



A Club for All Seasons

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**February Meeting
Tuesday, February 16**

Come and hear all the adventures from the Taos trip. Get the "scoop" on Blue Mountain and sign up for the Whitetail trip the next day.

The Stowe/Sugarbush pre trip meeting will be held starting around 7:00

See you on the 16th at: Ruby Jade's 1500 S George St, York, PA

Socializing and trip sign up begin at 7:00 pm. Meetings start at 7:30. Guests welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

One YSC weekend trip to Belleaye Mountain is in the record books. With cold weather, great snow and new furbished rooms, what more can you ask for. Scott Burford is already tallying the awards. With more trips on the way, don't forget to write down your nominations for the April 20 Post Trip Party.

Now is the time to patronize our sponsors. Skis, boards, boots, bindings and apparel are all on sale. Also visit Uller's Ski and Board Shop for discounted lift tickets to Elk Mountain, SNO Mountain and Camelback.

Speaking about awards, Ski Roundtop should be congratulated for helping to sponsor York County Special Olympics. The resort furnishes lift tickets and rentals for those who need them and qualified instructors when available.

See you on the slopes.

RICK

**SKI WHITETAIL CARPOOL TRIP
Wednesday, February 17**



Our second day trip is to Whitetail, a new first time destination for YSC. To save you some gas money we have elected for a shorter day trip and for those with a Snowtime, Inc. season pass or advantage card, the savings might even be greater. Whitetail has 21 slopes with 935 vertical drop, 10 lifts and 100% snowmaking. The group lift ticket rate is \$39 per person (15 minimum). Friends, neighbors and guests are welcome. If you have an Advantage card the 8hr. flex rate is \$29.40 or a 4hr. flex is \$26.40. YSC members will be eligible for a \$5.00 refund (excludes season passholders). Bob Gehly is the trip leader (Phone: 266-0506). Signup sheet will be available at the February club meeting.



Stowe/Sugarbush

March 7-10, 2010

Sign ups for our Stowe and Sugarbush trip are now closed. 27 members will be traveling by Conestoga Tours motor coach to Vermont for a great ski vacation. We hope to have Eric for our driver again this year. Plan to attend our pre trip meeting at 7:00 PM at the February member meeting when we will have your itinerary, bus meeting place and time, along with trip rules. Any questions call Charlie at 755-1216.

Belleayre Mountain Trip 2010

A New Year and a new era has donned the YSC. Twenty-nine of the most daring Yorkers traveled northward to the untamed wilderness of Pine Hill, NY to ski, and if nothing else; camp-out on the grounds of the Colonial Inn.

It was a carpool expedition that began on Thursday with 16 club members traveling up early to get fresh tracks Friday morning. If you believe this, I have ocean front property for sale in WV. The purpose for arriving early was to get the optimal camping sites at the Colonial Inn. The Friday skiers split their destinations, some members skied Windham, and some Belleayre. Windham and Belleayre both had great snow conditions, the sky was overcast, temp was manageable and the great thing was there were no lift lines.

Saturday morning started off rocky, Chip's chariot wouldn't start, so last minute shuffling aka "Chinese Fire Drill" was necessary to get everyone on the mountain. Nonetheless, we had 27 skiers/riders on Belleayre Mountain that day. There are stories of side trips during the day-one of which led by our favorite Post-Master General-"In training" Shawn (no details were revealed). Snow conditions were great and we had a nice "blue-bird" day. The Annual Saturday "Grand Buffet" was not a disappointment, but the moments leading up to the feast were not without some last minute theatrics. "Gentleman-Dean" Cornbower was unexpectedly greeted/attacked by a scorned chef and sous-chef as they were exiting the premises after being fired. As an objective observer, I have to say that if you are fired by Steve Witte...you must have done something really bad. Of course Gentleman-Dean, being the gentleman that he is, invited them over to his leather couch to counsel and consol, but they wanted no-part of reconciliation.

Each day was capped off with an Après Ski. Club members on Friday night had a brief encounter with a "*FULL MOON*", but the evening was centered on the premier of "Hot Dog...the movie", starring Shannon Tweed and other aspiring actors. The movie seemed to capture everyone's attention for the great skiing and empowering cinematography. Other notable Après activities included: Shawn's unscrupulous show-and-tell of toys and accessories; the sharing of a special date with Deb and Don, and of course plenty of beer tasting.

For all that made the journey, please be aware that the weekend was fully documented and awards will be presented later this year. It is important to also note that this trip had 11 newbie's (or virgins as Marc would say). New members that made the trip to Mecca: Casey ; Joanne and Lee ; Kris, George and Ben ; Rick "Polar Bear" Bosco (I've never seen a man pack for a ski trip with -shorts/t-shirt and flip flops); Marc ; Dale and Joy ; and, my wife who finally got up enough nerve to be seen with me in public...Joan .

It may be obvious that I am smitten with the ambiance of the Colonial Inn, and I am sure the new jurors mentioned above are still in deliberation-but I hope a good time was had by all. Congratulations again Deb and Don and for all who joined me at Belleayre-thanks for the memories.

"Free your heel"- Scott

RETRO DAY AT SKI ROUNDTOP

Sunday, February 28

The Fourth Annual Retro Day will be held on Sunday, February 28. 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. Will Kirk Lesser show up with wooden skis again?

