

Ski Scoops

February 2016

President's Message

Winter Is Finally Here!

Colder weather allowed Roundtop Mountain Resort to make snow and open a few slopes on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. But thanks to Winter Storm Jonas, on January 22 and 23, 2016, winter arrived with record setting snowfall and epic conditions. Every club member should take advantage and visit one of your favorite local resorts.

While the YSC first trip of the season to Big Sky, MT was a great success, with over 20" of snow, it was our return trip that proved to be a bit more challenging. The EPSC Winter Carnival turned into a Winter Circus.

The good news (I think) was for the first time we got to stay an extra night at the mountain resort. The bad news was the second and third nights were in Chicago near the airport. The three additional days made this the longest week long trip in YSC history. Several of us had very little time to repack for our next trip to Belleayre, NY, since we didn't get home until Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Thanks to Dan Ellis, with Winter Ski and Sports, for coordinating our return flights and Mary/Gary Amsbaugh for arranging our Chicago lodging and shuttle transportation.

It's also election time and we have one opening on the Board of Directors starting April 1, 2016. While Shawn McEachern is the head of the nominating committee, club members may contact any Board of Director if interested. Nominations will be accepted at the next YSC meeting and elections will be conducted at the February meeting.

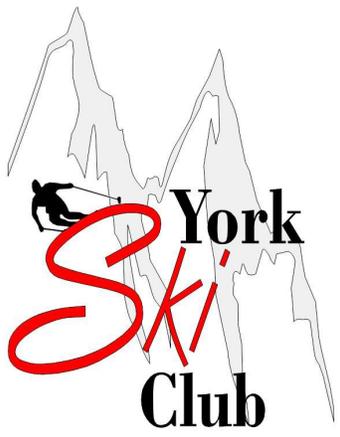
Due to our trip schedules, there will be a conflict with our February regular YSC meeting schedule. The next Club meeting will be held one week earlier on the second Tuesday.

February 9, 2016 (NOT 02/16/16)

We still have openings on our last two trips to Canaan/Timberline, WV and Killington/Okemo, VT. So check your calendar now and sign up for a trip at our next meeting!

THINK SNOW!

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BOARD MEETING

February 23, 2016

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SOCIAL • February 9, 2016

The YSC next club meeting will be at

The Stone Grille on Saint Charles Way, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Come early to socialize and take advantage of the half price appetizers and happy hour drink specials from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Final pre-trip information will be distributed for Innsbruck, Austria. Learn more about our first two ski trips and March's Mountain Retreat. *Guests are always welcome. Bring your checkbook for late season sign-ups.*

GOT YSC HATS FOR SALE

The new 40th Anniversary Ski Club hats are available for sale on 12/15/15. The khaki-colored baseball style cap and dark blue knit beanies are \$15.00 each (Cash or Check). Yes, after 40 years we're still going downhill.

INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

February 12-20, 2016

(Fri-Sat)

SOLD OUT!

Contact Rick Resh (Home Phone: 717-767-5951) (Cell Phone: 717-586-8392) if you have any questions. You must have a valid passport expiring after September 2016.

We plan to ski a different area each day. Non-ski members also plan to take sightseeing excursions (extra cost) everyday. Remember the package does not include lift tickets and tours.

Airline E-tickets and final trip packets from Alphorn Tours will be available for distribution at the February 9, 2016 meeting. Those not attending will be given packets on the bus to Newark airport on Friday, February 12, 2016. Trip participants can also go to www.alphorntours.com homepage and click on the Travel Guard link at the bottom of the webpage to sign up for trip insurance. If you call Travel Guard directly at (800) 549-9037, you need to give Alphorn Tours' agency code of 125081.

PLEASE CONSIDER Volunteering A Little Time.

The York Ski Club will be looking for a new Newsletter Editor. It only takes about 2 hours or less to put together. No writing involved. Articles are emailed from the Board Members. PDF Proofs are sent to president of the club.



