

# Ski Scoops

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#### BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2015

### FAILED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

#### Dear Revelers:

The York Ski Club Board will have at least one position open in 2015. At our January Club meeting, we will be accepting nominations for Board officers. Why not make your first New Year's Resolution to be a Board member. Our meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Serving as a Board member, trip leader, or event sponsor can be a positive experience. If you can't make it to the next YSC meeting, contact any Board member or Shawn McEachern, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

If giving back to the community is one of your New Year's Resolutions, why not consider volunteering to help with the YSC Special Olympics program. This year we have sixteen athletes, typically requiring two assistants each. This is another very rewarding experience. The program is held at Ski Roundtop on Thursday evenings beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> thru March 5<sup>th</sup>, weather

permitting. Why not resolve to help make a difference and get some exercise.

Many clubs and service organizations are experiencing declining memberships. Your allegiance is very much appreciated, even if you can't volunteer to help. But even more appreciated is making an early commitment. So put YSC dates for meetings, events and trips on that electric device (or wall calendar) a top priority. Please resolve to make early commitments in 2015, it's that easy!

Finally, if you already broke your New Year's Resolutions, there may be help. I have issued two executive orders. For those with failed resolutions, you can offer amestisty if you adopt one of the resolutions above. My second proclamation was to extend the trip signup deadline for the Northern Vermont Bus Trip until January 20, 2015. Why not resolve to signup for this trip? Complete details are outlined in this newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
King Richard

### YORK SKI CLUB MEETING • Tuesday, January 20, 2015 • Meeting 7pm

Our first meeting of the New Year will be at the

**Stone Grille and Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, PA**

The meeting starts at 7:00pm. Liz Winand, with Shank's Mare, will be our guest speaker. Pretrip packets will be distributed for Belleayre weekend and final signups for Northern Vermont Bus Trip will be accepted.

Come early and take advantage of the Half Price House Wines, Select Beers and Appetizers. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM.  
*Bring your checkbook and a guest.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

YSC Club Meeting..... 01/20/15  
YSC Club Meeting ..... 02/17/15  
YSC Club Meeting ..... 03/24/15

### YORK SKI CLUB 2015 TRIPS

Belleayre, NY (Drive)..... 01/23 - 01/25/15  
Northern, VT (Bus) ..... 02/07 - 02/11/15  
Mt. Bachelor, OR (Air) ..... 03/14 - 03/21/15  
Cross Country Ski Weekend ..... TBD

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
March 24, 2015  
meeting on 4th  
Tuesday due to trip  
conflict

# NORTHERN VERMONT BUS TRIP

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



**Time Frame:** The York Ski Club (YSC) has scheduled a bus trip in February 2015. We have added an extra day and a third ski area to our itinerary. YSC has combined the three resorts with, historically, the greatest natural snow accumulation on the east coast. Avoid most weekend crowds by skiing/boarding Sunday through Wednesday on over 250 different trails at Jay Peak, Smuggler's Notch, and Stowe, VT. It's been 1991 since YSC has been on a trip to Smuggler's Notch.

**Lodging:** On Saturday night, we will be staying at the Quality Inn in Shelbourne with your choice of one king or two double beds. The Quality Inn has an indoor pool, fitness center, in room microwave/refrigerator, and premium TV channels. We will be staying in Stowe at the Town and Country Resort on Sun., Mon., and Tues. All rooms have two double beds, TV, phones, and a private bath. Guests may use indoor pool, hot tub, and fitness center. Full breakfast is included daily at the Carriage Room Restaurant. Complimentary hor d'oeuvres may be available in the Fireside Pub for the ski group from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

**The Slopes:** On Sunday, we plan to ski Jay Peak, which is the snow capital of the East and averages 370" annually (sometimes over 700"). Jay Peak has 485 acres, 76 slopes/glades/chutes, and 9 lifts (including a 60 passenger tram). The summit elevation is 3,968' with a vertical drop of 2,153'. The trail makeup is 20% novice, 40% intermediate, and 40% advanced. There is 5 lifts with access to the Beginner Zone with 80 acres of gentle, wide, easy to maneuver slopes. But the 100 acres of off-piste skiing is the reason some of the best skiers visit Jay Peak.

On Monday we will travel to Smuggler's Notch. The resort has three mountains with 78 trails on 310 acres and over 750 acres of woods between the trails. Morse Mountain is 2,250' high with a vertical drop of 1,220' with mostly beginner trails. Madonna Mountain is 3,640' high and has a vertical drop of 2,620'. Sterling Mountain, which actually abuts Spruce Peak, is 3,040' high with a vertical drop of 2,010'. There are 8 lifts, none of which have been upgraded since at least 1991. The trail mix is 19% easier, 50% more difficult, 25% more difficult, and 6% double/triple black diamond runs. This may be America's Family Resort, but with over 1,000 acres of terrain, this place can kick butt. There is also a zip line canopy tour available. On Tuesday, we will ski at Stowe Mountain. Stowe has a vertical drop of 2,360' and 108 named trails on 485 skiable areas. The longest run is 3.7 miles (Toll Road). Average yearly snowfall is 333" and snow making coverage is 80%. Slope difficulty ranges from 16% beginner, 59% intermediate, and 25% advanced. Mount Mansfield and

Spruce Peaks are served by 12 lifts, including 8 person high speeding gondola. Stowe offers bumps, steep, and off trail adventures for those daring enough to try. Spruce Peak is an excellent beginner area. Last year, Stowe Mountain had just completed its \$250 million 10 year redevelopment effort.

