



The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings SSC members! With the month of December upon us and a New Year just ahead, 'tis the season for parties! Throughout the year, SSC frequently provides the opportunity for its members and guests to party. The Get-Acquainted Party and all the social activities involving our ski trips are a few of those opportunities in our future. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that whether you are a member, a board member or the guest of a member you are responsible for your behavior. Any unacceptable or illegal activity that you participate in during an SSC-sponsored event jeopardizes your membership or opportunity for membership as well as the reputation of the Susquehanna Ski and Snowboard Club. I am so pleased that our membership is increasing this year and it is because many of you take pride in SSC and promote it with dignity to prospective members. I ask that you please respect the law and the reputation of SSC while enjoying the events provided to you. Have a safe and happy holiday season and I hope to see you at the next party!

~ Best regards, Joanne

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, HOLIDAY PARTY & NEW MEMBER MIXER Tuesday, December 2

You won't want to miss this one. Santa will be there along with his very pretty helpers. The club will provide snacks after we conclude our usual business meeting. Please bring a wrapped "dollar store" gift for the gift exchange. And if you forgot about the food drive last month, we are still accepting nonperishable food items for the Food Bank at the December meeting. Social hour starts at 6:30, membership meeting starts at 7:30.

Are you new to the club this year? The New Member Mixer preceding our December meeting is your chance to meet the SSC board of directors. We'll have a private room for a wine 'n cheese social hour just for you beginning at 6:30.

Directions: From I-83, take exit 40A and turn east onto Limekiln Road. After the traffic light on the east side of the highway, turn left at the Rode-way Inn "Enter Here" sign; Doc Holliday's is the building on your left as you enter the parking lot, the club meets in the Comedy Zone just next to the game room.

Thank-you to everyone who participated in November's Food Bank drive!! \$38 in cash and 138 lbs. of canned food items were collected at the November Membership Meeting.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Susquehanna Ski and Snowboard Club is one of the largest ski clubs on the East Coast. We are operated by an elected board of directors which comes from our membership and they oversee the daily operation of the club's business. A nominating committee chaired by the Past President (Sherry Predix) is soliciting candidates for positions that the club needs to fill for the upcoming year (April 1, 2009- March 31, 2010). Currently, we have open positions that the club needs to fill. Qualifications include your love for our club and a little extra time. Nominations for each position will be presented at the SSC January membership meeting. At the meeting, nominations will also be opened and taken from the floor. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Sherry at 717-957-2925 or pastpresident@skissc.com.

TROEG'S CHALLENGE CUP RACE Sunday, January 25

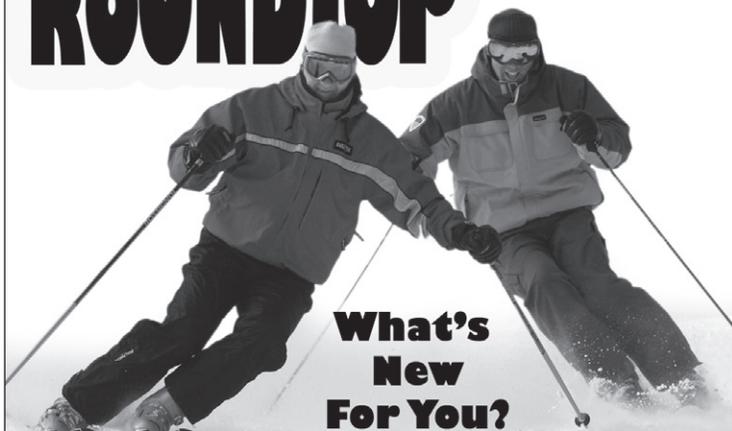
The Troeg's Challenge Cup Race will be held at Ski Roundtop on Sunday, January 25. Registration will be at the ski school desk from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Discounted lift tickets will be available for race participants. We hope to compete against the Lancaster Ski Club, the Columbia Ski Club and the BS Bombers. The Troeg's Cup Race will be around noon. The fee to enter this race is \$5. Competitors can enter in either the FUN category or as a serious competitor. The Challenge Cup was won by LSC last year. It has been almost 4 years since we have brought the trophy home so please come out to support our ski club. After the race is completed there will be a party and awards ceremony with the other clubs in the Summit Room. The price of the party is just \$5 per person. Jesse Eash will be the chair for the Challenge Cup Race. Contact him with your questions at 717-796-0347 or j.ceash@verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec 2 | Membership Meeting, Holiday Party & New Member Mixer @ Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland |
| Dec 2 | Pre-trip meeting (Sun Valley) @ Doc Holliday's |
| Dec 7 | Christmas Show & Dinner @ American Music Theatre & Fulton Steamboat Inn, Lancaster – contact Brenda Bent |
| Dec 17 | Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill |
| Jan 6 | Membership Meeting @ Doc Holliday's |
| Jan 6 | Pre-trip meetings (Banff, Killington, Park City) @ Doc Holliday's |
| Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 | Skier/Boarder Development @ Ski Roundtop |
| Jan 10 | Sun Valley trip departs |
| Jan 16 | Elk Friday day trip |
| Jan 24 | Elk Saturday day trip |
| Jan 24 | Park City/Deer Valley trip departs |
| Jan 25 | Troeg's Cup Race @ Ski Roundtop – contact Jesse Eash |
| Jan 28 | Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center, Camp Hill |
| Jan 28 | Killington trip departs |
| Feb 3 | Hooky day – contact Joanne Roth |

