

Ski Scoops

May - June 2014

President's Message

Dear Ski Bums:

With winter finally over, Spring Fever is already upon us. For many of us this may mean mowing grass, hayfever, or just getting outdoors for a walk or bike ride. For YSC members and its Board, we look at Spring a little differently.

Next is a bus trip to Northern Vermont to Stowe, Smuggler's Notch and Jay Peak. The trip will involve a water park option. Rick Resh will coordinate this adventure. We need a lot of participants to make this work.

Here is my top 10 list:

10. Poaching runs at Roundtop Mountain
9. Reconciling revenue and expenses from last season trips
8. Planning Spring, Summer and Fall events
7. Obtain proposals for 2015 trips
6. Looking for bargains at local ski shops
5. Enjoying YSC happy hours
4. Attend the Philly Ski Show
3. Write up the final ski trip story
2. Spend tax refunds on new skis
1. Or, get existing skis waxed and tuned

Mike Oberdick is considering a European trip to the Three Valleys Area in France. He has several commitments before even finalizing the price.

Finally, it's a first time trip to Mt. Bachelor, OR. While we have a preferred week in March, the Board has decided to keep our Club schedule somewhat flexible between 2/28/15 and 3/21/15 in hopes of doubling up with another club. Winter Ski and Sport will assist in coordinating the trip. Mary Amsbaugh is the trip leader.

Yes, it's a busy time of the year. I can hardly wait to sit back and relax on one of next season's fabulous trips. There will be a return to Belleaye Mountain with a stay at the Colonial Inn. Scott Burford plans to have a Halloween themed event.

So while we put things together, please enjoy the Springtime and keep your thoughts with York Ski Club. Check out the rest of the newsletter for more details.

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BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2014



HAPPY HOUR Vito's

1734 S. Queen St., York
Tuesday, June 17 - Drinks 5:30 Meal 6:30

RSVP A MUST!

Contact Deb Angstadt 755-5876

2014 Summer/Fall Events

Happy Hour Vito's	06/17/14
Annual Picnic at Lake Meade	08/03/14
Beer Festivals/Stoudt'd	08/23/14
Maryland Wine Festival	09/21/14
EPSC Winterfest Auction w/PRW.....	Sun. 11/02/14
Laurel Lake Picnic/Pole Steeple Hike	TBD
Whitewater Rafting	Postponed until 2015
Canaan Hike, Bike & Camp	CANCELLED

York Ski Club 2015 Trips

Belleaye, NY (Drive).....	01/23 – 01/25/15
EPSC Sugarbush (Bus/Drive)	01/21 – 01/25/15
Les 3 Vallees, Fr (Air).....	03/06 - 03/14/15
Northern, VT (Bus)	02/07 – 02/11/15
Mt. Bachelor, OR (Air)	TBD

YSC PICNIC AT LAKE MEADE

Sunday, August 3, 2014

Mike and Sue Mummert will be hosting our club's annual picnic again this year. YSC will supply the subs. More details will follow. Members (and guests) can come early to boat, fish, kayak, or ride bikes.



GO FIGURE

How much snow fell at Jay Peak in the past 10 years? Was it 3909" or 12,480"? Unfortunately it was the smaller number with an average of 390.9" per year. That's a lot of shoveling. The 12,480" is the total length of all the slides in the Pump House Water Park. That's a lot of sliding. Hope you can enjoy both in 2015.



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NORTHERN VERMONT BUS TRIP

Jay Peak, Smuggler's Notch & Stowe

Saturday 02/07/15 – Wednesday 02/11/15

Our bus trip next season will hit 3 of Vermont's most northern ski areas. We plan to ski Jay Peak on Sunday, Smuggler's Notch on Monday and Stowe on Tuesday. There will be an option to ski Wednesday morning at Stowe before we return home on Wednesday.

The trip includes 5 days, 4 nights lodging, including breakfasts, taxes and gratuity along with the 3 lift tickets for \$579.00 per person/double occupancy (based on a minimum group of 32). We will travel on Saturday and stay at the Quality Inn Shelburne, just south of Burlington, VT. Sunday morning we will leave for Jay Peak and plan to make it a long day to allow members to use the water park or dine at Jay Peak before heading south to stay at Town & Country Resort in Stowe for 3 nights. Monday will be a day trip to Smuggler's Notch, with a variety of terrain and a lot of glades.

