

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER. As Ted Heck wrote recently, **skiers must be eternal optimists. Optimists rejoice!! Snow days have arrived!!** As I look over the lineup of trips departing in the next several weeks, I'm getting excited anticipating the stories, tall and true, that we'll be telling around the fire, *après* ski. If you're one of the lucky ones going on one or more of our trips, be safe and above all, have fun!! **And in this time of new beginnings, please include in your New Year's resolutions a goal to become involved more actively in your club.** Take some time to ask your trip leader what leading a trip is like and if you like what you hear, volunteer to lead a trip next season! Or volunteer to organize an event! Or consider putting your name on SSC's election ballot!... I kid you not when I say that getting involved with SSC has been personally very rewarding. Start small if you don't know whether you can commit the time. As my mom always says, "many hands make light work".... Last word? We still have openings on Seven Springs, Elk, Banff and Whitefish trips. Going... gone!

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING & TRIP SIGNUP ~ Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm

It was great to see so many folks at our Holiday Party. There sure was not enough time to meet everyone, so you will just have to come to our January meeting, held the **SECOND TUESDAY of January**. Come early and take advantage of Gullifty's happy hour from 5-7 pm, featuring half-price drinks. You'll still have a chance to sign up for our Elk day trip at this meeting, so bring your checkbook! Our business meeting will start at 7 pm, where **nominations will be accepted from the**

floor for our 2013-2014 Board of Directors. The evening's program will feature **Heather Barr, Manager of Speech Therapy Services, Health South, York**, who will speak about **concussions (persistent signs, symptoms and how to manage them)**. For directions, go to gulliftys.net. And, thanks to participants in our November/December food drive for the **Central PA Food Bank; Jim Volstorf** delivered 206 pounds of food and \$121 collected in Santa's Hat! *Thanks Jim!*



SKI4LIFE BENEFIT: MONTE CARLO NIGHT ~ Saturday, January 12, 6 pm

Join us for a charity Monte Carlo Night Ski4Life fundraiser from 6-10 pm on Saturday, January 12 at Gullifty's Underground. For each donation of \$20, you will receive \$10,000 in "Fun Money" to exchange for chips at our Roulette, Black Jack, Texas Holdem and Craps tables. The doors will open at 6 pm and games begin at 7. Top winners

will be eligible for prizes. Proceeds from this event will benefit **The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**, and will be distributed equally among SSC fundraising participants in the 2013 **Ski4Life** event. While your winnings may be make-believe, the benefit to cancer patients in central PA will be very real. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any SSC Board member or at the door. Non-members are welcome. Please contact **Sherry Predix** with your questions at 717-957-2925 or spredix@skissc.com.

We are seeking sponsors for this event. Table sponsorships are available for \$50, and we're also accepting donations of goods or services for prizes. **Become a Monte Carlo Night sponsor and gain some recognition for your business at this worthy event!** Please contact any SSC Board member for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Dec 30	Seven Springs New Year's Trip Departs, tfalk@skissc.com
Tue, Jan 8, 7 pm	Membership Meeting/Trip Signup @ Gullifty's Underground: "Concussions", Heather Barr, Health South
Wed, Jan 9	Vail Trip Departs, dpaukovits@skissc.com
Sat, Jan 12, 6 pm	Monte Carlo Night - Ski4Life Benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, spredix@skissc.com
Sat, Jan 19	Aspen/Snowmass Trip Departs, mpatton@skissc.com
Wed, Jan 23, 6:30 pm	Board Meeting @ Gullifty's Underground, president@skissc.com
Wed, Jan 30	Quebec City Trip Departs, spredix@skissc.com
Tue, Feb 5, 7 pm	Membership Meeting @ Gullifty's Underground; 2013-2014 Board Election, Online Ballot Closes at 5pm
Fri, Feb 8	Elk Mountain Day Trip, wpignatella@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 9, 9-5 pm	Ninth Annual Ski4Life Fundraiser @ Roundtop Mountain Resort, ski4life@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 9	Park City Trip Departs, bharfmann@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 16	Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing @ Crystal Lake, rnagle@skissc.com
Thu, Feb 21	Whitefish/Sun Valley Trip Departs, dyingst@skissc.com
Sat, Feb 23	Banff/Lake Louise Trip Departs, rnagle@skissc.com
Wed, Feb 27, 6:30 pm	Board Meeting @ Gullifty's Underground



BOARD NOMINATION PROCESS / SSC ELECTION

SSC is now soliciting candidates for our 2013-2014 Board of Directors. The officers, directors and support staff oversee the day-to-day operations of the club. Board positions consist of President, Trip Vice President, Social Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Trip Coordinator, Social Coordinator and four Directors. For most positions, no special background is needed, just a passion for SSC and a desire to help the club thrive. If interested, please contact **Past President Becky Havice** at pastpresident@skissc.com. Job descriptions are available upon request. **Nominations for officers and directors will be presented at the January 8, 2013 SSC membership meeting and will also be accepted from the floor.** At least one position is currently contested.