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ELK FRIDAY ~ January 16

Season's Greetings! It will not be long before we'll be able to schlep on up to Elk Mountain on Friday January 16. So give yourself an early Christmas present and buy a ticket at the ridiculously low price of \$75 on or before November 30 [the cost will only increase a meager sawbuck

(\$10.00) after this date]. In your present

you will find the opportunity to take a scenic bus ride to Elk on a bus stocked with drinks, snacks and good GP-rated entertainment [to be announced on the bus]; a pizza party for lunch and to

top off the day, a dinner at the world famous Banshee Irish Pub in Scranton. The cost of the

dinner is not included in the trip fee. Please contact trip leader Richard Faux at rfaux@skissc.com or 717-772-8287 or mail checks to Richard Faux 5273 Strathmore Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Please check out the "message board" at www.skissc.com.



ELK SATURDAY ~ January 24

You want to go. When the winter winds bugle, you can hear Elk Mountain calling your name. Picture yourself smiling as you cruise down the long groomers or carve your name around the moguls. Ski the best mountain in the state. Enjoy the pizza buffet with friends. Relax and allow us to chauffeur your party directly to the lodge. Receive a discounted lift ticket. You are so there already. Throw in complimentary beverages, snacks and good friends, this trip cannot be beat. You know you have to do it. So save yourself \$10 and sign up now. Get the whole package for \$85 until November 30. After that it's still only \$95. Sign up early and you can start smiling now. Wait and risk missing the bus. Contact trip leader Bob Burns at 34 Rocky Ridge Rd., Dillsburg PA 17019, 717-432-3013, bburns@skissc.com.

SEVEN SPRINGS WEEKEND February 6-8

Join our ski adventure February 6-8 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, rated the #1 Ski Resort last year in the Mid-Atlantic Region by Ski Magazine. This ski area is noted for plenty of natural and man-made snow and a very active nightlife, with restaurants, shops and other entertainment on-site. Double occupancy prices are \$370 per person, \$331 triple, and \$311 quad; children ages 6-11 accompanied by two adults are \$202 each. These prices include two nights lodging at slope-side towers hotel, daily breakfast buffets, 2-night and 2-day lift tickets, one après ski dinner buffet Saturday evening, complementary overnight ski check, use of the indoor swimming pool and exercise room, and all taxes. Non-skiers trade their lift ticket for two coupons each of bowling, roller-skating, and miniature golf, plus one coupon for snow-tubing, and one \$2-off coupon toward another snow-tubing ticket. Contact trip leader Lovena Nickle-Haslam at lnickle@skissc.com or 717-541-8803.

BLUE MOUNTAIN Friday, February 20

Don't miss the last day trip of the season! SSC will be spending the day at Blue Mountain on Friday, February 20, and checking out all the improvements made over the past year. We will depart Harrisburg at 7 am and leave the mountain at 6 pm on a direct route home. Trip price includes a one-day lift ticket, roundtrip bus ride with refreshments and lunch. Since the early bird discount of \$75 will expire November 30, time is running out for the discounted rate. Dec 1, the cost of the trip will be \$85. Send your check payable to 'SSC Blue Mt 2009' to trip leader Susie Seighman, 1412 Inverness Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, sseighman@skissc.com, 717-576-2096.

TRIP PAYMENTS

If you have signed up for a SSC trip, your next payment may be due and should be sent to your trip leader. By paying on time you avoid those nasty late charges and avoid possible removal from a trip for non-payment. Below is a list of dates for your final payments.

