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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2019 and 2020 Trip Planning in Progress

The YSC Board is busy planning 2019 and 2020 ski trips. Several members attended the Philly Ski Show on May 7, 2018 to discuss 2020 options. We've had one setback on a 2019 trip; the double house for the Salt Lake Area trip is not available. We are looking at other lodging options or adjusting our travel dates. Fifty eight people attended our annual awards party on April 17, 2018. If you missed the event, the awards are summarized in this newsletter. The list of Presidential Pardons will be in the June Newsletter.

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. Todd Holtzinger has volunteered to fill the webmaster position.

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 in the planning stages:

YSC Trips

- Timberline/Canaan, WV 02/14 to 02/18/19
- Salt Lake City, UT 03/02 to 03/09/19 (Subject to Change)
 - Big Sky, MT 02/16 to 02/23/19

EPSC Trips

- Mt. Bachelor, OR 01/26 to 02/01/19
- Attitash/Wildcat, NH 02/28 to 03/03/19
- Park City/Sundance Film, UT 2/08 to 02/15/19

ICWC Trip

- Heavenly/Lake Tahoe 01/30 to 02/06/19

YSC will not be taking the lead on any EPSC or ICWC trips, but we will advise you of other clubs you may want to contact. Our Timberline/Canaan, WV trip is about one third full. We hope to finalize the details on the other trips by the July 15, 2018 YSC Annual Picnic. Another 01/11 to 01/13/19 weekend trip to Belleayre, NY may be added. Please contact Rick Resh (Home Phone: 717-767-5951) if you're interested.

My final EPIC TRIP article to Jay Peak with four other YSC members is this month's article. If you have a particular favorite trip for the June Newsletter, let me know and I will help you with the details.

Rick

HAPPY HOUR: TUESDAY, May 15, 2018

The first York Ski Club Happy Hour of this season will be held on the third Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at The Crimson American Grille at 1839 South Queen Street. While we have reservations inside, we plan to be on the patio if weather conditions permit. We will place food orders about 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend, neighbor or coworker who might be interested in joining the club.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ *05/07/2018– Philadelphia Ski Show*
- ♦ *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*

TRIP INFORMATION

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.

If you have any questions, contact Rick Resh (Home Phone: 717-767-5951).

Big Sky Montana 2019

If you want to ski the largest resort in North America with over 5800 acres and short lift lines, you will want to join us on our trip to Big Sky. This trip will include flights, hotel lodging with breakfast, and spectacular scenery and great snow. Yellowstone National Park with snowmobiling options are close to the resort for non-skiing excursions.

This trip is being finalized now for February 16-23, 2019. We are working on Harrisburg or Baltimore for departure. Estimated cost is \$1900 including lift ticket. If you are interested, contact Mike now at swissnutmike@gmail.com or 717-542-1735 as this trip sold out early the last time it was offered.

TRIP INFORMATION CONTINUED

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. 6 TO JAY PEAK, VT (2012)

One of my annual skiing goals was to see how many days I can ski after Roundtop closes each season. I was able to secure a one bedroom condo at Smuggler's Notch on a timeshare exchange. Lee McClellan, Craig Wentz, Shawn McEachern and Dave Fuhrman accompanied me on at Spring Fling trip in Mid-April. We planned to travel on Thursday, ski Jay Peak on Friday, Smuggler's on Saturday and do a half day at Killington on the way home on Sunday.

The sleeping arrangements in the condo presented our challenge. Dave and Shawn took the king bed, but they built a wall of pillows down the middle. Craig took a single next to Dave. Lee and Rick were on a large L-shaped sofa in the living room in sleeping bags. After the first night, Dave commented that Craig's face was closer to him than Shawn's.

Jay Peak was scheduled to close on Sunday and to avoid the weekend crowds; we opted to ski at Jay Peak on Friday. What made this an EPIC TRIP was that two nor'easters went up the coast in the five days prior to our arrival. We had 40" of untracked powder to play with. The tram line was long, so we took the Quad to access the glades. We could ski any line through the trees that were wide enough to accommodate our skis. The downside to using the chairlift was we had some long slow runouts back to the base area.

