



The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I don't know about you, but it always seems to me that winter is an incredibly busy time. There's the season itself to enjoy, plus it's a time for laying plans for the year to come. This is all too true for your favorite club. While SSC's Trip Committee and Board are busy planning next year's trips, our Trip Leaders are leading hundreds of our members on winter adventures to resorts throughout the US and Canada.... By now I hope that most of you have been out on a mountain at least once. All reports indicate that members on our first trips out had a great time, despite this winter's sloooow start!

Our Camelback trip has been pushed back to March 2, a casualty of the mountain's effort to preserve its base of snow during a rainy spell. There's still room on this and our other day trips and you're about out of time to sign up, so act now!

We're again looking for a newsletter editor. Our most recent editor to fill the post regretfully had to step down for personal reasons. Please check out the July 2011 issue of *Chairlift Chatter* or our website for the position description and call me today!

Please open your ballot (if you receive notice of this newsletter via email, your ballot was also emailed to you) and participate in this important process. Our Director and Social Coordinator positions are contested this year. The online ballot will close at 5pm on February 7th, and if you received a paper ballot, mail it in or bring it to the membership meeting on the 7th before 8 pm to have your vote counted.

I hope you're having fun playing in that white stuff!!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 7

Come in off the slopes and join us on February 7 at Doc Holliday's for our membership meeting and election of officers. The social hour begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting at 7:30 pm. We have pre-trip meetings scheduled prior to the business meeting so please don't enter the Comedy Zone room before 7:30. Our program will feature **Mark Malinoski**, the **Technical Director for Roundtop Mountain Resort's Snowsports Learning Center**. Mark's presentation will cover the benefits of instruction, proper riding technique, beginner and advanced riding techniques, and adjusting your equipment to fit your riding style.

Meeting Location & Directions: Doc Holliday's Comedy Zone, New Cumberland. From I-83, take exit 40A and turn east onto Limekiln Road; turn left at the Comfort Inn sign.

PRE-TRIP MEETINGS ~ Tues., Feb. 7

Pre-trip meetings for **VAIL** and **BIG SKY** will be held at Doc Holliday's in New Cumberland on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm before our regular membership meeting. Look for signs directing you to your trip's meeting room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu, Feb 2, 7 pm	Group Ride/Ski Night/Social @ Roundtop Mountain Resort, contact skierdevelopment@skissc.com
Tue, Feb 7, 6:30 pm	Pre-trip Meetings (Vail and Big Sky) @ Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland, contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Tue, Feb 7, 7:30 pm	Membership Meeting & Board Election @ Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland, contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Thu, Feb 9, 7 pm	Group Ride/Ski Night/Social @ Roundtop Mountain Resort, contact skierdevelopment@skissc.com
Fri, Feb 10	Seven Springs Day Trip, contact svedder@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 11, 9 am	Ski4Life Ski and Snowboard Fundraiser Marathon, contact ski4life@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 11	Whistler Trip Departs, contact bbent@skissc.com
Sun, Feb 12	Killington/Pico Trip Departs, contact lnickle@skissc.com
Thu, Feb 16, 7 pm	Group Ride/Ski Night/Social @ Roundtop Mountain Resort, contact skierdevelopment@skissc.com
Fri, Feb 17, 5 pm	Friday Nite Social @ MoMo's BBQ & Grill (Harrisburg), contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 18, 8 am	Crystal Lake Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing, contact rnagle@skissc.com
Thu, Feb 23, 7 pm	Group Ride/Ski Night/Social @ Roundtop Mountain Resort, contact skierdevelopment@skissc.com
Fri, Feb 24	Elk Mountain Day Trip, contact mwalter@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 25	Vail Trip Departs, contact mlamanna@skissc.com
Wed, Feb 29, 6:30 pm	Board Meeting @ Giant (Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg) contact president@skissc.com
Thu, Mar 1, 7 pm	Group Ride/Ski Night/Social @ Roundtop Mountain Resort, contact skierdevelopment@skissc.com
Fri, Mar 2	Camelback Mountain Day Trip, contact zalger@skissc.com
Tue, Mar 6, 7:30 pm	Membership Meeting @ Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland, contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Wed, Mar 7	Big Sky Trip Departs, contact mpatton@skissc.com
Fri, Mar 16, 5 pm	Friday Nite Social Pub Crawl, contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Sun, Mar 25	Hershey Bears Hockey vs Charlotte Checkers (Giant Center, Hershey), contact bcapers@skissc.com
Sat, Apr 28	Spring Awards Banquet @ Enola Sportsmen's Association, Enola, contact lneidig@skissc.com