Taos	final payment due	December 1
Banff/Lake Louise	final payment due	December 6
Steamboat	final payment due	December 6
Alyeska	final payment due	January 5

PRE-TRIP MEETINGS

Time is flying by and it's time for pre-trip meetings to get the low-down from the trip leaders about our trips. The following four trip meetings will be held at Doc Holliday's in New Cumberland.

December 2, 6:00 pm	Sun Valley
January 6, 6:30 pm	Banff/Lake Louise, Killington and Park City

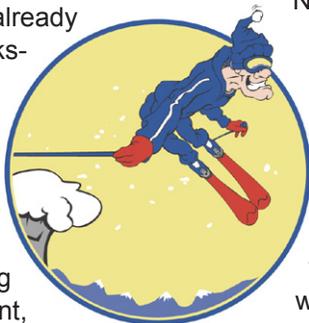
2008-2009 TRIPS

We only include detailed information on our room-available trips in our print publications. For more information on any waiting-list trip, contact the trip leader or check out our website, www.skissc.com. Application forms for all trips are available on our website.

Dates	Destination	% Filled	Trip Leader(s)/Contact Information
Jan 10-17	Sun Valley, ID	Waiting List	Ron Nagle - rnagle@skissc.com /717-657-4993
Jan 16 (Fri)	Elk Mtn, PA	Open; Early Bird Price Ends Nov 30	Richard Faux - rfaux@skissc.com /717-772-8289
Jan 24 (Sat)	Elk Mtn, PA	Open; Early Bird Price Ends Nov 30	Bob Burns - bburns@skissc.com /717-432-3013
Jan 24-31	Park City/Deer Valley, UT	Waiting List	Becky Havice - bpatthavice@skissc.com /717-248-7271 Bob Havice - bhavice@skissc.com /717-248-8696
Jan 28-Feb 1	Killington, VT	Needed: single male. 1 room left - needs to be turned in Dec 1	Pam McKechnie - pmckechnie@skissc.com /717-507-7196
Feb 6-8	Seven Springs, PA	Open; deadline soon to turn back rooms	Lovena Nickle-Haslam - lnickle@skissc.com /717- 541-8803
Feb 8-15	Banff/Lake Louise, Can	Waiting List	Brenda Bent - bbent@skissc.com /717-921-2575
Feb 20 (Fri)	Blue Mtn, PA	Open; Early Bird Price Ends Nov 30	Susie Seighman - sseighman@skissc.com /717-576-2096
Feb 21-28	Taos, NM	Open; air seats turned in Dec 17	Carolyn Eash - ceash@skissc.com /717-796-0347
Mar 7-14	Steamboat Springs, CO	Needed: single female.	Dave Timothy - dtimothy@skissc.com /717-834-3361 Scott Henne - shenne@skissc.com /717-241-0013
Mar 21-28	Alyeska, AK	Open; air seats turned in Dec 27	Sherry Predix - spredix@skissc.com /717-957-2925

TAOS, NEW MEXICO February 21-28

As you look through your Chairlift Chatter, browse SSC's website or talk to other ski club members, you will notice that your pickings are very slim for spots on the remaining western week-long trips, so don't hesitate too much longer. Taos already has snow and their opening day is Thanksgiving. Only a few spots remain on this trip, and it is only \$1,436 per person. Trip includes roundtrip air from BWI, bus transfers, and 5 days of skiing. A 6th day lift ticket is available for \$32. Taos is expanding the ski terrain and the Snakedance Condos are also improving their facilities, remodeling their restaurant, weight-room, and spa. We'll see the sights of Santa Fe with a "groceries" stop in the town of Taos on the way to the resort. We'll stay at the Snake-Dance Condominium in 2-bedroom/2-bath condos with a full kitchen and a living room with fireplace. The Inn is located steps from the lifts in the heart of the ski village, conveniently surrounded by many shops and services! Daily breakfasts are included in this condo package. Take the "Chile Line" shuttle to the town of Taos and enjoy the culture of the area or shop till you drop at many galleries and boutiques. When you get hungry from your browsing and/or shopping, there are various restaurants to fill your appetite. Everyone will enjoy a group welcome party and receive a free Taos logo vest. Contact trip leader Carolyn Eash at ceash@skissc.com or 717-796-0347.



