she was a college student and didn't own a TV. Evidently Tina Gehly, an art teacher, and Bob's daughter has a picture that looks like a vagina, which may or may not have Dave Fuhrman's face in it. According to Shane McEachern. Bob proceeded to mention the word vagina 8 times while our female waitress took our order at the Rack Saloon on the access road to Sugarloaf. At Dick's Restaurant, in Mexico, ME, when a waitress was taking our breakfast order, Bob mentioned she wasn't from around there (because of her accent) and asked her what country was she born in. She replied here in Maine.
9. SKI AREA RESEARCH AWARD - Craig Wentz took his January 20, 1997 Insider's Guide to North America 45 best ski areas to Austria. I hope he realizes most of the lift tickets have doubled in the past 10 years.
10. THE BIG DUMP AWARD - On the Skiing Magazine website www.skinet.com, they feature a dump of the week, to list the resort receiving the most snowfall. But the real dump of the week occurred at Welch's Restaurant in Gorham, NH. Shawn McEachern clogged the men's toilet 2 days in a row on 3/25/08 and 3/26/08.
11. THE MUDBOGGING AWARD - Goes to Rick Resh for trying to get his SUV out of the parking lot at the Colonial Inn in Pine Hill, NY.
12. MAGIC HAT AWARD - Goes to Lee McClellan for a 3rd year in a row for his vanishing act in an open bowl in Ischgl, Austria. With limited visibility, Lee disappeared over a cornice and Rick Resh had to hold back Wentzy who also wanted to drop out of site to apply a beer tag.
13. MVP AWARD - The Oscar goes to Dave Fuhrman for his video production of 2007 Retro Day DVD and capturing how much fun members can have with old equipment and clothing.



THE PERFECT 10
NEW HAMPSHIRE/MAINE SKI SAFARI
March 21 - 30

Early Spring trips can be risky and when I checked trail conditions about 2 weeks before departure, I began to worry when both Sunday River and Sugarloaf were 80% - 82% open respectively. But Mother Nature came to the rescue and winter conditions prevailed. Lee McClellan and I departed for New Hampshire on Good Friday. We skied Cannon Mountain on Saturday and also hiked to Ski Mittgrsill, an old closed ski area next door. Cannon lived up to its icy conditions. While it appeared the mountain was hit by an ice storm 2 days earlier, we were able to ski a few glades, covered by 2 to 3 inches of fresh blown snow. Sunday we traveled to Saddleback, Maine. The new owner's are planning over \$100 million in lift improvements and terrain expansion. They own over 8000 acres. Again the ice storm and high winds kept us out of the glades. The mountain would be great for a YSC side trip but it lacks onsite lodging and most towns are an hour away.

Monday we headed for Attitash, NH and another sunny day. While all the trails were groomed, most glades were still glazed over. Dave Fuhrman, Shawn and Shane McEachern checked in later that evening. All five of us went to Bretton Woods on Tuesday. The vertical footage may be small, but the conditions were great. Many of the tree runs were thinned to accommodate beginners and intermediate skiers. The views of the backside of Mount Washington are beautiful. Several of the slopes also accommodate cross country skiing. This mountain would be a good YSC destination.

Wednesday we traveled to Wildcat, NH to view the other side of Mount Washington, but it was obscured by clouds. By late afternoon it was snowing and we had to still travel to Farmington, Maine to meet up with the rest of the Ski Club members. Bob Gehly, Fred and Tom Wise made the trip from York in a little over 9 hours. John Delong and Mike Byerts took the more scenic route and logged in more than 12 hours.

Many places in New Hampshire and Maine have 3-4 feet of snow on the ground. Piles of snow at many intersections obstructed views. While several mornings were in the single digits over the weekend, by mid week the temperatures were in the 20's and 30's on most days. On Thursday, most club members went to Sugarloaf. Tom Wise had the flu and stayed behind. Fred Wise re-injured a knee he hurt while playing golf in Myrtle Beach, and hoped to kill the pain with bourbon and ice. Bob Gehly was **enticed** into the woods several times. Except for the icy snowfields, all of the mountain was open with plenty of terrain available for all levels of skiers.

On Friday the group, including Tom, headed for Sunday River with seven inches of wet snow. About half the lifts were not running. All of the glades and many of the double diamond runs on Oz, Aurora and Jordon Bowls were closed due to icy conditions. Several members made an early trip to the Sunday River Brewery. On Saturday, it was back to Sugarloaf, with another couple inches of new snow. Bob Gehly and I snow boarded in the morning before catching up with the Big Dog's in the afternoon. John and Mike found many interesting runs on the south side of the mountain. Fred and Tom hit the Widowmaker's Lounge early.

On Sunday, we all checked out by 7:00am and headed home in several different directions. The trip was anything but boring. Many of the more unusual events were revealed at the post trip party and awards ceremony. Overall the conditions on this YSC Spring Fling trip were the best this century.