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AT CRYSTAL LAKE

Saturday, February 18

Join us for a day of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice tobogganing in northern Pennsylvania on Saturday, February 18. Unlike downhill skiing, a day at Crystal Lake Ski Center (www.crystallakeskicenter.com) is very economical and provides a great workout. Tickets are only \$10 for the day and rental equipment is also available for only \$10. Over 20 miles of groomed trails weave through the wooded surroundings offering easy to difficult terrain.

Weather permitting, we will travel to Eagles Mere (www.eaglesmere.org) later in the day to slide down an authentic ice toboggan run made from blocks of ice that are cut from the lake by the local fire department.

We will carpool from the Duncannon area to Crystal Lake located near Hughesville, Pa. (1½-2 hour drive from the Harrisburg area). Meet in the Commuters' Parking Lot located below the Clark's Ferry Bridge at 8 am Saturday morning, February 18. Directions to the lot: Follow Rt. 322 West along the east side of the Susquehanna River. Just before the Clark's Ferry Bridge, bear to the right onto Rt. 147 North (Halifax). The parking lot is on your immediate left underneath the bridge. For additional information contact **Ron Nagle** at 717-574-2175 or at rnagle@skissc.com.

HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY ~ Sunday, March 25

Come join your SSC friends and experience the fastest and best spectator sport in the world when Hershey takes on the Charlotte Checkers of the American Hockey League at 5 pm. Hershey is again a main contender for this year's Calder Cup.

We will meet at Shakey's (Overtime) Sports Bar, 312 Mill Street, Hershey, around 2:30 pm for food and drink (cost not included) and some socializing prior to departing for the Giant Center. After the pregame gathering, we will board Shakey's Shuttle for a roundtrip ride to the Giant Center for the game. A minimum of 6 persons is needed to reserve the shuttle. Shakey's will make two trips after the game; if you miss the shuttle, you are on your own to get back to Shakey's. If you choose to carpool instead, cost per car is \$6.

Reserved seats are in the 100 level and are regularly \$23.50 per ticket, but with 15 people we will benefit from an \$18.50 discounted group price. Make your check in the amount of \$18.50 per ticket payable to "SSC" and send to **Bill Capers** at 115 Red Haven Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Please reserve your spot with Bill ASAP. **The absolute deadline to sign up is February 29.** For information or questions, e-mail Bill at bcapers@skissc.com or call 717-932-9379.

SEND CANCER DOWNHILL... SKI4LIFE! ~ Saturday, February 11

The Ski4Life marathon runs from 9 am to 9 pm on Saturday, February 11 and offers something for everyone. It's not too late for you to help 'SEND CANCER DOWNHILL'. Ski4Life is not just people skiing for a great cause. It is volunteers who help with set up, registration, handing out food and cheering on the participants. It is people who donate to their favorite participant or team. It is family and friends who help support the people that participate in this great cause. There is still time to register a team or support one or all of them. If you have some free time, come and cheer the participants on. Contact **Sue Leonard** at ski4life@skissc.com to volunteer a few hours of your time. The two SSC teams are **SSC Team SKI-4-A-Cure: Ron Nagle, Nan Davenport, Carolyn Eash and Becky Havice**, and **SSC Altimeters: David Hedge, Sue Leonard, Priscilla Hooper and Mitchell Tice**.

To donate or register, visit cpa.ski4life.ilsevent.org. Contact **Sara Shedlosky**, LLS Event Coordinator, at 717-652-6520 if you have any questions regarding this link.

Click "**Register Now**" and follow registration instructions.

