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Board Meeting:

March 22, 2011
April 26, 2011



**March Meeting
Tuesday, March 15**

Tailgaters Grille



It's back to the deck at Tailgaters for our last meeting of the season with lots of pizza and laughs.

This will be our Awards and picture sharing meeting. So come prepared to tell your best stories from any YSC event or trip. We all do crazy things so be a friend and share what you caught someone doing that they'd wish we wouldn't find out about.

It's all for fun and fun for all!

Tailgaters, 204 St. Charles Way, York (off RT 74, Queen St.)

Socializing and pizza 6:30 pm. Meetings start at 7:30. Guests are welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the cancellation of the Club's Okemo bus trip, it seems like this season is ending way too early. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 13 for Retro Day at Roundtop Mountain. Enjoy one last fling on the slopes!

While Breckenridge was another great YSC trip, its time to start planning our 2012 trips. With several new Board members, we can hopefully put some new twists into next season's schedule. 2012 is leap year; the season will be an extra day longer!

With only one more meeting to go, we will wrap up this season with our Awards Ceremony on March 15. Bring your pictures and share your stories with other YSC members.

The Board is also working on Spring, Summer and Fall events. New ideas are always welcome. Better yet, volunteer to sponsor or run an event.

Best wishes to our injured skier friends. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery.

Rick

Breckenridge 2011

It was a rainy morning the day we left, but fortunately, the freezing rain wasn't as bad in York as predicted, except if you were doing the Special Olympics Polar bear Plunge. We loaded the bus and made it to BWI with no problems. Check-in for the group went well and it was off to the gate to wait. And wait we did. Apparently, something was causing a problem in New York because "our" plane was delayed coming from LaGuardia. Our 10:30 departure ended up being at 12:30. Thankfully we had a direct flight to Denver and didn't have to worry about missing a connection. With free drinks for those who ordered alcohol and the flight attendant leading us in singing "If you're happy that we made it clap your hands" when we landed, it was a good flight. The whole Southwest crew was exceptional and did everything possible to make the best of the delay.

In Denver we caught up with Marjie, who no longer lives in York, but still joined us for our trip. We did the mandatory stop at Apple Jacks for supplies and it was off to Breckenridge-two hours behind schedule. Interstate 70 was a trip in its self. It was snowing all day and the roads were hazardous. In the lanes heading towards Denver we saw miles of cars sitting while they cleared multiple accidents. The bus driver had to stop and put on chains but got us their safely.

The Great Divide Lodge waited patiently for us to arrive for our Wine and Cheese reception. I have never been in a lodge where we had to take two elevators to get to your rooms. Eight of us on the 9th floor got our daily exercise just going back and forth to breakfast. But the Lodge couldn't have been any nicer or convenient to the slopes and town. A quick walk across the parking lot and you could ski to the lift. A short walk down hill and you were in town, or for the less hardy a shuttle was always available.

The skiing Sunday was in several inches of new powder. Several of us took the mountain tour to get acquainted with the area and get adjusted to the altitude after a long day of traveling. Some of the group planned to take the tour but made a wrong turn and missed the meeting place. Our group leader is a better leader off the slopes.

It was Super Bowl Sunday and Mike "1" made reservations in the lounge for us to get together and root for the Steelers. Unfortunately we were out numbered by Green Bay fans, who were much happier then us at the end of the game.

Monday was a day for exploring in more fresh powder. Wonderful conditions on a great mountain.

Tuesday things got interesting. With strong winds and low temps (we heard -20 degree wind chill talk throughout the lobby) so after much discussion of what to do most of us bagged skiing and went shopping in town. Mary and Gary braved the weather and did dog sledding and snowmobiling in the same day. That night our group played "Battle of the Sexes" in the lobby and even got the concierge and other guests involved.

Wednesday the sun came out and Rick and Mike "2" tried to go to A-Basin but the roads were closed due to an avalanche so they ended up back at Breck, while others ventured to Keystone.

Thursday Rick and Mike "2" were successful in making it to A-Basin. The two of them were trying to wear each other out all week. And they both succeeded. The trip to Vail that some went on provided good skiing but they came back tired after the long day.

