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# SKI SCOOPS

## APRIL 2018

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2017-2018 AWARDS MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2018

I want to apologize for the confusion in the March newsletter regarding the YSC meeting date which was supposed to be held on March 20, 2018, but was cancelled when the restaurant closed early, due to inclement weather. We still have one more meeting this season on April 17, 2018. Yes it's the final day to file your 2017 taxes, so why not celebrate with YSC and attend our annual awards party. Bring your pictures, stories and award nominations. Also new this year will be a list of Presidential Pardons.

The new officers elected on February 20, 2018, officially take office on July 1, 2018, but many have been attending interim Board meetings to help make a smooth transition. The position for Second Vice President is still open. Contact Rick Resh (717-767-5951) or Kirk Lesser (717-757-4216) if you want to be on the YSC Board.

There is no bus trip scheduled for next year. If one is planned for in 2020, it will probably be a joint venture with another club. The following 2019 trip destinations are in the planning stages:

#### YSC Trips

Timberline/Canaan, WV 02/15 to 02/18/19

Salt Lake City, UT 03/02 to 03/09/19

#### EPSC Trips

Mt. Bachelor, OR 01/26 to 02/01/19

Attitash/Wildcat, NH 02/28 to 03/03/19

All dates are tentative and require contract confirmation. An early January weekend trip to Belleayre, NY may be added, if there is enough interest. Mike Oberdick is also exploring a trip to Big Sky, MT in February. Several YSC Board members will attend the Philly Ski Show in May.

I will continue to write an article each month about one of the EPIC TRIPS with YSC and this month's article is Big Sky, MT in 2006. If you have a particular favorite trip, let me know at the next club meeting and we will help you with the details.

As my term comes to a close, I'm developing a list of Presidential Pardons. If you know of an event or person worthy of consideration, please let me know the details.

Rick

## **YSC AWARDS MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

The final York Ski Club meeting this season will be held on the third Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at The Stone Grille and Tap House, located at 204 Saint Charles Way, York, PA 17402. This will be our post trip meeting and pizza party. The first pizzas roll out at 6:00 PM. The business meeting and award presentations will start at 7:00 PM. Happy Hour drinks and appetizer discounts expire at 6:30 PM. Guests are always welcome. Check out the calendar of events for the summer bike ride, picnic and Happy Hour schedule.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- ◆ *04/17/18 – YSC Post Trip Pizza Party (Third Tuesday)*
- ◆ *04/24/18 -YSC Board Meeting*
- ◆ *05/05/18– Philly Ski Show @ King of Prussia*
- ◆ *05/15/18 – Happy Hour @ Crimson American Grill on South Queen St.*
- ◆ *05/19/18- York Rail Trail Bike Ride/Tailgate at Four Springs Winery*
- ◆ *05/22/18- YSC Board Meeting*
- ◆ *06/19/18 – Happy Hour (Location TBD)*
- ◆ *06/26/18- YSC Board Meeting*
- ◆ *07/15/18– YSC Annual Picnic @ Lake Meade*



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# TRIP INFORMATION

## Canaan Valley, WV

February 14-18, 2019

Deposits are now being accepted for a car pool trip to Canaan Valley, WV. The trip is capped at 24 members. A \$100 pp deposit will reserve your spot. Trip details have not been finalized, but this trip is likely to fill up fast- so don't be a loser, jump on the bus early.

### SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- Members will depart Thursday, February 14, 2019 and return Monday, February 18, 2019.
- Thursday: The trip will include a side trip to Wisp Mountain, Garrett County, MD in route to Canaan Valley.
- Friday: Ski Timberline Mountain, followed by a Pizza Party that evening
- Saturday: members will have two options:
  - 1) Adventure Ski Tour connecting Canaan Valley Ski Resort to Whitegrass Ski Area (weather permitting); OR,
  - 2) Ski Canaan Valley Resort.
- Sunday: members will have options
  - 1) Cross Country Skiing at Canaan Valley (beginner to intermediate)
  - 2) Cross Country Skiing at Whitegrass (intermediate/advanced)
  - 3) Ski Canaan Valley Resort
- Monday: return home.

### LODGING

- Four nights at the Canaan Valley Deluxe Cabins (Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun).
- Club has reserved 3 cabins. Each cabin sleeps 8 adults

### PRICING

- The final pricing has not been determined, but estimated to be between \$350-\$400

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## EPIC ADVENTURE TRIP NO. 5 TO BIG SKY, MT (2006)

Big Sky and Moonlight Basin have slopes for every skier /boarder ability and no crowds. This visit was YSC's second trip to the area. Snow coverage was great, but what made this an EPIC event, was Warren Miller's film crew was on site shooting potential footage for his next movie. The film crew, support staff and skiers also stayed in the Huntley Lodge with YSC.

Lindsey Dyer had the room across the hall from Sharon and I. On two occasions, we walked to breakfast together. Even though it is way dark outside, she was already dressed to ski with her equipment in hand. The film crews prefer the early morning sun backdrop and she must be ready to go at sunrise, if it's not overcast. As a side note, Warren Miller lived in the Yellowstone Club next to Big Sky at that time.

