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BOARD MEETING

July 26, 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's Make A Deal

Mother Nature stacked the deck against us during the 2015-2016 ski season. She dealt us warm temperatures, delaying snowmaking opportunities well into January. Then she reshuffled the cards, dealing us too much snow and delaying our return trip from Big Sky, MT. Conditions were limited on our Belleayre, Innsbruck and Canaan/Timberline trips. Then she played her trump card by melting the snow too early and YSC had to cancel its trip to Killington, VT. It was a first time this century we had to cancel an overnight trip. Since most YSC members were still able to enjoy a great, but shorter season, I didn't considerate it a losing POKER hand.

We actually made history by offering more trips in one season than in our 40 years of existence. The YSC Board is working on several awesome ski packages for the 2016-2017 season and two western trips are being planned:

Whistler/Blackcomb, BC- January 28, 2017 to February 4, 2017

Salt Lake City Area, UT (staying in Sandy) - March 4 to 11, 2017

We are also exploring a weekend at Belleayre, but in February. While we are offering fewer trips, we've tried to hit Mother Nature's sweet spot, if there is one with OLD MAIDS. For those who wanted a bus trip, the Eastern PA Ski Council Winter Carnival is to Lake Placid/Whiteface, NY, but it does conflict with our BC trip. Both the Lancaster and Susquehanna Ski Clubs are participating.

To make our trips successful, we need early commitments, especially for our two Western trips. Final costs should be available by the YSC picnic. We will be taking signups and the first payments at the YSC picnic on July 10, 2017 at Lake Meade. See you there. Rick (GO FISH)

JULY 19, 2016

Next YSC Happy Hour

The next YSC happy hour will be at the Cove, at 1500 South George Street, York, PA 17403 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will be on the outside deck. Guests are welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016

YSC Picnic at Lake Meade

Our major summer event will again be held at Lake Meade and is sponsored by Mike and Susie Mummert. The resort is a gated community, so just announce that you are attending YSC event to the guard at the entrance.

YSC will provide subs and water. Members and guests are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The pavilion (same as last year) has play equipment and volleyball nets nearby. Boating, waterskiing, and kayaking are available only in the morning, so come as early as 9:00 a.m. No outside boats or kayaks are allowed. A bike to ride around the lake is scheduled at noon. Lunch is scheduled to start about 1:00 p.m. Bring your own alcoholic drinks, and don't forget chairs and your favorite yard game. Lawn games and volleyball are planned for the afternoon.

Trip information and signup applications will be available. Discounted renewal memberships will be accepted. Bring your check book, lawn chairs and sunscreen!

DIRECTIONS TO YORK SKI CLUB PICNIC

From York via. Davidsburg Rd.

Travel west to Rt. 194, turn right *approx. 1 mile*

Turn left onto Lake Meade Rd. *1 mile*

Turn left onto Stoney Point Rd.

Lake Meade Entrance on right

From York via. East Berlin

Travel west through East Berlin, turn right onto Germany Rd.
3 miles

At stop, turn right onto Stoney Point Rd. *2 miles*

Left into entrance of Lake Meade

From York US 30 West

Turn right onto Lake Rd. in Thomasville toward East Berlin

Turn left onto East Berlin Rd. Go through East Berlin

Turn right onto Germany Rd. *3 miles*

Turn right onto Stoney Point Rd. *2 miles*

Left into entrance of Lake Meade

Lake Meade Community Complex @ the Ballfield Picnic Area
After entering the lake, continue forward to the tee intersection

Make a left onto Lake Meade Dr. *2 miles*

Fire house on right. At Stop, go forward (Longstreet)

On the left is the ballfield and complex parking

JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Whistler/ Blackcomb, British Columbia

Our first of two western trips in 2017 will be to Whistler/Blackcomb, BC. The package price is \$1,729 per person/quad occupancy. The club will be staying at the Delta Whistler Villas Suites and we have placed a deposit for up to 16 members in 4 condo units. The package will include airfares on United from Harrisburg to Vancouver (thru Chicago) and the following:

- 7 Nights Lodging
- Baggage Handling at the Resort Properties
- Shuttle from and return to Vancouver Airport
- A 5 Day Lift Pass, with an upgrade option for the sixth day
- Midweek Club Party
- All taxes, fees, and gratuities on included items listed

Meals and luggage fees are extra. More information will be available in future newsletters. **Contact Rick Resh at (717) 767-5951 with any questions.**



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FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017

Belleayre Mountain, NY

The Club will once again be offering an economical trip back to Belleayre Mountain. Our beloved Belleayre has historically been one of our more popular trips for its après ski offerings and casual atmosphere. We will be lodging at the historic Colonial Inn & Restaurant, just about two miles from the ski area on Friday and Saturday night.