As in recent years, the 2013-2014 SSC Election Ballot will be distributed to most of our members via email in early January, one copy per individual or family membership. To open your ballot and cast your vote, you'll need to be online. The online election process will close at 5pm on Tuesday, February 5th. Of course, if you're one of the few SSC members who has not yet provided us with a valid email address, we will send you a paper ballot via the US mail, also in early January. Paper ballots must be returned to our PO Box by the 5th or in person by 8 pm on the 5th to be counted.



SEND CANCER DOWNHILL! ~ Saturday, February 9

Our Ski4Life event is 8 hours this year, 9 am to 5 pm. There is still time to form a team!!! A team should raise \$1,000 and an individual, \$300. Participants will be kept energized with food and snacks all day, lots of cheering from the many volunteers, great prizes, a bonfire, hot chocolate mission moment, lots of fun, and best of all you are helping to save lives!!! Sounds like a win/win! We will be at the bottom of Minute Man on February 9th. Visit lls.org/cpa/ski4life to register or support a team. Attend SSC's January 12 Monte Carlo Night at Gullifty's and you will be supporting this event also. Please contact SSC's Ski4Life chair, **Sue Leonard**, at ski4life@skissc.com for more information. Help fund the research for cures to **SEND CANCER DOWNHILL!!**

CRYSTAL LAKE: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

Saturday, February 16

Return with SSC to Northern Pennsylvania to enjoy a day of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice tobogganing. Unlike downhill skiing, a day at Crystal Lake Ski Center (www.crystallakeskicenter.com) is very economical and provides a great workout. Trail passes are only \$15 for the day and rental equipment is also available for only \$15. Over 20 miles of groomed trails weave through wooded surroundings offering easy to difficult terrain. Weather-permitting, we will travel to Eagle's Mere (www.eaglesmere.org) later in the day to slide down an authentic ice toboggan run created from blocks of ice 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). Directions to the carpool meeting site will be published in the February newsletter. Until then, THINK SNOW!! For additional information, contact **Ron Nagle** at 717-574-2175 or rnagle@skissc.com.



2013 TRIP STATUS

<u>Destinations</u>	<u>Trip Dates</u>	<u>Trip Leaders</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>	<u>Status</u>
Seven Springs, PA	Dec. 30-Jan. 1	Terri Falk	tfalk@skissc.com	Open
Vail, CO	January 9-16	Dianne Paukovits	dpaukovits@skissc.com	Closed
Aspen / Snowmass, CO	January 19-26	Melody Patton	mpatton@skissc.com	Full/Waiting list
Quebec City, QC	Jan. 30-Feb. 5	Sherry Predix	spredix@skissc.com	Full/Waiting list
Elk Mountain, PA	February 8	Wendy Pignatella	wpignatella@skissc.com	Open
Park City, UT	February 9-16	Beth Harfmann	bharfmann@skissc.com	Full/Waiting list
Whitefish, MT	February 21-28	Dyan Yingst	dyingst@skissc.com	Need single female, full package avail.
Banff / Lake Louise, AB	Feb. 23- Mar. 2	Ron Nagle	rnagle@skissc.com	75% full
Steamboat, CO	March 9-16	Steve Vedder	svedder@skissc.com	Cancelled
Northern Italy	Sep. 29-Oct. 12	Mark LaManna	mlamanna@skissc.com	Open



PRE-TRIP MEETINGS: Please mark your calendars to attend your pre-trip meeting if you are signed up for any of our upcoming week-long trips. Attending these meetings is the best way to be informed of trip logistics, plus it's a great way to see who else will be going on your trip! Our pre-trip meetings will be held at Gullifty's Underground (in the Cedar Cliff Mall, 1104 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill) at 6 pm before our regular membership meeting on the same date. Look for signs directing you to your trip's meeting location: Tuesday, January 8—Aspen / Snowmass, Quebec City & Park City;

Tuesday, February 5—Whitefish & Banff / Lake Louise.

BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA ~ Sat. to Sat., February 23 – March 2

This trip will close at the end of December 2012, so if you're interested in joining us, the time to act is now!! Banff / Lake Louise is famous for its stunning scenery, magnificent accommodations and friendly Canadian hospitality. With an average annual snowfall of over 30 feet, more than 240 trails, bowls and glades, and lack of lift lines, this is truly a skier's paradise. SSC's trip price is \$1,949 pp/do, and includes round trip ground transfers, air from Philadelphia to Calgary, 7 nights' lodging at two Fairmont properties (Chateau Lake Louise and the Banff Springs Hotel), 3 breakfast buffet vouchers, 6-day lift ticket, a welcome party and farewell party. Send your completed trip application along with a check for full payment made payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Ron Nagle**, 2414 W. Bayberry Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112. For more information, contact Ron at rnagle@skissc.com or 717-574-2175.



LAST CHANCE FOR NEW YEAR'S FUN!!

