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### **BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 23**

# Ski Scoops

April 2013

## President's Message

Winter seemed to linger along this year and I understand some of our members were able to travel northbound to get some end of season turns in before the Spring thaw. Reports were conditional to the timing of the trip and how the travel plans aligned with the weather pattern from the north. Maybe we can get more detailed reports this summer during our happy hour excursions.

Perhaps the thing I like most about the mid Atlantic states is the change of season. Allergies aside, the end of ski season does open the door for blossoming daffodils and the occasional chirping of the birds. Speaking of the "Birds", spring does make way for the "boys of summer". For you baseball fans, the Orioles may have a good team this year in the AL, but the Nationals are pre-season favorites to go all the way-we shall see.

The Board has been brainstorming for the Spring and Summer Activity Schedule

and I hope that there is something of interest for everyone to enjoy. If you have a function you wish to promote and would like to access the membership, please contact the newsletter editor so we can relay the information on to our members.

Our Happy Hours will continue again this year throughout the summer. We will meet on the third Tuesday of each month and the venue will rotate. For the month of April, we are meeting at "The Cove" (old Ruby Jades) on April 16th at 5:30pm. Be sure and check out the backroom. There is some thought that the newly renovated room could accommodate our club meetings next year.

Enjoy the summer and I hope to see you at our summer functions or simply out and about.

Scott

## The following activities have been identified and more activities are on the way...stay tuned...

April 16 **Happy Hour** at The Cove

May 18 **Rail Trail Ride**...Rick Resh trip leader

May 21 **Happy Hour** TBD

June (date TBD) **Paddle Trip**...Shawn McEachern trip leader

June 18 **Happy Hour** TBD

July 16 **Happy Hour** TBD

July 28 **Annual Picnic - Lake Meade**...hosts Mike & Sue Mummert

Aug 20 **Happy Hour** TBD

Aug 24 **Stoudts Brewery Tour**...Shawn McEachern trip leader

Sept 15 **Maryland Wine Tour**

# More Gore (or Less Gore)

Fourteen YSC Club members made the drive to North Creek, NY on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Nine of us did a side trip through Poughkeepsie, NY to visit the Half-Time Beverage, the world's largest beer distributor. We figured we bought about 60 + different beer varieties. The warehouse has quite a selection and several beers were on tap there. It's funny that the "beer capital of the world" is also the home base for the Norman Vincent Peale Organization (he was a religious author and televangelist).

We arrived at The Copperfield Inn Resort just after dark and headed across the street to a local bar, The Barking Spider. Bacon Cheeseburgers were only \$4.50. Service was slow and only two orders came out at a time. We figured there was either a shortage of dishes or cooks to prepare the burgers on a George Foreman Grill in the basement.

Since Mother Nature had provided two major storms in the ten days heading up to our trip, and 100% of the mountain open, we anticipated more Gore. Sunday was a Blue Bird

Day weather-wise, but due to freeze/thaw cycles less Gore was open. Most of the gladed runs didn't open up until the afternoon when the snow softened up.

Several members tried Rumors and Lies, two of the steepest slopes in the East. Terry and Rick had to ski Twister and revisit the "Terry Holtzinger Memorial Crash Site" where Terry cracked his helmet, among other things, in 2009.

With plenty of sunshine, our group elected to hold a "Happy Hour" in the parking lot for lunch. Another first and possibly a risky move, but we avoided any major spills for the next three hours when we started a second Happy Hour. Then back to the resort, hot tub, and yes indecent exposure. Nine of us had dinner at Basil and Wicks on Sunday evening.

Monday started with another trip to Marsha's for breakfast. Then it was off to the slopes and we snagged a spot in the premiere parking section. We were on the gondola by 8:45. Our last day was overcast and a bit cooler. To get to Echo slope on Burnt Ridge Mountain, we opted to take a shortcut through "Twister Glades". Yes, it was

roped off and it looked really short on the trail map. Note the map is not to scale.

Soon after entering the tree run, snow coverage began to diminish to just about nothing. By the end of the trail, there were rocks and logs. Terry wrapped himself around a tree, but Brother Todd was there to help him unwind.