**Entertainment:** If there are not any travel delays, we plan to tour Magic Hat Brewery before check-in Saturday afternoon near Burlington, Vt. If time permits on Monday, we may stop at Rock Art Brewery in Morrisville. Then on our way home on Wednesday, the search is for Heady Topper beer in Waitsfield, VT.

The Town and Country Resort is located on Mountain Road, about 1½ miles from the Village of Stowe. You can walk to restaurants or take the town shuttle. Stowe has shops, movies, and over 50 restaurants. You can make arrangements for horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. All three ski areas have cross-country skiing.

Late Sunday at Jay Peak, you can dine at one of several restaurants or play in the waterpark. The Pump House Indoor Waterpark is 60,000 glorious square feet of watery-heaven with pee-your pants-with-excitement thrills like the 65' drop of La Chute and the Double Barrel Flowrider that made the Travel Channel's top ten coolest waterpark rides ever. And if you prefer your liquid in a glass, take in the action from "The Drink" poolside bar or "The Warming Shelter" snack bar. Indoor ice skating is also available at Jay Peak.

**Transportation:** Smoke Free, 56 passenger Conestoga Tour Coach with restroom and lots of video time. Bring your own beer and wine, but remember no glass bottles on the bus.

**Package Includes:** 4 nights lodging, 3 day lift ticket, transportation to VT and return, side trips to Jay Peak, and Smuggler's Notch, resort shuttle runs to Stowe base area on Tues., 3 full breakfasts at the Town and Country Resort, one continental breakfast at the Quality Inn, Shelbourne, plus all taxes and gratuities.

**Trip Cost:** \$679 pp/double occupancy; \$641 pp/triple occupancy  
\$616 pp/quad occupancy; \$825 pp/single occupancy  
\$200 discount for non-skiers/non-boarders  
No additional discounts for children or seniors

**Payment Schedule:** Balance due by January 20, 2015

**Signup Deadline:** January 20, 2015

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# BELLEAYRE

## Belleayre Mountain, NY January 23-25, 2015

Registration for the Belleayre Trip is now closed. We have 20 members traveling to the Catskills to enjoy the amenities of the Empire State. Our members will be staying at the Colonial Inn & Restaurant, which is a rustic family style Inn dating back to the 1870's. Not much has changed at the Colonial Inn since the 1870's, that is why our members love it so.

Members will be traveling on Friday and some will ski at various resorts along the way. The economically priced trip includes a happy hour social on Friday night; 2-day lift tickets, 2 full breakfasts; and buffet dinner Saturday night. Those who missed the sign up deadline are clearly missing out on a fun filled weekend. A full report will be issued in the February edition of the York Ski Club Newsletter...so stay tuned.

## BLUE KNOB • 2/1/15 Day Trip

Our only carpool day trip in the 2015 season will be to Blue Knob on Super Bowl Sunday. Driving arrangements will be finalized at the 01/20/15 YSC meeting. Rick Resh is coordinating this trip (phone: 767-5951). Discounted lift tickets may be purchased in advance online or by each individual at the resort. The current rates are as follows:

	Window Prices	On Line Prices
<b>Full Day</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
Adult (13 – 64 yrs.)	60.00	35.99
Junior (12 and under)	48.00	27.00
Seniors (65 & over)	48.00	27.00
<b>Five Hour Flex</b>		
Adult (13 – 64 yrs.)	50.00	30.99
Junior (12 & under)	40.00	17.00
Seniors (65 & over)	40.00	17.00

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Weekend Getaway

Pray for snow! If Mother Nature cooperates, Mike and Deb March would like to host a weekend at their cabin in Pine Grove in 2015. The final announcement will be made by email blast.

Their cabin is between Laurel Lake and Fuller Lake. There may be ice skating, sledding and snowshoe options depending on snow cover. Naturally, more details to follow!

Can't commit to an overnight stay -  
Day Trippers are also welcome.



## HELP WANTED FOR Special Olympics Skiing January 8 to March 5, 2015

We will start skiing January 8 and meet every Thursday night till early March. We would like you to be there around 6pm to get the athletes out to ski from 6:30 - 8:30. After you bring your athlete in, you are free to ski till 10pm. There is no cost to you, all lift tickets are provided. You are not required to be there each week.

*If you would like to volunteer your time contact  
Deb Angstadt at 755-5876.*

## KIDS SKI FREE IN PA!



PA 4th and 5th grade students can ski or ride **FREE** at Roundtop, Liberty or Whitetail Mountain Resorts, and several other PA areas when accompanied by a paying adult. Visit [skipa.com](http://skipa.com) website for more details and participating ski areas.



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# Mt Bachelor



**MARCH  
14 TO 21,  
2015**

The signup deadline for our first YSC trip to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon has passed and our empty seats airline seats have been released. The pre-trip meeting will be held on February 17, 2015 at the club meeting. If you have any questions or need the link for trip insurance, contact Mary Amsbaugh, 1721 Monterey Court, Dover, PA 17315 by phone 764-6145 or by email at [skicats2@comcast.net](mailto:skicats2@comcast.net).

## EPSC DISCOUNT LIFT TICKETS

At the January 20, 2015 club meeting, we will have more details/pricing on the EPSC Discount Lift tickets voucher program involving 17 PA and New England Resorts.