Belleayre Mountain has a trail system that is suited for all ski levels. Its high base elevation means Belleayre gets more natural snow than other areas in the Catskills. With the peak at 3,429', vertical drop of 1,404', we should have a great time on the 35 trails.

Travel Day: Friday, February 10, 2017 - Members will carpool to Pine Hill, NY at their leisure. There are nearby resorts that skiers/ boarders may want to visit in route. Check in time at the Colonial Inn is 4 p.m.

Lodging: The Colonial Inn & Restaurant, is a rustic family style inn that was built in 1870. It has just 12 rooms with private baths, a very large TV lounge area, game room, cocktail lounge and eclectic display of furnishings. All amenities combine to form a well-rounded cultural experience. Special arrangements can be made for those who want to arrive early (i.e. Thursday)

Meals: Package includes Saturday and Sunday hearty breakfasts; Saturday evening buffet (6p-9p) with numerous entrees and desserts.

Package Includes: 2 nights lodging (Fri and Sat); 1-day lift ticket (Sat) with an optional Sunday add-on; 2-breakfasts (Sat/Sun); and Saturday evening buffet, meal gratuity and room taxes included. Evening adult beverages are extra.



Trip Costs have not been finalized but the price point will be no greater than \$275pp/do.

There are limited quad and triple occupancy rooms, so if you are interested in securing the more economic option, you must sign up early. A minimum deposit of \$80 along with your trip reservation form will reserve your space. Your second payment will be due by 10/31/16 and final payment will be due by 11/30/16. If you need to cancel, \$100 is refundable by 11/30/16. After 12/1/16, there are no refunds unless a suitable substitute is found. Discounts on rentals are available.

For more information on Belleayre Mountain, check out their website at www.belleayre.com. For more information about the trip, contact the trip Leader: Scott Burford- burford87@yahoo.com 717-779-9141

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INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA REPORT

Blinded by the Light

Our Bailey Coach departed at 3:28 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016 for Newark Airport. For 26 YSC members it was the last time we saw sunshine for several days. For some it was trying to remember seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

We encountered minor travel delays through Harrisburg and on I-78 in northern New Jersey, but arrived 40 behind schedule and low on beer. Good thing we left an hour early, while the line at the ticket counter was long, Swiss Air had 12+ reps to issue boarding passes and weigh every piece of luggage (even carry-ons). We had plenty of time to eat and drink expensive airport food at an Irish bar. The staff spoke with a Muslim dialect.

While our flight was 40 minutes late departing, with a strong tail wind we made up the time arriving in foggy Zurich, Switzerland at 11:05 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2016, right on schedule. With two planes arriving close together, immigration officials were overwhelmed and we had to pee. An hour and half later, we were on our Luftner Reisen coach heading to Innsbruck. Typically the ride is 3 ½ hours, but due to the holiday weekend traffic (with all the weekend hotel exchanges on Saturday) the major highways were clogged with vacationers. While many of the tunnels are 2 lanes in both directions, some are only one lane each way and Europeans can't get the hang of alternating access tolanes. So Wolfgang, our driver took us on an alternate route through St. Anton Ski Area. The resort amazed many of our first time EU skiers. 6 ½ hours later we arrived in Innsbruck at 6:30

missing our welcome reception. Door to door, the actual travel time was 27 hours, less the 6 hour time change. It was eat, unpack and bedtime for most, while some tried to find an English speaking channel on TV.

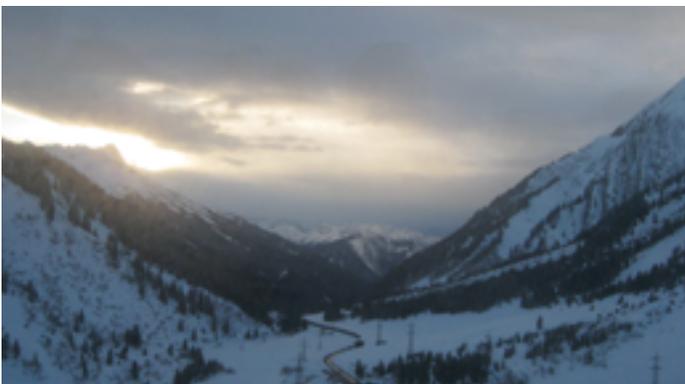


Stubier Glacier

Our rooms at the Hotel Innsbruck were smaller than our standard American, but the facilities were quite adequate. On Sunday morning, after our buffet breakfast, most of us headed to Stubier Glacier, because that local resort had a deepest base. We encountered foggy conditions, flat light, some snow and limited visibility. Several of our seasoned skiers complained of vertigo problems, but we all were on time for the shuttle to our hotel.