Tuesday we will ski at Stowe. The cost to ski Wednesday morning is an extra \$41.00. Water park tickets, lunch and evening meals are not included. We've already made several large deposits, so we need signups as soon as possible. A \$200.00 check made payable to the "York Ski Club" can be given to Rick at the Club picnic on 8/3/14. Applications forms are available on line or by contacting Rick Resh (767-5951). Mail forms to him at 1360 Briargate Drive, York, PA 17404.

The non-skier rate is \$399.00 and there will be discounts for triple and quad occupancy. The single occupancy rate is \$725.00.

STOUDTS AUGUST MICROFEST

(featuring THE SKELS)

Sat., Aug. 23, 2014 at 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Contact Stoudts 717-484-4386 for more information.

Tickets are \$40 in advance, or \$50 the day of the event, if available.

Ticket price includes 4 hours of unlimited tasting, a commemorative Stoudts tasting glass, a hot & cold buffet. Rumor has it there may be an appearance by the Kiltie Band of York.

What does Shawn wear under his kilt in the summer? What does Chris wear?

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WAITSFIELD WONDERS

(Aka Spring Fling Trip) 3/28 – 4/4/2014

IN SEARCH OF WAITSFIELD, VT

Mr. Peabody (aka Todd Holtzinger) and our Fearless Leader (aka Rick Resh) traveled to Vermont for YSC's Spring Fling trip on Saturday. We took a curvy shortcut following Route 17 over Appalachian Gap, passing Mad River Glen towards our condo at the Eagles at Sugarbush. We made a wrong turn towards Waitsfield instead of going towards Warren. The rest of the group, Bullwinkle J. Moose (aka Fred Wise), Rocki J. Squirrel (Debra Waltmyer Wise), Dudley-Do-Right, RCMP (aka Tom Wise), Nell Fenwick (aka Deb Wise) Boris Badenov (aka Chip Konrad) and Natasha Fatale (aka Robin Konrad) drove past Pico Mountain and over a very bumpy Route 100 towards Waitsfield. We all completed the trip before nightfall and in advance of the projected snow storm.

Upon arrival (and before we entered our condo) a snow shovel viciously attacked our Fearless Leader in the garage. Mr. Peabody wrestled the shovel to the ground, retrieved a first aid kit from the SUV and wiped the splattered bloody evidence off the light switch plate. In his haste trying to check in with Mrs. Fearless Leader (aka Sharon Resh) and still somewhat dazed and confused, Mr. Leader mistakenly dialed the wrong phone number and called Snyder Whiplash (aka George Eveler), but didn't leave a message.

Come that evening, Boris, Natasha, Mr. Peabody and our Fearless Leader, went to dinner at the Hide-Away Inn. The restaurant advertised the first and second rated beers;

No. 1 - The Alchemist – Heady Topper

Ok, this isn't on tap. It's in a can. It's currently rated as the best beer in the world. The Heady Topper was \$8.00/16oz. can and the Bar/Inn only gets 5 cases per week.

No. 2 – Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. – Schlitz

The beer that made Mel Famey walk us. It's currently rated the #2 beer on Beer Advocate. That might not be 100% true. Though not from Vermont, it is from AMERICA. After all, "When you're out of Schlitz, you're out of beer."

I wonder if Schlitz was ever rated #2, even when there were only two beers produced.

IN SEARCH OF FRESH SNOW

Mr. Peabody, the Fearless Leader and Natasha were up early on Sunday. Mr. Peabody and Mr. Leader watched In Touch Miniseries with Charles Stanley on TV. Then he switched to Buck McNeely, the Outdoorsman, shooting moose (no, not Bullwinkle), while we waited for the sun to rise. Most of northern Vermont was still covered with 2' to 3' of snow that fell the week before our trip. At daylight, we were still wondering where the fresh snow

was. According to the weather channel, the Adirondack area in upstate New York got up to 12" of new snow. The eastern side of Lake Champlain got freezing rain, sleet and drizzle. With only limited cell phone service and no Wi-Fi, our Fearless Leader paid Bullwinkle and Dudley a visit. Their condo was double, triple or quadruple locked. Based on the local radar, we decided to wait out the storm projected to end by mid-morning.