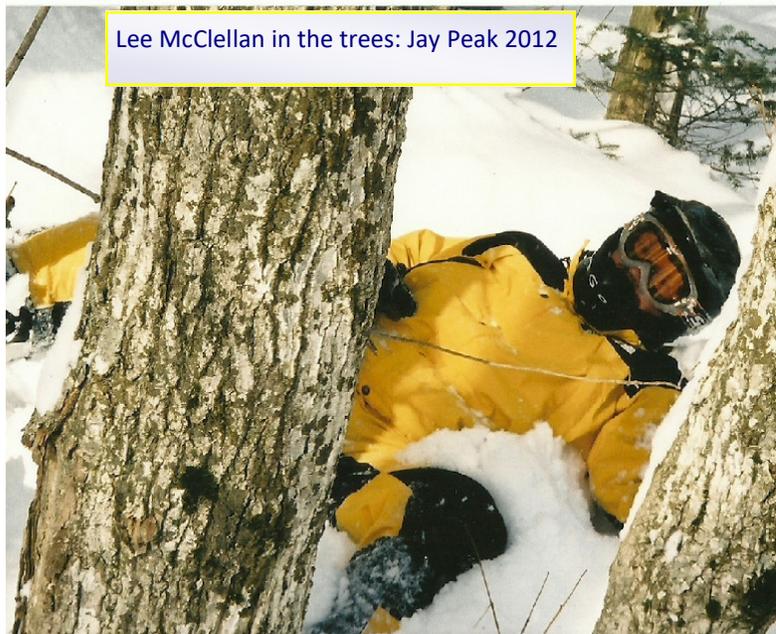
I remember Lee taking the lead and his hooping and hollering down thru the glades. We all took different lines, but we tried to keep each other in sight. There were a few close calls and near misses. If you heard "OH SHIT" it meant that Craig was on your tail. On one occasion, we heard a crash. I was first on the scene and found Lee wrapped around a tree. Since he was laughing, I took his picture.

Conditions were so good; we decided to skip Smuggler's and returned to Jay Peak on Saturday. We explored the rest of the mountain on day two. After lunch, on a run down the face, my ski caught a partially submerged evergreen. I fell backwards and my ski didn't release. I skied back to the base and quit for the day.

Sunday we awoke to heavy rains and skiing at Killington was out of the question. That was OK with me. On Monday my family doctor confirmed I had a torn calf muscle. He recommends I take it easy, minimize stairs use and in about two weeks start rehabilitation by bike riding. That sounded good to me and I started training for the next ski season.

Rick

Lee McClellan in the trees: Jay Peak 2012




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Hit and Run: I may be wrong, but Rick Resh was the only member to get run over on a slope called “Exit Left” from behind by a female skier on “Downdraft (or “ American Express”) at Sunday River Maine. She did stop to apologize and confirmed I was alright. At least 5 trails cross within 35 yards and there are no merge warning signs. I am proposing that this event be re-named and that the Vortex Award sign be passed around each year for the YSC Member who is hit by the most skiers or boarders each season.

Lost Souls: This award is typically given to some wayward or lost skier (or hikers in 2016), but this year Gordy Diehl, put a twist on the WORDING of this award to “Lost Soles”. At breakfast on 2/26/18, he showed us his hiking shoes, both of which had separated soles. Welch’s Restaurant staff provided a bright green duct tape, that didn’t stick too well. Our Executive Coach Driver furnished a white colored duct tape. While Rick added a Nike Logo, Gordy was hoping for some autographs. We joked all week about his clown shoes.

DVD Incompetent Technician: How many YSC members does it take to operate a DVD? The player on our Executive Coach didn’t work. After viewing the required safety briefing, we put in a ski movie. The DVD didn’t play and wouldn’t eject. Rick Resh, Mike March, Bob Martin, Terry Holtzinger and Rick Bosco all tried their hand at correcting the problem, but to no avail. At one point on the Interstate, the coach door mysteriously opened while the bus was moving. The Driver thought we may have mistakenly crossed two wires while working on the DVD player. The answer is 5 or more.

Misplaced Luggage: When Terry Holtzinger started to pack for the Banff/Lake Louise Trip, he couldn’t find his luggage. One of his daughters had borrowed his large suitcase and he was forced to use another pink canvas bag. Until his regular luggage materializes, we felt it was appropriate that he have a matching pink carry-on bag, with a reminder that the wine opener cannot go inside the carry-on.

Lost Luggage: After arriving at Calgary, AB, we discovered the luggage for Tom Cree and Pete Sheffield was found in New Jersey and Steve and Mark Rulis’s luggage was sent to Washington DC. They all needed new equipment and clothing.

Lost Bicycle: Several YSC members took up mountain biking to get in shape for the upcoming ski season. Last summer Todd Holtzinger’s bike became displaced from his roof rack while driving to work on Interstate 83. The driver in the next car ran over the bike, punctured his oil pan and flatted a tire. Todd did return to the accident scene to exchange insurance information and pickup bike pieces. His bike was totaled and he had to finish out the year with his old bike.

Sleepwalker: This award is typically reserved for Craig Wentz, but I didn’t hear any stories. So this year’s award goes to Bethany Lohss, who stumbled getting off the lift at Mount Norquay. She didn’t have her skis on and was actually uploading. She broke a bone in her shoulder on the fall. Doesn’t this sound like a bad dream?