ALYESKA, ALASKA ~ March 21 -28

Don't miss this chance to see and ski Alaska. Time is running out...hotel rooms and air seats have to be turned in by mid-December. Something for everyone: diverse terrain for all levels, non-skier options with the activity pass, daily breakfasts, ski-in/ski-out hotel location and shuttle/bus service to explore other areas of Alaska. Request a wake-up call if you want to view the dancing

Northern Lights. Slopes open at 10 am so you can sleep in and enjoy the breakfast buffet each morning. Sitting on a glacier, Alyeska offers 1,400 skiable acres, over 630" of annual snow-fall, non-existent lift lines, unparalleled views, 2,500' of vertical, wide-open bowls and long top-to-bottom and treeline runs. Nine state-of-the-art lifts including one 60-passenger aerial tram you board from the lower level of your hotel. Lodging 6 nights at the ski-in/ski-out Hotel Alyeska Resort & Spa and 1 night at Captain Cook's in Anchorage. Hotel Alyeska has a fitness center, whirlpool and lap pool. Room includes bathrobe, slippers, mini-fridge, hair dryer, iron, heated towel rack, in-phone data port, coffee maker, movie system and more. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to BWI, fly to Minneapolis then into Anchorage. Bus ride from airport is approximately 45 minutes to resort. Return bus and air transfers are the same as going out. Optional add-ons include (prices are TBD): 5-hour snowmobile journey to explore glaciers and ice caves, and a Resurrection Bay glacier and wildlife cruise with dinner. Double occupancy prices are \$1,932 per person (ages 14-69) and \$1,804 per person (ages 70 & over) and include roundtrip bus and air, lodging, breakfast and vouchers. Discounted prices are also available for junior and child. Send your deposit of \$500pp payable to "SSC Alyeska 2009" to trip leader Sherry Predix, 307 Doe Run, Marysville, PA 17053. Contact Sherry if you have any questions at spredix@skissc.com or 717-957-2925.





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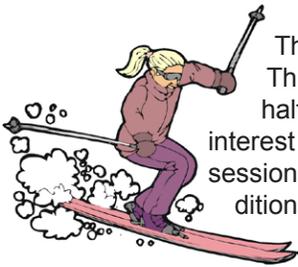
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SKIER/BOARDER DEVELOPMENT



The SSC Skier and Snowboarder Development Program will be held at Ski Roundtop on the last four Thursday evenings in January starting January 8. This is a program of group ski or snowboard, one and a half hour lessons. The groups are made up of SSC members exclusively and are divided by ability level or interest in developing a particular technique. You will have the same instructors with the same groups for all four sessions. The lessons are followed each night with a SSC après ski social with snacks and beverages. For additional information, contact Phyllis Doherty at 717-652-4864 or phyllisdoherty@comcast.net.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

We had the planning meeting for this year's Special Olympics Program, and Michelle Miller is taking over for Gale Livelsberger as the SO head coach. Deb Angstad and Philip Durgin continue as the York and SSC coordinators, respectively. Michelle is working on a "kick-off" meeting for the athletes prior to the season to review clothing (some still wear only light cotton socks), equipment and other expectations. We also talked about setting goals for some of the veteran participants, such as being able to buckle their boots and get up from a fall without assistance. This year's season starts January 8. Philip will be contacting prior SSC volunteers to determine their availability. New volunteers should contact Philip Durgin at 717-732-5325 or pdurgin@comcast.net to obtain a volunteer application form.

2008-2009 Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club Membership Application / Renewal Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
Spouse: Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Email: _____
Spouse's Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

DEPENDENTS UNDER 18

(Only those with name & birthdate will be included in your membership)

_____ Birthdate _____
_____ Birthdate _____
_____ Birthdate _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- Individual - \$25.00
 Family - \$35.00
 Junior (18-20) - \$20.00
 List Birthdate _____

 NEW MEMBER
Sponsor _____ optional

 RENEWAL
Last year of membership _____

FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING SSC ACTIVITIES,
PLEASE HELP US DETERMINE THE
DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR CLUB.

- 1) _____ Single? _____ Married?
_____ Do you have children? Ages _____
_____ Do the children ski? _____ Snowboard?
- 2) Number of each skier type in your membership:
_____ Non-Skiers, _____ Beginners,
_____ Intermediates, _____ Advanced Skiers
- 3) Number of persons in your membership in each age range:
_____ Under 18 _____ 18-25 _____ 26-39
_____ 40-49 _____ 50-59 _____ 60+
- 4) Do you snowboard? _____ XCountry Ski? _____

I/we would like to volunteer to help with:

____ (1) Membership ____ (2) Meetings / Programs ____ (3) Social Events ____ (4) Publicity

Please make checks payable to: **SSC**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!