Rick

RIDERS IN THE STORM
Innsbruck, Austria 2/25 - 3/2

While Craig Miller organized this trip thru Uller's Ski & Board, 10 of the 18 participants were YSC members and were working to convert the others. The vacation offered skiing or sightseeing options and both were impacted by weather. First, snowfall coverage in the Alps was considerably less than prior years with no major storms in the last month, so slopes had more exposed rock. We were advised to choose higher elevation (10,000'+) resorts at Stubai Gletshen, Kuhtai and St. Anton. But tall mountains and low clouds don't make for ideal conditions. No Sun, No Fun!

Cold nights mean earlier morning firm conditions and warm afternoon temperatures mean slush. The lower elevations means rain and add some wind, you get some wicked conditions whether you're skiing or touring. The group in general had a good time on the slopes and off. There will be awards for late buses, missed buses and blowing buses. The Big Dogs found a cornice off Rotadlkopf at Stubai. Both Rick Resh and Shanna Kondor had trouble negotiating the narrow rocky shoot under the Doppelsesselbahn Gamsgarten lift. Robin Wagner injured her leg on the first day and Shanna tweaked her knee.

Tuesday, the group split time between Axamer Lizum or a coach trip to warm and sunny Venice, Italy. Wrong again. How about 40's, damp and raw; just the right weather for a gondola ride. We heard that Axamer's sparse coverage made the mogul runs even more challenging. But St. Mark Square after rain with pigeon poop can also get pretty slippery too.

Wednesday there was a bus trip to St. Anton, the first for every skier in the group. Again, clouds obscured many of the runs and the group moved on to Rendl Mountain for better visibility. What a great move until the slopes warmed up later in the day. Bob Grady lost a ski and had to dig it out and Lee McClellan lost his pole and had to dig it out. We stopped early for a beer since we didn't want to miss another bus. Finally, the peaks at St. Anton cleared and the mountain looked beautiful. Sorry we missed it.

Thursday was sunny, but nobody skied! Go figure?? Many took a bus ride to Oberammergau Village, home of the Passion Play (in 2010), and on to Schloss Neuschwanstein (Cinderellas Castle). King Ludwig II sure knew how to spend the taxpayer's money. Friday the skiers chartered a bus to Ischgl. You can ski from Austria into Switzerland and take a double decker tram back into Austria. Those who took the morning trip were lucky, even though they got there before the restaurant opened. The late day group discharged from the tram about the time "Emma" (yes they name major storms) hit. High winds, snow and fog resulted in a two hour adventure back to the base village and we ended the day at an outside bar in a light drizzle.

On Saturday it rained on those who did sightseeing in Innsbruck (although there was a rainbow) and we understand the Big Dogs only took 4 runs at Stubai before hitting the bar. In fact, there was a lot of drinking on this trip. Was it the weather or the socializing or cheap alcohol? Beer and wine cost less than coke or coffee. Gas costs about \$7.00/gal in Austria and \$7.50/gal in Germany.

Sunday, was an early bus ride back to Munnich and we were all expecting 60-90 delays due to high winds. The bus driver did an excellent job keeping the coach on the road. Remember the TV news clip showing the plane in Hamburg, Germany scraping its wing due to wind shear, yep that was the same day for us. Thank you EMMA! P.S. We got to see Greenland at least there is still white stuff around.

Club Calendar

2008

Rail Trail Bike Ride/Wine TastingMay 3
Micro Brew FestivalJune 27
Summer PicnicAugust 2
Revolution Baseball GameAugust 30

2009

Belleayre, NYJan 9-11
Jackson Hole, WYFeb ?
Lake Placid/Gore, NYMar 1-4

YORK SKI CLUB HOTLINE

www.yorkskiclub.org



YORK REVOLUTION BALLGAME Saturday, August 30

YSC is planning another trip back to Sovereign Bank Stadium to watch the York Revolution take on the Lancaster Barnstormers at 7:07pm. This is Labor Day weekend and fireworks are scheduled after the game. We are going to try for \$12.00 dugout box seats if still available. Our fallback option is \$8.00 field box seats. Please signup by July 21, by sending a check made payable to the York Ski Club for \$12.00/person. We are not trying to get a group rate (25 minimum) this year, since we ate a few tickets the last time. Please contact Rick Resh (767-5951) and mail your check to him at 1360 Briargate Drive, York, PA 17404.



YORK MICRO BREW FESTIVAL Friday, June 27

The York County Heritage Trust (YCHT) is hosting the 11th Annual Micro Brew Festival on Friday, June 27, at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum. Don't wait until the last minute; purchase your tickets. The tickets include beer tasting with a souvenir glass, music, German food, and snacks.

Proceeds from this event benefit the educational activities of the YCHT. As a member, contact Rick Resh for discounted tickets.

EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL NEWS

EPSC Board has selected Heavenly, CA for the January 2010 Winter Carnival destination. So all you YSC members who want to travel to Lake Tahoe, here's your opportunity. So start saving your money (and quarters). More details to follow as they become available

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