Boris and Natasha elected to go shopping for boots and Rocki and Ms. Felwick watched movies. Bullwinkle, Officer Dudley, Mr. Peabody and Mr. Leader left to ski at Mt. Ellen (aka Sugarbush North) since it was the last day of the season. Only one lift was open. The others were closed (including Slide Brook Chair) due to high winds/or icing. So the Band of Characters headed to Sugarbush South. Again several lifts were also closed, but we did manage a ride to the top of North Lynx Peak and couldn't see anything in the fog. Our best visibility was in Sleeper Glades and Sleeper Road or most other lower elevation groomed trails. The rain/drizzle never stopped and Fearless Leader skied several runs without goggles. After 2½ - 3 hours, the wet puppies and one moose returned home for hot showers and to use the clothes dryers.

That evening we had a group dinner at Rocki and Friends condo consisting of lasagna, garlic bread, salad, brownies, and of course beer, wine, assorted alcoholic beverages and a Mountain Dew for Mr. Peabody. Sherman (aka Scott Burford) inquired about the excellent snow and trail conditions. I wondered where he got his information?

IN SEARCH OF GROOMED SLOPES

As temperatures dropped, Monday we arose to find out that Boris and Natasha had to leave for Richmond, VA to attend to a family emergency. The rest of the group discovered that the precipitation from the day before had refrozen. Rather than risk an icy travel to Killington, we opted to spend another day at Sugarbush. Mr. Bullwinkle, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Peabody and Mr. Leader arrived early and snatched a front row parking space. We were then advised that Sugarbush switched to their Spring hours (10:00am to 5:00pm), to take advantage of the time change and the hour delay allows for the slopes to soften. Soften up they did, with temperatures in the lower 40's, we were pushing slush in Sleeper Glades by noon. The group split into two after lunch, each trying to find sunny groomed slopes. Shaded ungroomed runs were impossible and many were closed. I wonder why Sugarbush never updated their trail and lift report all day?

Mr. Leader quit a few runs early and headed to the local

bar for “Retro Beers.” Yes, Ballantine, PBR, Shaffer, Schlitz and Genny Cream Ale were all on the menu. Later that evening, everyone went to Hyde Away Inn and very muddy parking lot. They were out of Heady Topper. I wonder why Vermont restaurants aren’t required to have handicapped accessible facilities.

IN SEARCH OF HEADY TOPPER

On Tuesday, Mr. Bull, Mr. Do-No-Wrong, Mr. Peabody and Mr. Leader headed down Route 100 to Killington. There were fewer bumps, dips and heaves in the south bound lane. We parked in the front row between the K-1 Gondola and Snowdon Chair, since we already had our ESPC lift tickets. While there were 78 trails and 10 lifts running, most chairs were still ice covered. Killington got 1” to 1 ½” of ice from Sunday’s storm. With temperatures rising quickly, on our second ride up the Snowdon Chair, ice from a power cable broke free and ripped Mr. Peabody’s left ski off. Bullwinkle eventually retrieved the ski, but not before being pelted with more ice while skiing under the lift. I wonder if the ice was from the Beast of the East? Very soft snow conditions prevailed the rest of the day. While most other runs were creamy, Super Star was icy. Between sloppy snow and sun burned faces, we called it quits by midafternoon.

We had previously been advised that the Alchemist Brewery delivers Heady Topper beer to areas south of Waterbury on Tuesdays. On our return trip to Waitsfield, we picked up several cases at \$81.00/case. Heady Topper is the number one rated beer according to Beer Advocate magazine. I wonder why they can’t produce more. With our mission complete, Rocki and Friends headed to the Local Smokehouse Restaurant for some local BBQ food that evening.

