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### BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2015

# Ski Scoops

February 2015

## President's Message

### TRIP SELECTION/VIP ELECTION

Dear Skier/Boarder

The YSC Board has picked our destinations for 2016. The schedule is as follows:

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ESPC Big Sky, MT       | Sat. to Sat. 01/16 – 01/23/16   |
| Innsbruck, Austria     | Fri. to Sat. 02/12 – 02/20/16   |
| Wisp/Canaan/Timberline | Thurs. to Mon. 03/10 – 03/14/16 |
| France                 | Fri. to Sun. Mid March          |
| Spring Fling, TBD      | Wed. to Sun. 03/30 – 04/03/16   |

Mark your calendars now! Due to limited airline availability, there may be an option for Big Sky to switch to Sun. to Sun. or Fri. thru Sun. alternatives. The clubs that commit early get Sat. to Sat. bookers. Several YSC Board members are working on pricing for these trips.

The YSC Board elections will be held on February 17, 2015. Additional nominations will be allowed. The list of candidates are as follows:  
Richard Resh, President  
Casey Schardt, Membership  
Mike Oberdick, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President  
Scott Burford, Past President  
Chip Konrad, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President  
Shawn McEachern  
Deb Angstadt, Secretary  
Mike March  
Mary Amsbaugh, Treasurer

The term for new Board members begins on April 1, 2015. The YSC Board typically meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. So come out and vote or volunteer to run a trip or sponsor an event.

The November 2014 issue of Ski magazine had an article "132 Things Every Skier Must Know (or Do)". Surely, there are at least 10 more. We're requesting members submit their list of ideas by the 2/17/15 meeting. We will announce the top ten new ideas at the March 24, 2015 YSC meeting. Remember the post trip party will be held one week later than normal because of the Mt. Bachelor, OR trip conflict. Our annual awards will also be on the agenda.

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
Rick

**YORK SKI CLUB MEETING • Tuesday, February 17, 2015 • Meeting 7pm**

**COME OUT AND VOTE! Our next meeting will be at the Stone Grille and Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, PA**

The meeting starts at 7:00pm. Gwen Loose, the Executive Director, or Carl Knoch, Chairman, with the York County Rail Trail Authority, will be our guest speaker. Pretrip packets will be distributed for Mt. Bachelor, OR trip.

*Come early and take advantage of the discounted drinks and appetizers from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.*

**Bring a guest and your checkbook to become a YCARTA member!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| YSC Club Meeting ..... | 02/17/15 |
| YSC Club Meeting ..... | 03/24/15 |

## YORK SKI CLUB 2015 TRIPS

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 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

# BELLEAYRE

## COLONIAL INN – UNBEARABLE

Shawn/Shane McEachern and Rick Resh added an extra day to the Belleayre trip and skied at Windham Mountain on Thursday. No clouds, great snow & new trails made for a fantastic day on the slopes. Flat light and a few icy patches were the only down side, until we got to the Colonial Inn. Steve Witty greeted us on the front porch. It seems that the hot water boiler died on Sunday, and after two days full of work, a new unit was installed. He did all the electrical/plumbing work and had to knock out a wall in the basement to get the old boiler out. We may have hot water, but heat was in short supply. It cost him \$150/day to heat the Inn, and up to \$200/day on colder days. Even with a small portable heater our room temperature was 46° F. We slept in heavy weight long underwear, socks, and hats. But this is not the unbearable part of the story.

Steve typically has hunters stay at the Inn and one such visit they were bear hunters. They bragged about how they put donuts out, and shoot bears while in a tree above. This upset Steve. He told them a 500 lb. male bear has visited him for five years. The hunters asked him to let them know if the black bear showed up so that they can watch him upclose in the backyard.

Sure enough the bear arrived looking for handouts. Steve said the bear was here and everyone assembled in the dining room. Steve opened the door (with honey and brown sugar) and the bear came into the Inn, completely surprising the hunters. Steve had a platter of sauerbraten and let the bear lick the platter. He asked the guys if this was too close to watch? With a shocked and scary reply they said "Yes". Steve had a problem holding the platter steady, so the bear raised his paw underneath Steve's hand to stabilize the platter. Steve explained that the bear is not aggressive unless trapped. He said he convinced the hunters to give up the sport.

Hopefully Steve will keep the bear out of the living room so he doesn't see a (stuffed) relation standing nearby. Steve, Thanks for the wonderful unbearable and unbelievable story.....



Rick

## BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN WRAP-UP

Perhaps the most appealing reason why the Belleayre trip is one of our most popular is the value proposition extended to the club by the Colonial Inn. Yes, there are other reasons I'm sure, the trip is economical, a trip that includes breakfast, a buffet dinner and après ski activities without "breaking the bank".

Since I have been leading this trip, I have always committed to "what happens at Belleayre, stays in Belleayre". Staying true to form, members are encouraged to attend the upcoming March membership meeting for a comprehensive recapitulation of the trip.

For the non-members, or those who can not pass the Club's entrance exam, there were 22 members that traveled to Pine Hill, NY January 23-25, 2015. Some members skied local mountains in route to Belleayre on Friday. Those mountains included Elk Mtn., Hunter and Windham. Snow Conditions seemed good/very good in the entire Catskill Region (all things considered). Conditions at Belleayre were as expected, however- we were treated to a fresh two inches Saturday morning. Members mostly skied until mid-afternoon and then began the après ski activities at the Tomahawk Lift Parking Lot.

The Saturday evening buffet at the Colonial Inn was not a disappointment; however, we could have gone a little lighter on the Wine and Cheese Party leading up to the main meal. Saturday night activities were true to years past, socializing around the pool table and other amenities that the Colonial Inn has to offer. All in all, it seems as though everyone had a good time, even the newbies.

This was a year of "Firsts", of which I will describe in more detail at the membership meeting. For those who were not on the trip, jump on bus the next go around. You will not be disappointed.

Scott

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# RETRO DAY AT ROUNDTOP AND GAPER HUNT Sunday, March 1, 2015



The eighth annual Retro Day celebration will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Roundtop Mountain Resort. What is Retro Day? If you own straight skis, neon clothing, spandex pants, rear-entry boots or furs, wear it on the slopes. New this year, bring your favorite scarf.

A portion of the morning will be spent looking for Gapers! What is a Gaper?

A Gaper is a skier (or snowboarder) who is completely clueless. They're usually distinguished by their outdated one-piece suits, bright colored clothes, skinny skies and rear-entry boots. Gapers also do the "Gaper Tuck" which is an attempt at being a ski racer by tucking; however, it is done incorrectly with the poles sticking straight up like thunderbolts and lighting, very frightening!

We plan to set up grills in the parking lot around Noon. Bring some beer/wine/food to share. If you buy a lift ticket, the York Ski Club will refund you \$5.00. Hope to see you on the slopes!



## 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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14 TO 21,  
2015**

## **PRE TRIP MEETING FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**It's only a few weeks until  
we leave for Mt. Bachelor**

Please mark your calendar for the pre trip meeting on Feb 17th. same as regular meeting of the YSC. Meeting at the Stone Grille & Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York. At this meeting we will have itineraries, airline information (tickets), baggage tags and baggage information, info on rentals, demos and dining. If other arrangements for the meeting are needed, just let me or Deb know. \*\*\*you may want to check out [mtbachelor.com/skiclubs](http://mtbachelor.com/skiclubs) for valuable information on Mt. Bachelor and Bend, OR.

**Cancellation:** \$500.00 before 11/30/14 and total of trip after 12/31/14.

**TRIP INSURANCE: PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR LINK TO TRAVEL GUARD**

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