Click "**Donate Now**" then "Search" and choose your favorite skier to make your donation.

Cash donations may also be made at the event or directly to a team member. We are looking forward to the day and hope to see you there!!



SSC SPRING DINNER DANCE AND AWARDS NIGHT ~ Saturday, April 28

You all know that your favorite ski club strives to give you the best value for your dollar. Therefore, we are going to offer you an evening of fellowship, a buffet all-you-can-eat dinner and dancing delight at a very modest price of only \$15.95! That's right... fifteen dollars and ninety-five cents! And if you need some liquid courage to help you get out on the dance floor, the bartender will treat you well. Drink prices are a great deal at this venue.

So here's the scoop: **Date:** Saturday April 28; **Time:** 5:30 pm 'til 11 pm (dinner buffet at 7 pm); **Entertainment:** DJ Greg from The Central PA Ski Expo (he'll welcome your song requests); **Place:** The Enola Sportsmen's Association, 290 Pine Hill Road Ext, Enola, Pa.

One more thing folks... this year, for the first time, we will welcome members and guests who arrive after 8 pm for only a \$3 cover charge at the door. But we really encourage you to join us for a wonderful dinner and awards ceremony. So mail a check made payable to "SSC" for \$15.95 per person to **Len Neidig**, 204 Hollywood Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011. If you have any questions, contact Len at 756-9828 or lneidig@skissc.com.



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THERE'S STILL ROOM ON OUR DAY TRIPS!!

Deadlines to sign up for these discounted day trips are fast approaching. Do yourself a favor and sign up today—you won't regret it! More details on these mountains and trip packages can be found under Trips on SSC's website.

SEVEN SPRINGS, PA ~ Friday, February 10

Trip package price of \$52 includes round-trip motorcoach transport, driver tips, lift ticket and an experienced guide to winter fun – your trip leader! For more information, contact **trip leader Steve Vedder** at 717-585-1963 or svedder@skissc.com. Reserve your seat now by sending your completed trip application and payment of \$52 per person made payable to "SSC" to Steven R. Vedder, 175 Maple Hill Drive, Etters, PA 17319.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA ~ Friday, February 24

Trip package price of \$61 includes round-trip motorcoach transport, driver tips and lift ticket. Send your completed trip application and payment of \$61 per person made payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Mark Walter**, 1605 Matthew Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011. Contact Mark at 717-728-9234 or mwalter@skissc.com with your questions.

CAMELBACK, PA ~ Friday, March 2

NEW TRIP DATE!!! Trip package price of \$54 includes round-trip motorcoach transport, driver tips and lift ticket. Send your completed trip application and payment of \$54 per person made payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Zach Alger**, 2075 South Forge Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078. Contact Zach at zalger@skissc.com or 717-480-3534 with your questions.

EMERGENCY NOTICES

Stormy weather... icy or snow-clogged roads? What to do?

Look for SSC membership and pre-trip meeting cancellation notices on the home page of SSC's website...

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SHARE YOUR MEMORIES!

SSC's Photo Historian, Janet Carrick, is collecting print and digital pictures that show our members enjoying club activities. Please forward post-it tagged (location & ID) print photos to **Janet Carrick**, 1136 Baish Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Digital photos should be e-mailed to photos@skissc.com. Please limit your enthusiasm to 3 pictures per venue! All photos will be added to Scrapbook History 2002-2012. Digitals may be used on SSC website, in SSC print publications and in slideshows. Share your fun with photos!

THURSDAY GROUP RIDE/SKI & SOCIALS

Join your fellow SSC members for the club's weekly Skier Development group riding session. We've begun to meet Thursday nights at 7 pm by the clock near the group lesson spot. This weekly "meeting of minds" will be used to strengthen our bodies, sharpen our techniques and celebrate our passion for downhill. Be sure to join us for *après* ski around 8:30 at Roundtop's Fireside Pub, which serves the finest food and spirits. Any questions, please contact **Steve Vedder** at skierdevelopment@skissc.com.

EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE?

Contact **Jesse Eash** at membership@skissc.com with your new email or mailing address.