IN SEARCH OF MOGULS/GLADES

Bullwinkle, Mr. Right, Rocki and Nell checked out on Wednesday morning. Mr. Peabody and our FL went to Jay Peak. Route 100 was still bumpy and we were slowed by school buses. Jay Peak was 100% open and was one of the few resorts to get 2” of fresh snow earlier in the week. But with warm temperatures the day before, the top layer of ungroomed snow refroze overnight. This made for difficult skiing in the early morning. Mr. Peabody fell face first and kissed the ground on JFK. But temperatures rose quickly and the snow softened. Mr. Peabody did the moguls on Upper Can Am and Mr. Leader took an easier mogul Upper Milk Run. Mr. Peabody also did the glades to Timbukto.

At the end of the day we visited the indoor water park (took pictures only) and met with group sales to discuss our 2015 bus trip. On our return trip to Waitsfield, we stopped in Morrisville and took pictures of a new Rock Art Brewery location just south of there. We finished the day off with Chinese. I wonder why a lift named Jet is so slow.

IN SEARCH OF HIGH SPEED LIFTS

Thursday, Mr. P. Body and Mr. Leader went to Smuggler’s Notch. Winter was back and we need extra layers of clothes. Lift

tickets were buy one get one free or \$24.00/each. Mr. Peabody took a back pack. Only about half of the mountain was open (40 out of 78 trails). All of the chair lifts were double. Mr. Peabody had to remove his pack on every uphill ride. I rated the lift speed as slow (aka Sterling), slower (aka Madonna) and slowest (aka Morse). Mr. PB ventured into Red Fox Glades and both of us did several easier moguls on Sterling. The day was windy and we had light snow flurries.

On the return trip, we stopped at Lost Nation Brewery in Morrisville, at the former Rock Art Brewery site. Mr. FL had a sampler tasting 6 beers; Mr. Peabody had a Rookie Root Beer. We both had leftover lasagna that evening. I wonder why the triple black diamond runs on the trail map don’t have names.

IN SEARCH OF HUMILITY

A winter weather advisory forecast was issued for late Friday evening into Saturday morning for freezing rain. Mr. Peabody and Mr. Leader decided to begin packing and leave for home late afternoon. We opted to ski Mad River Glen as our last day of the season. We got there at 9:00am, parking in the front row. There were only 16 cars in the parking lot. Lift tickets were \$55.00. By 9:15 am we were on the single chair lift, heading towards General Stark Mountain. While we skied mostly groomed trails, the bright sunshine warmed up the slopes quickly and several moguls. We avoided the shady slopes. There was no “Paradise” at Mad River Glen this year. After skiing mogul runs with soft snow conditions, we were quickly wore out and we headed for York, PA before 2:30 pm. We had dry roads until Albany, NY. The moderate rain was expected to end by the time we got to New Jersey, but in reality we had rain and drizzle until we got home at 11:00pm.

IN SEARCH OF A GOOD WEATHER FORECASTER

We made the best of the conditions that Mother Nature threw at us. But local weather forecasting leaves a lot to be desired. Parts of York County actually got more snow for that week than we did in Vermont. I seem to recall Inspector Felwick (aka Joe Calhoun) forecasting 5 days of 50° temperatures. I wonder how it snows when it’s that warm.

My prediction for next year is you have to deal with whatever Mother Nature throws your way. The YSC season started out wet and ended wet, but in between, it was one of the best winters we had. Mother Nature can keep up the good work, the weather forecasters can keep trying.

Rick (aka Fearless Leader)

YORK RAIL TRAIL RIDE/WINERY STOP

Saturday, May 17, 2014

After a day of heavy rain, Mother Nature provided some dry, cool relief for the York Ski Club Bike ride. We started at Seven Valleys and most made it to New Freedom Trail Station or further. On the return trip we stopped at Four Springs Winery for wine tasting and picnic lunch. Temperatures started in the 50's and ended in the low 60's. There was a slight chill in the air when the clouds rolled in. In all about 24 showed up for the event. We had 3 hikers, 2 dogs, and 5 people came just for the tasting and food. There were no

injuries, just some sore muscles. We passed the excursion train twice. The trail surface was dry and has been completely cleared from this past winter's devastation. There is some construction work on the trail through Glen Rock Borough. We only had 3 riders from YSC. Most other bikers were SSC members. Where was the LSC crowd? Four Springs Winery provided YSC & others discounts during the day and waived the tasting fees. The winery has some unique vintages coming in the Spring of 2015.