



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELECTION OF YSC OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Since the York Ski Club Board announced the possibility of dissolving the organization, I am pleased to announce that three existing Board Members and five new candidates have stepped forward to preserve the club. A formal election will be held on February 20, 2018. The following members are being nominated:

President: *Kirk Lesser*

1st Vice President: *Terry Holtzinger*

2nd Vice President: *(Position is Open)*

Secretary: *Carla de Mendonca*

Treasurer: *Casey Schardt*

Member: *Chip Konrad*

Member: *Shawn McEachern*

Member: *Dave Fuhrman*

Past President: *Mike Oberdick*

The election will be held at 7:00 PM. The position for 2nd Vice president is still open. Additional nominations will be accepted before the election. Your attendance at the next meeting is important and your support is vital for the club to continue.

Sign-ups for all of our advertised ski trips are now closed and any outstanding payments are due now. Two pre-trip meetings for the Maine/NH Bus adventure (02/25/18 to 03/02/18) and the Val d'Isere/Paris, France excursion (03/09/18 to 03/20/18) will be held during the February 20, 2018 YSC meeting .

I will continue to write an article each month about one of the EPIC TRIPS with YSC and this month's article is Fernie, BC in 2000. By the way, the order of these special features does not imply ranking, but I've skied 21 days at Fernie and it is my personal favorite. If you have a particularly favorite trip, let me know at the next club meeting and we will help you with the details.

Rick

NEXT YSC CLUB MEETING:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The next York Ski Club meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at The Stone Grille and Tap House, located at 204 Saint Charles Way, York, PA 17402. A pre-trip meeting for those going to Val d'Isere/Paris will be held at 6:30 PM with Mike Oberdick. Rick Resh will hand out pre-trip packets for those going on the New England Bus trip starting at 6:45 PM. If you can't make the pre-trip meeting, please contact the group leader as soon as possible. The business meeting and election starts at 7:00 PM. Happy Hour drinks and appetizer discounts expire at 6:30 PM. Guests are always welcome.

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Board Meeting

February 20, 2018

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ *02/09/18-02/11/18 – Elk Mountain, PA & Belleayre, NY Trip*
- ◆ *02/09/18-02/25/18– Winter Olympics: Pyeongchang, South Korea*
- ◆ *02/20/18 – YSC Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/Pre-trip Packets*
- ◆ *02/25/18- EPSC Day at Montage Mountain (\$50 Lift Tickets)*
- ◆ *02/25/18-03/02/18 - Maine & NH Bus Trip*
- ◆ *03/01/18-03/03/18 – PA Snow Storm/Old Farmer’s Almanac*
- ◆ *03/08/18- End Weekly Special Olympics Training @ Ski Roundtop*
- ◆ *03/09/18-03/20/18 – Val d’Isere/Paris, France Trip*
- ◆ *03/04 or 03/11/18 – Retro Day @ Ski Roundtop*
- ◆ *03/20/18-03/23/18 – PA Snow Storm/Old Farmer’s Almanac*
- ◆ *03/27/18 – YSC Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting (Third Tuesday)*
- ◆ *03/29/18-Major League Baseball Begins*
- ◆ *04/17/18 – YSC Post Trip Pizza Party (Third Tuesday)*
- ◆ *04/24/18 YSC Board Meeting*
- ◆ *05/22/18 YSC Board Meeting*
- ◆ *06/26/18 YSC Board Meeting*



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TRIP INFORMATION

YORK SKI CLUB BUS TRIP (SIGN-UPS CLOSED)

MAINE/NEW HAMPSHIRE (5 NIGHTS/4 SKI DAYS)

SUNDAY 02/25/18 TO FRIDAY 03/02/18

THE SIGN UP DEADLINE WAS JANUARY 30, 2018. The York Ski Club is going on a bus trip to New England for \$599 do/pp or \$299 for non-skiers. A total of 31 persons have signed up. The trip includes 5 nights lodging, 4 lift tickets, 5 breakfasts, and all transportation.

We will be staying at the Royalty Inn, 130 Main Street, Gorham, NH (www.royaltyinn.com). Rooms have two queen beds and all hotel guests have access to the Royalty Athletic Club facilities. All rooms have a mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker, and flat screen TV.

YSC will provide transportation to lodging and 4 ski areas: Sunday River (Monday), Wildcat (Tuesday), Attitash (Wednesday) and Cannon (Thursday). For non-skiers, we plan to stay in the Village of Gorham (Monday), shopping in North Conway (Tuesday), and a tour/lunch at the Mount Washington Hotel (Wednesday). There is also cross country skiing at several of the ski areas.