Friday was another sunny day and the crowds appeared. I70 was so treacherous most of the week and with the cold temps people weren't coming up from Denver, but once the roads cleared, and it was in the 30's they came from everywhere. It was still a good day of skiing and great way to end the trip.

The high altitude caused problems for several of our members but Carl found trips to the Oxygen Bar helpful. Charlie was also affected but chose to just relax and keep Liz company. The non-skiers enjoyed their time by reading, relaxing, or frequent visits to town. Sharon got her exercise walking each day, enjoying the snow sculptures and the beauty of the area.

On Thursday Gary came down with the "Colorado Crud" and decided to share it with Mary. Both are still trying to get better. They should have brought home some of that special forbidden "brew" they found.

Another successful YSC trip enjoyed by all! And we are happy to report we had no ski injuries, just a few chairlift incidents.

Newsletter Changes

You will notice several changes to the newsletter in the next few months.

First, this is your March/April edition. Since March 15 is the last membership meeting of the season and we are still working on spring and summer events the two months are combined.

Second, over the summer you will receive a May/June newsletter with summer events and trips planned for next winter.

Third, your July/August newsletter will include your 2011-2012 membership application along with a plea to "go green". We are requesting you help save the trees and the time and money it takes to fold and send out paper copies. Plus with your e-mail addresses up to date we can send out last minute event reminders, weather changes, or just a hey, it's a great day let's go skiing, or meet for Happy Hour! It's time to bring YSC into the 21st Century. We can stay connected in a more timely fashion with a quick notice sent on the internet.

Fourth, and last but certainly not least, this will be my last newsletter as Editor. After 28 years of working on the newsletter in some form, it is time for a break. Joan and Robin will be taking over as joint editors.

It's been fun, but as with our new president and board it's time for a newsletter change.

Deb

Special Olympics Thank You

The day of the plunge was a cold cloudy day with freezing rain making this year the coldest day we have ever experienced. The water temperature was approximately 35 degrees. More than 1000 Plungers dipped into the icy Susquehanna. Thanks to your generous support we were once again able to exceed our donation totals from the prior year. Final figures aren't available yet, but the current amount is over \$60,000.

Our son Joseph has already said wants to do it again next year.

Thank you, David and Maureen Gerzewski

Speedy Recovery

Future prez Scott is on the road to recovery.

Carla and Bob Gehly are having their surgeries in March.

Best wishes to all of them. Get those knees working!



SPRING RAIL TRAIL RIDE/WINE TASTING Saturday, May 7

The York Ski Club invites all to join us for a bicycle ride on the York County Rail Trail on Saturday, May 7. We will leave promptly at 9:30am from the Seven Valleys Parking lot off Church Street (SR214).

We plan to ride about one hour plus south to New Freedom Rail Station (with restrooms). On the return trip, we will be stopping at the Four Springs Winery (50 Main Street) in Seven Valleys around Noon and then proceed to Serenity Station Restaurant (11 Church Street) for a light lunch. There will be at least one car parked at the winery to transport any purchases back to the original departure point.

Bill, this is a chance to redeem yourself !

YORK MICRO BREW FESTIVAL Saturday, June 26



The York County Heritage Trust (YCHT) is hosting the 14th Annual Micro Brew Festival on Saturday, June 26th at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Mark your calendar. More details to follow.

RETRO DAY AT SKI ROUNDTOP Sunday, March 13

The Fifth Annual Retro Day will be held on Sunday, March 13. What is Retro Day? All you need is old ski wear, neon, animal fur, blue jeans, knit pants, etc. Straight skis preferable and over 200+cm desirable (note, you are welcome even if you don't have retro gear). You never know what you'll see on the mountain. Sort of like Rick Bosco Day.

We will set up a grill in the parking lot by Noon. YSC will provide burgers/dogs and the toppings. Participants are requested to donate beer, wine and snacks. YSC members get a \$5.00 rebate (if you ski). Contact Rick Resh for more information. Remember this is another carpool trip.



Club Calendar

2011

Retro Day at Ski Roundtop Mar 13
YSC Meeting Mar 15

Just Because....

Your name isn't on the Board doesn't mean we don't need your help.

We are looking for people to do PR, advertising, social events, membership, website and fundraising.

Get involved!

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Club Elections

Congratulations to our New Board:

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