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Board Meeting

March 27, 2012



Message from the President

Dear Ski Bums,

As the ski season winds down, I want to thank all members for a great year. It has been a year of transition and marginal weather, but we got through it. Somehow, someway, we seemed to find a little bit of snow on each trip. I was made aware of only 2-3 injuries and some equipment damage, all of which are recoverable. For me, the craziest memory of the season includes two of our newest members Michelle and Fred flying a small aircraft (a.k.a. puddle jumper) into Canaan Valley in the dead of winter and planning to fly out three days later...I'm still scratching my head over that one-and- I'm not sure my buddy Sir Arthur Guinness can produce enough porter for me to attempt that.

The March membership meeting will be the last official act of this year's ski season; so as tradition has it, the Club will be sponsoring pizza night once again at Tailgaters. Come early and socialize. Trip leaders will offer their year-end wrap up; and, we will have a special guest to speak about photography. The topic is timely for your summer vacations, adventures, and visits with the in-laws.

The Board will be issuing a full schedule of Summer Activities, many of which are tied with existing local events. Please note that a couple of events are early this year, so make your reservations ASAP. Last year, the Tuesday Socials were successful, so we will continue those again this year. The first social will be April 17th --6pm at Arooga's (Camp Betty Washington-Used to be Al Dente)

Now that the election cycle is over and my campaign finance reports have been filed, as President, it is necessary and critical to set goals for the upcoming year. Below are the primary goals for the 2012/2013 campaign, and with your help, we will continue to build our club:

- Build Membership Value
- Increase Club Visibility

Remember to support our sponsors -we are membership driven, but never forget, we are community based.

Free your heel,
Scott

"Picture Perfect"



Every picture is only a part of a story! So come learn from our March guest speaker **Christopher Arendt**. Chris has 29 years in the photography business and has worked for the **Camera Center of York** for 21 years. Chris is a Certified Photographic Consultant through Professional Market Association [PMA] since 1999 with over 29 years experience in the photographic industry.

Chris will share his suggestions for taking better photos and improving the quality of your photo images both on and off the slopes. He will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Bring your own camera along if you have specific questions.

Bring your smiles, your appetite, and pictures/CD's to share. Come early [6:30 pm] for last general meeting of the 2012 ski season and socialize with your YSC friends. The Club will provide pizza-cash bar for beverages.

<http://www.cameracenterofyork.com>



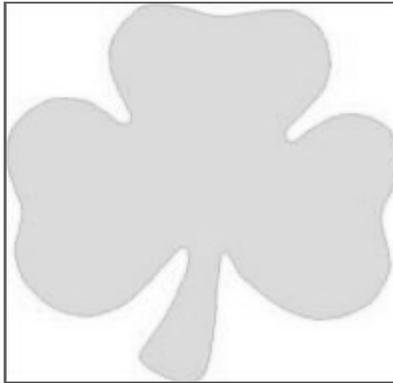
Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10:30a-1:30p-- Hike, Vittles & Hops with Greg Bentley

– Moderate Difficulty

Tackle the Mason Dixon Trail with a Shank's Mare guide and enjoy the spectacular scenery of the river hills. Then finish your adventure with a tasting tour of some fine craft brewed beers with guest brewer Greg Bentley. Greg has extensive knowledge in not only home-brewed beers, but has toured many of the well-know craft breweries around the Mid-Atlantic. It will be a great hike outdoors, and a delicious adventure indoors with hiking, vittles and hops.

*Program Fee – Includes Hike, Lunch & Beer Tasting
– \$26/Person*

If interested, contact Shank's Mare at 252-1616



Some history about St. Patrick's Day:

*Cultural and religious holiday celebrated on March 17

*The inaugural parade took place on 17 March 1783 in Dublin, Ireland.

*The day is generally characterized by the attendance of church services, wearing of green attire, and the lifting of Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol.

*Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Newfoundland and Labrador, and in Montserrat.

*Irish folklore tells that one of his teaching methods included using the shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish people.

*Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was blue. Over the years, green became more popular in association with St. Patrick's Day.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Okemo 2012 Recap

Sunday, March 4th our Conestoga Tours motor coach departed for Okemo Mountain Resort. The weather was sunny but cool and was a pleasant ride to The Point at Castle Hill Resort arriving at 4:00 PM. After several room adjustments we all settled in to very nice accommodations.

As travel to and from Ludlow was limited, our exceptional driver CJ offered to drive all of us into Ludlow. About a dozen of us went to the Pot Belly Pig for dinner (very good) and others found various other places to dine. Each morning we had a hearty hot breakfast. Afterwards, we packed (literally) all of us, into a very small bus to the ski area.

Conditions were good with about 4-6" of fresh powder and occasional snow showers. Tuesday morning was clear but no bus. We got CJ up and he fired up the big blue bus for the ride to the mountain. Each day CJ made several pick ups which we all appreciated. In the evenings some of us went to the Castle for dinner. Elegant and expensive, but worth it.

Tuesday, conditions were excellent with a brilliant blue sky and little wind. The same for Wednesday but very warm. Our ride home was sunny with several videos to make the time go faster. We had several mishaps, nothing serious, but in addition to a helmet Terry might consider steel plated gloves. Check Facebook - maybe more details are there. For those who failed to signed up for this trip, you missed a great time.

Charlie

Special Olympics Skiing and Plunge

We had three new skiers to our program this year, and it is always exciting to see them improve as the season goes along. Unfortunately, between menopausal Mother Nature's hot flashes and crying jags this winter, she wrecked havoc with our schedule. Six of our athletes competed at the Winter Games held at Hidden Valley Ski Resort. We are all proud of them!

Also, four of our brave athletes participated in the Polar Bear Plunge and Tim sang the National Anthem. The money from our Christmas raffle was donated to this event, so you were a part of it also. So far over \$90,000 was raised.

To read more and see picture from both events click on the Specials Olympics Newsletter link <http://www.specialolympicsyorkcounty.org/newsletter/March12.pdf>

PS—

We sure hope Father Time can get Mother Nature to a doctor this spring for some hormone replacement therapy so she is in a better mood next winter.



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Click the "like" button at the top of the page to get connected to the club.

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For Membership and Trip Applications and more

Dates to Remember—Ski Club Mtgs

March 20—Last membership ski club meeting of the 2011/2012 year



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