Transportation will be provided by Executive Coach (56 passengers). While alcohol beverages will be permitted, YSC may incur extra cleaning fees. Please drink responsibly and keep your drinks under control (no spillage).

All member payments have been received. Questions shall be directed to Rick Resh (Home Phone : 717-767-5951) or by email at r.resh@comcast.net.

EVEN MORE ICE BREAKING STORIES

My two prior articles continue to stimulate even more conversation about other skiing adventures on ice. So here are some more events involving me and other club members. Again, I apologize if I missed your name.

OKEMO: On a YSC Spring Fling Trip to Smuggler's Notch, VT, we decided to ski at Okemo on the way. That meant that we had to leave early, like 2:00 PM to get a good day of skiing. Lee McClellan, Shawn McEachern, Dave Fuhrman, Craig Wentz and I arrived in the freezing rain. The slope surfaces were ice covered (about ½" thick), especially on the South Side. It was almost impossible to carve a turn once your skies cut through the icy crust. By late morning, the precipitation turned to sleet. Depending on the slope orientation, the sleet pelleted you in the face. The stinging sensation became painful after several runs. We quit early and went to Longtrail Brewery, which closed early due to bad weather.

MAD RIVER GLEN: During a YSC Trip to Sugarbush, the resort representative made special arrangements to get a guided tour of Mad River Glen. He drove four of us to the resort. On the way told us about skiing the trail named "Paradise" which had a 30' waterfall. At Mad River Glen, we met our guide, who was a 60+year old ski patroller with a strong Austrian accent. What did we get ourselves into? He took Phil Matte, Shawn and I through off prist terrain that only the locals knew about. Our trip ended abruptly later that morning, when our leader wrapped himself around a tree. Phil, also a ski patroller noted it was his day off. Our guide eventually left us to seek medical attention. Luckily, before the accident, he did show where the entrance way to Paradise. The 30' waterfall was actually 5 or 6 smaller waterfalls in a row that we either jumped or skied around them. While not on the same trip, we have seen skiers at this mountain ski across frozen grass or mossy areas

PICO: I don' remember the occasion, but Shawn and I were skiing at Pico, VT (to avoid Killington weekend crowds) on a trail called Giant Killer. The moguls were rock hard. I fell and started to side downhill faster and faster, towards Shawn, who was stopped below me. As I got close to him, he lifted one ski for me to pass. Eventually I found a large mogul and was able to stop in the deeper trench.

EPIC ADVENTURE TRIP NO. 3 TO FERNIE, BC (JAN. 2000)

Remarks by Rick Resh

YSC was one of the first local club's to travel to the Fernie Alpine Resort, BC. Doug Stambaugh and John Nedzel did the research and spearheaded the Saturday thru Sunday trip. Yes, got an extra day of skiing in. The low \$750 trip package was unheard of and we got a \$75 refund due to an over charge by Air Canada. Before we got there, the total seasonal snowfall was 21'. But what made this an Epic Trip was the 48" of snow that fell the week were there.

The sky was overcast most of the week and without sunshine, there was no color on the slopes (except for ski-wear); everything appeared to have a gray haze. This was known at the "Cold Smoke Season". We stayed in the town of Fernie, several miles from the resort. Daylight hours were short. Before sunrise we took the shuttle bus to the mountain, put on our equipment and skied (or boarded) across the base area in the dark to our favorite restaurant for breakfast. Most of our meals were cheap and the US Currency was strong. We paid for our breakfast with a \$20 US bill and got \$21 Canadian Currency/Coin back in change. It wasn't until later in the week that we discovered there were exposed manhole covers in the base area that we crossed in the dark.

Fernie's terrain has steeps, glades, moguls and gullies (natural halfpipes). But one of the most unusual features is the front three slopes as you face the mountain, similar to Stowe's "Front Four". But there is no direct lift service and the locals were not willing to devolve the secret access route to Stag Lap, Sky Drive and Decline. After almost two days of trial and error, our searching paid off and we found the traverse that wrapped around the mountain to the front side. We skied past the "Saddles" (a closed chute) and picked up a single track, between two rocks, thru the glades to get to the biggest moguls I've ever seen. While not one of the front three, Doug Stambaugh, Craig Wentz and I skied Toms Run off the traverse later in the week. The slope was covered with 25' tall ever-greens, with only the 4' to 5' of the tree tops exposed. Craig lost an edge and started to slide down the run. We both yelled "Grab A Tree".