The terrain at Big Sky and Moonlight can be very challenging for even the best of skiers. After negotiating the Dictator Chutes off Lone Mountain, Todd Holtzinger and I watched in horror as Phil Smelgus, fell backwards and summersaulted down Gully Chute No.2. He somehow missed the large rock in the middle of the slope. As I picked up loose equipment, Todd was the first on the scene to assess the situation. Phil was sitting up with his hands on his forehead and somewhat dazed and confused. I think about the incident every time I hear that Led Zeppelin song. Phil insisted he was OK and started to ski down Upper Morningstar, After about 300 hundred yards, he face planted and saw more stars. He headed back to the lodge where it was rumored he was trying to pick up women at the outdoor pool by impersonating an FBI agent.

We spent a lot of time exploring the Liberty Bowl on the Southside of Lone Peak and found powder stashes in the Bavarian Forrest. Off Andesite Mountain we skied Bear Liar Snake Pit, Crazy Raven and Mad Wolf/Madison Ave. A one mile mogul run. We took War Dance (not a good choice) and skied around the avalanche barriers to get to the Lone Moose Triple and Flat Iron Mountain. Where are the skiers?

On one morning we found a camera man on the Gully Traverse. He was setup for the skier Otter Slide and Len-in. On several occasions, he gets first tracks, but gets specific instructions not to mess-up the slopes being filmed. We moved on, but later in week, we saw Lindsey ski off the headwall between the South Face and the Turkey Traverse. Ms. Dyer clips were the only runs to make it into the 2007 movie. GO GIRL!

Todd slid down face first on an unnamed slope near the Lone Tree Chairlift at Moonlight Basin and slid about 40 yards. Mike McDaniel, Todd's stepson, and I took a shortcut to the Lone Peak Tram by skiing an unmarked slope to the left of Gully Chute No. 1. Mike face planted at the bottom of the run when he didn't see a compression dip obscured by the mountain shadow. We considered skiing the Big Couloir, off the Lone Peak Tram, but skiers need a shovel, probe and avalanche beacon to enter. Both resorts have since been combined into one lift ticket.

The Club returned in 2012 and 2016 (with EPSC), but with less snow coverage. The Big Couloir was closed, even though we now had the required equipment. Next month's article will be on a Spring Fling Trip to Smugglers Notch and Jay Peak, in mid-April. Find out why we didn't ski at Smuggler.

Rick

## YORK SKI CLUB BUS TRIP RESULTS

### TO MAINE/NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### MISSING CAR UPDATE

When the York Ski Club returned from our bus trip to New England on Friday 3/02/18, the Raborn's car was missing from the parking lot at the Queensgate Shopping Center behind Frank's Theater. Our initial first thoughts were that it was stolen or improperly towed. They made alternative transportation arrangements for his mom to pick them up and then called the York Area Regional Police. The night before, apparently a 2017 Mercedes left Hollywood Drive and it traveled down the steep embankment and crashed into several cars in the parking lot. In all 5 cars were damaged and towed away. The driver was arrested for substance abuse. Damage to the Raborn's car was major and the driver was underinsured. Resolution of the claim is still pending.

#### ONE FINAL ICE BREAKING STORY

Just when I thought my ice breaking stories were over, after last month's bus trip, a final adventure involving me and other club members occurred.

**CANNON MOUNTAIN:** The NE Bus Trip was so much fun because several YSC Members had never skied at any of the four destinations. I may have been the only person to previously ski at Cannon, with Lee McClellan several years ago. My wife, daughter and I actually skied at Mittersill before it closed and was bought out by the State of New Hampshire. Cannon has always had a reputation for being icy and windy. Our day trip on 3/1/18 was no exception. The slopes refroze overnight. Even though, I only took one lift ride up on the Peabody Express Quad Chair, I skied (or slid) down portions of 5 different slopes. Several other YSC Members only made a single trip and one even walked down. By 11:00 AM about half were in the lodge. Congratulations to those who braved the conditions until mid-afternoon.

Rick

#### Spring Rail Trail Ride/Wine Tasting

Saturday, May 19, 2018

The York Ski Club invites all to join us for a bicycle ride on the York County Rail Trail on Saturday, May 19, 2018. We will leave promptly at 10:15 a.m. from the Seven Valleys Parking lot off Church Street (SR214).

There are restroom facilities at Hanover Junction about 10 minutes into the ride.

We plan to ride about 60 to 75+ minutes south to New Freedom Rail Station (with restrooms). On the return trip, we will be stopping at the Four Springs Winery (50 Main Street) in Seven Valleys around 12:30 p.m. for wine tasting. We will be "tailgating" in the parking lot behind the winery. Parking is limited, so please carpool to reduce the number of tailgates on site. All alcohol consumed on the site must be purchased from the winery. The York Ski Club will provide tables and paper products. Guests should bring chairs and a covered dish to share with others. The club will provide several varieties of subs.

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