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Bethany, her Prince Byron and a least 7 others got caught in a white out the last day of skiing at Sunshine village. While some were grumpy, others lucky enough to be inside for lunch were happy. What were the names of the other 5 Dwarfs?

Biggest Yard Sale: There wasn’t an event on the slope that qualified for the award this past season. But off the slope, it was a different story. When we returned from the New England bus trip on Friday 3/2/18, the Raborn’s car was missing from the Queensgate Parking lot. My first thoughts were that it was stolen or mistakenly towed for illegal parking. Apparently the night before, a 2017 Mercedes left Hollywood Drive, traveled down the steep embankment crashing into several cars. In all, 5 cars were towed away. The driver was arrested for substance abuse. Damage to Raborn’s car was major and the driver was underinsured. Resolution of the claim is still pending.

Artistic Sculpturing: We know that kids always play with their food. Shawn MacEachen is no exception; he fashioned his rare prime rib into a shape of a vagina during the Grand Buffet at the Colonial Inn. What would your younger brother, Shane, say?

Best Powder Day: While we had several light powder days in British Columbia/Alberta, Canada, but the award goes to Val d’Isere, France for some major snowfall events.

Epic Day Off: On Wednesday, 2/28/17, about a dozen YSC members visited the historic Mount Washington Hotel, the views through Crawford Notch and the west side off Mt. Washington including the Cog Railroad. What we didn’t enjoy were the prices of drinks and lunch.

2017 – 2018 York Ski Club Ski Season Awards Continued

Starshit Enterprise: Brenda O'Carroll and Robin Konrad decided to rent cars in Gorham, NH and the "star" front desk clerk advised them to use Enterprise Car Rental. Turn right at the front door and it's only a few blocks. Two miles later they arrived, only to find out that Enterprise still does pickups and deliveries. The desk clerk gave out some shitty advice.

Free Bird Award: Three YSC members (Dave Fuhrman, Todd Holtzinger and Gordy Diehl) fell off the lift at Sunday River. Only Todd tripped the stop gate bar.

Lift Malfunction: We unloaded the bus at Wildcat Mountain on Tuesday 2/27/18 and then realized the only lift to the top of the mountain was down. The estimated repair time was 4 hours. Luckily we had a 2 day interchangeable ticket with Attitash, so we reloaded the coach and skied at Attitash.

Full Moon Award: Typically this award goes to Shawn MacEachren, but again I didn't hear any stories. There were rumors that Mike March and Dave Fuhrman wore the same orange Jockey briefs over their swim suit, but there was no nudity involved. It has come to my attention that after Tom Cree lost his luggage he was checking out other men's behinds, especially the Levis sizing label above the rear pocket to determine who might be a match. His butt peeping gets the award this season.

NASCAR Pass of the Year: In Connecticut, a car driver couldn't make up his mind to get into the I-93 or I-91 turn lane. After two attempted blocking moves by the driver, our Executive Coach Driver, Lisa Ranck, said a few curse words, blew the horn and made the pass.

Tipsy Award: Tom Cree, our Safety Supervisor, failed to read the sign at Roundtop Mountain Resort to keep ski tips up and his skis slammed into the lift station.

Best Retro Day Costumes: The winner was Wanda "Cher" Nell, who wore a one piece plum colored jump suit with a large midriff belt, long black wig and a pair of "Jackie O" sunglasses. Molly Mummert wore the outfit three years ago, Susie used it two years ago and Mike made a scene in the parking lot last year with his afro wig. We are not sure what Nevin Nell was wearing (if anything) since he was fishing and was missing in action.

Best Costume Award at Belleayre: Goes to King Richard as Stupid Cupid. In keeping with the valentine theme, the King offered to perform marriages and divorces free of charge that weekend. He also offered to assist with relationship consulting. But why the compound bow? That was reserved for the more complicated consultations.

Volunteer of the Year: Goes to Tom Cree, our newsletter editor, who has lasted more than one year. A big Thank You for all your hard work and quick turnaround.

Volunteers of the Decades: Goes to Mary Amsbaugh, our current Treasurer, and Deb Angstadt, our current Secretary, for the decades of service to the Club. And big a THANK YOU goes to both, especially Deb (and Don) for providing a place for Board Meetings.

Most Beer Tags Missed: It appears that no one was keeping score this past season. But Mike Oberdick told me about the icy sidewalk conditions at a French bar where he and several others fell. They should have collected a free beer from each person who fell if properly tagged.

Comeback Skier: Goes to Gordy Diehl. After hip surgery, Gordy was back on the slopes, when he wasn't falling off the lift.

Most Valuable Player: Finally, this award to Chip Konrad as the only YSC member who attended all 4 trips this past season.



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