Fernie has some of the best bowls. We spent many a run in Cedar, Lizard and Currie Bowls. Cedar had some thinner glades, which helped hold deep pockets of snow. John Nedzel lost a ski under the Boomerang Triple Chair. After a half hour search, one of the lift passengers spotted the ski tip. As Usual, Craig Wentz straggled in the gullies. You may have noticed I mentioned "boarded" in the second paragraph. In 2000, there was only a weight restriction on ski bags; not one pair of skis or snowboard as with today's regulations. Several of us took both and with all the snow, we were in powder heaven. One morning I took the lead and dove into Lizard Bowl. When I got to the bottom, I turned around and no one was behind me. A few minutes later the rest of the group caught up to me. Rick, didn't you see the signs "Trail Closed" "Avalanche Danger". As a novice snowboarder, I probably spend too much time looking at my feet. I may have the first one to break the law, but not he last.

Near the end of our trip and according to Bill Bogar, Doug Stambaugh had some extra trip money and bought a bottle of Tequila. Shawn McEachern, recalls Craig Wentz walking to the store in sneakers and jacket hanging open to get another bottle. Doug went back to his room on the second floor, but returned shortly thereafter thru the first floor lobby doors. He jumped off the balcony.

The rest of the trip details are even fuzzier. There was a full moon sighting and a fuzzy behind was spotted. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police showed up and wanted posters were made. But he who shall not be named (sounds like Hairy Potter Movie) is still on the loose. After 17 years. I believe a Presidential Pardon is in order.

Next month I will recap the 1996 trip to Timberline, WV and our denied access back into Pennsylvania.

Banff, Alberta, Canada Trip Recap

Remarks by Chip Conrad

There was an early start to our day heading to the Harrisburg Airport at 4:10 am. Everyone arrived on time and checked in. After finally getting through security, we gathered to have coffee and breakfast. The flight boarded on time, with Mikaela, a very friendly flight attendant helping us stow our gear. After sitting on an overheated plane, we departed a little late but arrived in Chicago with plenty of time to walk the 4 miles (maybe a little exaggeration) to our next gate. That flight took off late but we still made it to Calgary early. While Tom, Pete, Mark and Stephen negotiated to get their bags at some later date, the rest of us continued drinking on the waiting bus. Did I mention that we completely cleaned the plane out of alcohol?

Our ride to Banff took about 1-1/4 hours as our over-excited crew chanted Dilly Dilly with every sip of beer. We arrived at the Caribou Lodge and everything was ready for us. The hotel was very nice and the people were very accommodating. We all got right to our rooms, unpacked and headed straight for the bar before negotiating dinner plans.

The next day, all 3 resorts were visited by members of the club. Sunshine Village had the most snow that day and visibility was below 0. Lake Louise was partly sunny with a few inches of fresh. Mt Norquay was adequate. Over the next 5 days, Clubbers skied all the resorts. No-shine Village constantly had the most daily snow, and the worst visibility. On Thursday, all the resorts experienced white-out conditions, and I swear it snowed over 3 inches in one hour at Lake Louise. Friday, our last day of skiing, we actually saw a fair amount of sun, which capped off a great week of skiing.

On Wednesday, Don and Chip went snowmobiling in the backcountry near Golden, British Columbia. It was within site of Kicking Horse Ski Resort. We rode new Ski Doo 600's on mountain single track trails, had a barbeque lunch, and smiled as we tore up the mountain.

Other than a few misplaced bags, the trip went really smooth. Banff is a great place to spend a week, even if you don't ski. Many of us visited the Banff Hot Springs, local brew pubs, shopping sites and endless choices for great Après ski food and drinks. There were plenty of sniffing people, but no broken bones. If you didn't make the trip to Banff this time, I highly recommend going there, even in the summer.

Chip



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Retro Day at Roundtop

Sunday, March 4 or 11, 2018

The Eleventh Annual Retro Day celebration will be held on Sunday, March 4 or 11, 2018 at Roundtop Mountain Resort. The event will be held regardless if the mountain is open or closed/rain or shine. The final date selection and more details will be discussed at the next club meeting on 2/20/18.

What is Retro Day? If you own straight skis, neon clothing, rear-entry boots or fur skiwear; you get the picture – it must be old!

We plan to set up grills/tents in the lower parking lot. Bring some beer/wine/food to share. We will begin skiing about 8:30 am and start partying about 11:00 am. Non-members are welcome to attend.



Sunshine Village Kodak Moments