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12th ANNUAL SKI4LIFE AT SKI ROUNDTOP
Saturday, February 6, 2016 – 9am – 3 pm

Skiers and snowboarders will send cancer downhill at the 12th Annual Ski4Life event hosted by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Ski4Life is a 6-hour ski and snowboard marathon, where participants raise money for the LLS mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

Registration starts at 7 am, with a kick-off at 8:40am and skiing at 9am. The skiing time has shortened from the original 24-hour marathon, but our generosity has not. By participating as individual or with a team, you can enjoy skiing and snowboarding while supporting a great cause! Ski4Life participants enjoy breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner provided by sponsors and friends of LLS.

To donate, go to <http://www.lls.org/pages/cpa/ski4life2016> and click on the name of any team or individual fundraiser you wish to support. For more information or assistance with registration, please contact the LLS Ski4Life Campaign Coordinator, Liane Battista at liane.battista@lls.org or 717-652-6520.

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VAL d'ISERE, FRANCE

March 4 – 13, 2016

YORK SKI CLUB presents Val d'Isere & Espace Killy, France With a day in Annecy, France Before a Sunday departure



Val d'Isere, France - Is located in the Savoy Region of the majestic French Alps, Val d'Isere is one of the world's largest and most famous ski resorts. Come ski the Olympic slopes of Val d'Isere in the tracks of Jean Claude Killy! Val d'Isere offers enough challenge to make this region the favorite of accomplished skiers, yet the wide-open, rolling slopes make it all seem easy. It is literally possible to ski day after day without taking the same run for a second time. Enjoy **Espace Killy**, Val d'Isere to **Tignes**, for many hours and miles of skiing.

The **Hotel Altitude***** is **ski-in/ski-out** chalet-style hotel is located near the Face de Bellevarde ski slope and has a warm and homey atmosphere with the restaurant serving good quality, traditional French food. Located at the foot of the Olympic gondola, the Altitude is a 3-minute walk (300m) across the slopes from the village centre. Most rooms have balcony with views of the mountains, lounge with open fire, cocktail bar, restaurant, sauna, solarium, Turkish bath, ski room with boot dryer, lift, and wireless internet access.

Before returning home via Geneva, spend a full day at the idyllic lakeside town of Annecy. The city's medieval town center, with its canals, are considered the Venice of the Savoie, and straddles the Thiou River, and sits on the shore of Lake Annecy. Spend the day exploring its chateau, palais, cathedral or take a leisurely stroll along the lake. (Considered one of France's best by Michelin Green Guide). We will be staying at **Hotel Splendid*****, which is right along the lake.

Trip Price Includes All of the Following:

- Motorcoach bus from York to EWR
- Group transfers between hotels/airports
- SEVEN nights' accommodation in the center of Val d'Isere (double occ.)
- Full European Buffet breakfast & Gourmet Dinner each evening at hotel
- Wine and cheese party upon arrival in Val d'Isere
- Int'l Departure Taxes, Security Fees & Fuel Surcharges (may change at time of ticketing based on current rates)
- Saturday overnight in Annecy at the 'Splendid Hotel'

REVISION TO THE FRANCE TRIP:

The optional trip has been changed to Lucerne, Switzerland. The dates and price are yet to be determined. Contact Mike Oberdick for details or see him at the club meeting.

TRIP PRICE: \$2,925.00 (dbl occ) ONLY 32 spots available – send your deposit

TODAY!!!! Check out "TRIP ADVISOR" for details about "Hotel Altitude" and the "Splendid Hotel" in Annecy.

Anticipated special Alphorn rate of \$300 - \$325 additional for 6-day Espace Killy lift pass with Carre Neige Insurance included. Senior/Junior rates may be available but cannot be confirmed at this time.

Current flight times to be determined: Flying Newark – Geneva

To sign up or obtain additional information please contact: Mike Oberdick - (717) 542-1735 or swissnutmike@gmail.com

Initial deposit of \$500.00 due ASAP to confirm your spot on this popular trip

Please make checks payable to York Ski Club and mail to Mike Oberdick, 245 Hillstream Rd. Red Lion, PA 17356

ONE FORM must be completed for EACH PERSON



Enclosed is my \$500.00 per person deposit for the March 4-13, 2016 Val d'Isere trip.