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). More details will follow. Contact Rick Resh for more information. Remember this is another carpool trip.



Walt Disney presents Belleayre the Sequel IV

Our Belleayre trip seemed as if took a wrong turn and ended up at Disney World. Everywhere you turned you saw another Disney character. The first was Sleeping Beauty, she arrived Thursday night in time to “watch” the football game. Sometime during the night “Snow” White paid a visit and stayed till Friday night gracing us with her beauty. She brought along her friends Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy and Bashful. Thankfully she was kind enough to let Sneezy and Doc at home, because they weren’t welcome. Snow White didn’t bring her Magic Mirror but we could have used the mirror and some light bulbs when it was time to get ready for dinner.

We saw Goofy (our host) feeding Bambi and several of his friends but luckily not the Big Bad Wolf. Mickey and Minnie, Chip ‘n Dale and Tarzan but no Jane were also on the trip. Donald and Daisy Duck celebrated their anniversary with a toast from El Capitan.

You felt just like Alice in Wonderland as you were going up the chairlift surrounded by beautiful snow covered trees.

King Richard led, Robin Hood, Maid Marian, and his band of not so Merry Men, on a cross country adventure of Belleayre. However, Pinocchio couldn’t tell a lie, he wasn’t at all impressed with the long hike.

Lady, but she’s not a Tramp, enjoyed jumping from sofa, to sofa, to anyone who would pay attention to her.

Winnie the Pooh was entertaining the local folks Saturday night, showing them his baseball technique of roundhouse dart throwing.

The Wicked Witch of the West paid a very unfriendly visit to Chip’s vehicle, but the “Tim Man” came to the rescue and was honored by the creation of the Diesel Dance. The Abdominal Snow man put a deep freeze on the contents of the porch coolers. Our outdoor refrigerator got a little too cold. Frozen beer anyone?

Disney outdid themselves by bringing together a unique cast of Characters to make another successful YSC animated feature. As always, the names were changed to protect the not so innocent!!

SNOWTIME, INC.

Club members typically look at the consumer aspect of the ski industry, not the business side. I recently had the opportunity to hear Scott Romerberger, President & CFO of Snowtime, Inc. at the York County Chamber of Commerce Economics Club breakfast. Mr. Romerberger outlined numerous challenges facing the ski industry:

- Healthcare Reform – changes in government regulations may require Snowtime, Inc. to provide coverage to all its 1,000 employees.
- Energy Costs – Removal of electric rate caps could drastically increase costs of snowmaking,
- Employee Free Choice Act – New regulations could adversely impact labor relations.
- Sales Tax Changes – Currently only applies to food and rentals; State government looking at taxes on amusements.
- Excessive Environmental Regulations – Very difficult to expand resort areas.
- Helmet Use & Potential Litigation – Will states mandate additional safety precautions?
- Demographic Shifts – Predominately a “white” sport with an aging population.
- Limited Insurance Options – currently only on four commercial carriers
- Climate Changes – Anybody’s guess

So the next time you’re on the slopes, just remember that its more than running lifts, making snow and grooming runs. A few of the opportunities under consideration by SNOWTIME, INC. are:

- At Roundtop increase income from summertime activities from 10% to 30%
- Add slope side townhouses at WhiteTail.
- Consider solar and wind power alternatives at all three resorts.
- Heavy reliance on use of international workforce at WhiteTail and Liberty.

RICK, TAKE A SNOW DAY!

Below is a link to the NEW Eastern PA Ski Council Facebook page! This is an additional venue for all EPSC members to share information and, hopefully, clubs will benefit from new memberships!

<http://www.facebook.com/dschoneker?success=1#/group.php?gid=262814819804&ref=mf>



MICRO BREW FESTIVAL Friday, June 25

Mark your calendar for the 13th Annual Microbrew Festival held at the Agricultural Industrial Museum June 25, from 7:00-10:00pm. Cost is \$35 for nonmembers, \$30 for Heritage Trust members. More details later.

Club Calendar

2010

Taos, New Mexico.....Feb 6-13
YSC Meeting.....Feb 16
Whitetail Day Trip.....Feb 17
Roundtop Retro Day.....Feb 28
Stowe/Sugarbush, VT.....Mar 7-10
YSC Meeting.....Mar 16
YSC Meeting.....April 20
Seneca Lake Winery Tour.....April 24-25
Micro Brew Fest.....June 25

YORK SKI CLUB HOTLINE

www.yorkskiclub.org

**For membership and
Trip applications**

Club Elections

The nominating committee is recommending the following people to serve as officers and board members for the 2010-2011 ski year.

“Forever” President: Rick Resh

First Vice President: Carla de Mendonca

Second Vice President: Charlie Stuhre

Secretary: Scott Burford

Treasurer: Mary Amsbaugh

Board Members:

Mike Oberdick

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Elections will take place at the February meeting.

Seneca Lake Winery Tour Saturday & Sunday April 24-25 2010



Contact Krouse Travel (244-6410) if you would like to join several YSC members on the weekend trip.

The price is \$259 ppdo.

EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Discount Lift Tickets

A prepaid voucher order form can be picked up at the next club meeting or www.easternpaskicouncil.org.

This season 15 resorts are participating. The return policy for unused tickets varies by ski area and there is a \$1 fee for returned tickets to offset the program costs.

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