After two more happy hours, it was back to The Copperfield Inn for a private dinner with the entire group at the Trapper's Tavern. A moose head shot by Teddy Roosevelt hung over the fireplace at the bar. That evening Mother Nature turned on the water spigots. Yes, Tuesday was a rain out day, whether you were returning home or moving to another destination.

The Copperfield Inn was fabulous and Gore Mountain provided something for every level of skier or boarder. There weren't any injuries and everyone had a great time from what we can remember after 60 beers and too many pit stops to count!

Rick



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# Spring Rail Trail Ride/Wine Tasting - Saturday, May 18, 2013

The York Ski Club invites all to join us for a bicycle ride on the York County Rail Trail on Saturday, May 18, 2013. We will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. from the Seven Valleys Parking lot off Church Street (SR214).

There are rest room facilities at Hanover Junction about 10 minutes into the ride.

We plan to ride about 60 minutes south to New Freedom

Rail Station (with rest rooms). On the return trip, we will be stopping at the Four Springs Winery (50 Main Street) in Seven Valleys around 12:30 p.m. for wine tasting. We will be "tailgating" in the parking lot behind the winery. Parking is limited, so please carpool to reduce the number of tailgates on site. All alcohol consumed on the site must be purchased from the winery. The York Ski Club

will provide tables and paper products. Guests should bring chairs and a covered dish to share with others. The club will provide a 3' sub.

*If you have any questions, contact Rick Resh (Home Phone: 717-767-5951). No makeup date has been set for inclement weather. We plan to wine taste and eat inside around noon even if we can't bike ride.*

## VAL d'ISERE, FRANCE

February 7-15, 2014

Come ski Espace Killy/Val d'Isere with 25,000 connected acres and skiing for all levels, located in the Savoy Region of the French Alps. Val d'Isere is home to Jean Claude Killy and is a stop on the World cup circuit as well as hosting the World Cup Finals. Enjoy great skiing, fine dining, shopping in the town of Val d'Isere, and regional sightseeing for the non-skiing days. This is truly not to miss resort if especially if you enjoy fine French cuisine and an upscale resort.

**Cost:** \$2600/pp dbl. plus lift ticket. \$500 deposit due NOW to hold your place. Make check payable to York Ski Club and mail to Mike Oberdick at 245 Hillstream Road, Red Lion, PA 17356.

### Package includes:

- Bus to/from JFK
- Non stop flight Newark to Geneva
- Baggage tags & travel packets
- Transfers to/from hotel & bus driver gratuities
- 3 star Hotel Altitude in Val d'Isere; ski-in/ski-out with breakfast and 5-course dinner included.
- Wine & cheese welcome party upon arrival
- All resort, hotel, and travel taxes included
- International departure taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges included

**Additional:** 6 day lift pass (\$300. Price for Seniors/juniors, seniors, etc.) good for entire "espace killy", covering 23,000 acres, 2 glaciers, 300 km of slopes, 1930 metres of vertical drop.

**Trip Leader Mike Oberdick has been to this resort six times, most recently in 2011. Feel free to contact him with any questions at (717) 542-1735 or swissnutmike@gmail.com)**

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# 2014 SPRING FLING TRIP

With three (two Western and one European) ski trips being planned for next year, the YSC Board decided at their meeting on 3/26/13 not to do a bus trip in 2014. The next motor coach trip will be in 2015 and it may be one day longer than normal. We will solicit input from members next year on the destination(s) and dates.

Because Easter is in late April in 2014, YSC Board is considering a Spring Fling Carpool Trip the last

week of March or first week in April. Mother Nature blessed New England this past season with a cold winter and late season snow. She may not be that kind in 2014, so the trip will definitely depend on the weather conditions

We are considering a far north venue in Vermont (Stowe, Jay Peak, Smuggler's Notch or Burke) or in Maine (Sunday River, Saddleback or Sugarloaf). Again your input is

welcome, but it will be a carpool, because it provides us with more transportation and lodging flexibility. Hope to see you on one of our club events this summer.

Rick

P.S. We will probably do a bus trip every other year and may try to join forces with another club to get enough skiers to fill a bus and keep this trip more affordable.