Name _____ Rooming with: _____

(EXACTLY as it appears on your Passport)

Email: _____

Address _____ Cell Phone: _____

D.O.B. / Passport # & Exp date: _____

(Please check) Yes, I have read and understand the cancellation & refund policies on the reverse side.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

KILLINGTON, VT SPRING FLING • March 30 – April 2, 2016

Our Spring Fling Trip is to Killington, Vermont and runs from Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2, 2016. Trip includes three days of skiing at Beast of the East and lodging at the Pinnacle Condos, just a short drive to the Killington base area or Bear Mountain. Since this is a carpool trip, we may stop at Hunter Mountain or Ski Wyndham on the way to Vermont. The three day pass can also be used once at Okemo Mountain.

The trip package includes four nights, lodging and three days of lift tickets at Killington for \$ 495 per person/quad occupancy. Non-skiers may deduct \$180. Final payments are due February 29, 2016. Send check payable to "York Ski Club" to Richard Resh, 1360 Briargate Drive, York, PA 17404.

Contact Rick at 717-767-5951, if any questions.

GREAT SAVINGS WITH THE VERMONT TRAVEL CLUB CARD

The "Vermont Travel Club" is the first membership based travel club that saves you up to 40% on your next ski or snowboard vacation. As a member of the Vermont Travel Club you will have exclusive access to discounts that are not available to the general public. The Vermont Travel Club card allows you to receive significant savings and discounts for lift tickets, lodging, and restaurants, at participating merchants. This list of businesses that accept the card has been growing since our inception, so please check out our website to see the current list. Your "Vermont Travel Club" card also allows you to book all inclusive lodging and lift ticket packages.

Canaan, Timberline, and Wisp March 3-7, 2016



This economical 4 night trip includes lots of skiing and snowshoeing. Carpool with friends to the Deep Creek Lake area of Garrett County, Maryland to ski Wisp (on your own) on Thursday, March 3rd. Full day tickets cost \$49.00 (last years' price). After a day of skiing, make your way to Davis, West Virginia and check-in to the Deluxe Cottages at Canaan Valley Resort State Park. These 4 bedroom, 2 full bath cabins are complete with full kitchens, fireplaces, and cable television. Almost a million acres of wilderness and miles of trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are just outside your front door. There is a convenient shuttle bus that stops at Canaan Resort and other places along the mountain road in case you get tired and want a lift back to the cabin.

We will ski Canaan and Timberline as a group (included in the price) and there will be an option to ski another day at Canaan on Monday for \$15.00 extra if you donate a can of food to their food drive. One day, we will lead a 3 hour tour for beginners and intermediates who want to try cross-country skiing. One option will be to purchase a \$7.00 (last years' pricing) single ride ticket to the top of Canaan

and we will ski the backcountry to Whitegrass Ski Touring area a few miles away. Scott will also lead a hearty group that will hike up from the bottom of the resort and meet up with the other group on top of Bald Mountain. Once we all arrive at Whitegrass, we will enjoy craft beer and wine and eat healthy food, while listening to rock and roll and watching backcountry powder skiing on their tv's.

For non-skiers, there is also plenty to do. Seneca Rocks is not too far away for a day trip and Blackwater Falls is a must-see in the winter. Ice skating, snow tubing and year-around horse-back riding are also very close to the Cabins. Visit the glass-blowing studio and take a class.

The trip cost is \$295.00 for 4 nights lodging and 2 lift tickets. This trip also has lots of options to keep you busy. A minimum of 14 and a maximum of 24 people will make this trip a success. Please join us, and bring a friend.

**For more information, contact
Chip Konrad at 858-1676 or
Scott Burford at 779-9141.**

EPSC DISCOUNT LIFT TICKET PROGRAM

A benefit of your ski club's membership is the opportunity to purchase lift tickets through the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council (EPSC) to a variety of ski areas in the Poconos and New England ski areas at a substantial discount, such as: Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Mountain, Bear Creek, Elk Mountain, Montage, Bromley, Belleayre, Gore, Whiteface, Jay Peak, Killington, Mount Snow, Okemo, Pico, Stowe, Stratton, and Sugarbush. See EPSC website for more details or to download voucher request forms at

www.easternPAskicouncil.org.

***Must have valid YSC
Member ID Card!***



Steamboat Springs, CO 2016



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