Our Luftner tour agent met YSC members at the hotel a 6:00 p.m. that evening, only to discover we needed 20 signups to schedule any excursion and we were the only club in town. The Venice trip offer was being withdrawn. The bob sled ride was closed for public use because of an international event that week and there wasn't enough natural snow for the dinner sleigh ride.

On Monday, the McEachren and Fuhrman clans (7 total) took the high speed train to Salzburg, while others toured Innsbruck or skied at Aximer Liam, with more flat light. On Tuesday, Beka Smith arranged



the long road to Innsbruck

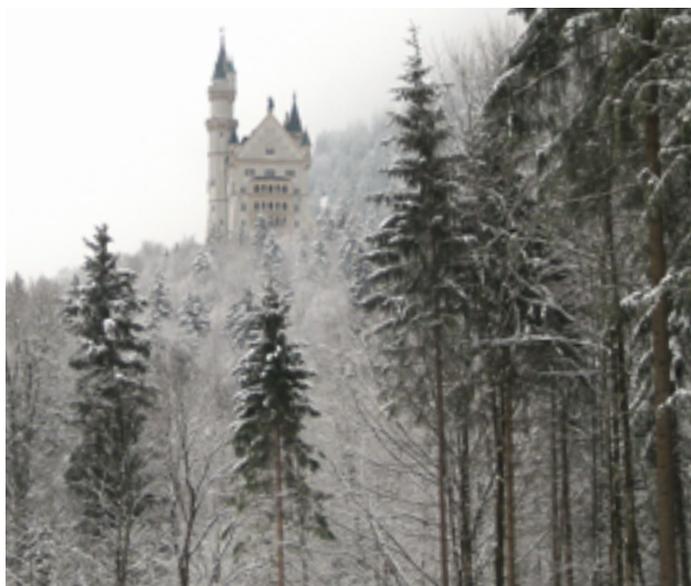


breakfast at the Hotel Innsbruck



St. Anton

for a bus and tour of Munich for a different group of 7. The rest of the club repeated Monday's schedule. On Wednesday we chartered a Luftner coach to St. Anton, or as the locals say "Stanton". Most of the group skied at Rendel Mountain (lower elevation, better visibility) in the morning. When the sun popped out in the late afternoon, visibility greatly improved for the 23 skiers and some almost missed the ride home.



Neuschwanstein

Thursday was our excursion day to Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria, Germany and Oberammergau

where The Passion Play is held every 10 years (next 2020). The United Nations also holds quarterly work sessions for its European members in town. The castle tour was rushed and the theater was closed, except for the restrooms. The mountainside around the castle was partially covered in snow resulting in breathtaking pictures for the 23 Americans and 15 Brits on the tour.

On Friday, 19 YSC members chartered another bus trip to Isghal. After several lift rides we started our journey in Austria, skied into Switzerland and took a double decker tram back to Austria. There was a hint of sun about 2:00 p.m. Lee/Joann McCellan and Casey Schardt skied every day. We all partied every evening and sampled the local cuisine and found a few beer halls.

Due to anticipated traffic delays, we left the hotel an hour early at 9:30 a.m. for a 5:25 p.m. flight. We arrived at the airport about 2:30 p.m., but it was after 3:30 p.m. until we cleared security and one of several checkpoints. After grabbing a quick bite to eat, we still had to get back in line for one last passport clearance. No one had cellphone service in the airport so we could confirm our pickup time in Newark with Bailey Coach. Luckily, we could text Deb Holtzinger and she called the bus company. When will there ever be international phone service? While our plane was on time, it was being held for a large group of students coming in from Barcelona, Spain. After 4 movies, we arrived in Newark one hour late.

Again, our final customs/immigration processing was slow. Our ride back to York was the quietest ride ever. We got back to Queensgate at 1:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 24, 2016. Our return trip was 18 ½ hours plus the 6 hour time change. I'm happy to report that there were no serious injuries, except for some major buries on my butt that migrated to my legs. Ask Dave Fuhrman about my butterfly tattoo. I understand that a few members made it to Roundtop Sunday afternoon. A BIG THANK YOU to all the members on the trip for their cooperation and help in scheduling our side trips. RICK