Sunday to Tuesday, December 30 – January 1



Still haven't made New Year's plans? How about beginning 2013 on a high note by joining your SSC friends at Seven Springs for holiday fun on and off the slopes! At this point, you'll need to make your own hotel reservations at <http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/donegal/donpa/hoteldetail> or 724

-593-1881 since it's past the deadline to turn back unsold rooms. Contact **trip leader Terri Falk** to take advantage of our group lift ticket rate. This is now a "drive-yourself" trip; Terri can help to arrange carpooling for those interested. We have arranged for bus transportation on Monday, December 31, between the hotel and resort for skiers AND New Year's Eve party goers; take advantage of this for a small fee. And don't forget, you're on your own to make party reservations at the Foggy Goggle or another party being advertised at the resort. Contact Terri at tfalk@skissc.com or 717-228-9939 for more information.

ELK MOUNTAIN DAY TRIP

Friday, February 8

Join your SSC friends for a great day trip to Elk Mountain! Vermont skiing without the drive! SSC's price of \$82 pp includes round trip motor coach transportation between the Harrisburg area and the resort and your full-day lift ticket. Pick up is at BJ's in Camp Hill with a 6:30 am departure. If you're considering joining us on this trip, please don't delay.



Payment for the bus is due January 8th. Mail your check made payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Wendy Pignatella**, 26 North Eighth St., Lemoyne, PA 17043. Contact Wendy at wpignatella@skissc.com or 717-756-8984 with your questions.

NORTHERN ITALY WALKING TOUR ~ September 29 – October 12, 2013



Italy continues to surprise and delight us. Travelling in the bel paese (beautiful country) is one of those rare experiences in life that cannot be overrated. Join us for a wonderful walking tour to northern Italy visiting Venice, Florence, Siena, Pisa and the Italian Riviera – Cinque Terre.

Tour Venice's St. Mark Square, the Symbol of Venice; take a guided tour in a gondola and see Doge's Palace. Bid farewell to Venice and enjoy an alternative view of Italy as you pass through towns and villages on your approach to Florence, a beautiful city with a skyline recognized the world over. Florence's rich past as the cultural center of the Italian Renaissance can still be seen today in the wealth of art gathered here, and in the preservation of its splendid architecture. Visit the Academia Gallery, where we will view

Michelangelo's statuary masterpiece, David. Take an excursion to the Chianti area where you will enjoy lunch by a local farmhouse with wineries and olive trees.

Leave Florence by private bus through the countryside of Tuscany as your private driver takes you to Pisa. The tour takes you through the fertile and picturesque Tuscan countryside with a stop in Pisa to visit the local area and sights.

Then we're off to the Italian Riviera – Cinque Terre! Spend time exploring the Cinque Terre area. At Riomaggiore, the first of the Cinque Terre, we begin our day tours of the Cinque Terre. Your English-speaking Driver / Guide will escort you on an easy walk along the famous "Lovers Walk" trail that affords magnificent views of the coastline. Next is Manarola, the most photogenic of the five villages. Explore a myriad of narrow alleys and pastel squares that epitomize the man-made beauty of the Cinque Terre. It goes on from there visiting all the wonders of the five towns.

Our trip price of \$3,865 per person double occupancy (\$4,685 single occupancy) will include lodging, most breakfasts, some dinners and a lunch, roundtrip air transportation, ground transportation by deluxe motor coach, boat and/or train, and English-speaking assistants throughout the tour.

The dates of our trip are September 29 through October 12, 2013, which includes 12 nights' lodging at 3- and 4-star hotels throughout northern Italy. Look for additional information posted as it becomes available on the SSC website.

Send your completed application along with a deposit of \$1,000 per person to **trip leader Mark LaManna** at 4713 Buck Run Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Questions? Please contact Mark at mlamanna@skissc.com, 717-238-3889 (home), or 717-884-5613 (cell).



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Happy New Year!!

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NIGHT CLUB CARDS & 4-VISIT CARDS

Don't panic if you missed the Early-Bird Discounts for the Roundtop Night Club Card or 4-Visit Card. The lift-only Night Club Card is now priced at \$204; with lessons it is \$249. The 4-visit lift ticket deal is \$158, and with lessons it is \$198. The Advantage Card can be added to any of these deals for only \$20-25. The Night Season Pass is now \$339. Contact **Steve Vedder** at 717-585-1963 or skierdevelopment@skissc.com.

SSC EVENT SPONSORS NEEDED!!

Help sponsor an SSC event and get your business noticed!

2013 sponsorship opportunities include our April 2 Picture Party, April 27 Spring Banquet, and June 29 Summer Picnic.

Please contact SSC Past President **Becky Havice** at pastpresident@skissc.com or 717-248-7271.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACHES NEEDED

Since 2002, SSC has partnered with the York Ski Club to assist the York Area Special Olympics skiing program. We typically have about a dozen athletes (teens and young adults) and we try to have at least two coaches per athlete.

We'll ski at Roundtop on Thursday evenings starting in January 2013. You don't have to commit to every week, but the athletes (and the coordinators!) appreciate some consistency. **Philip Durgin** will contact last year's volunteers to determine their availability. New volunteers (we need you!) should contact Phil at specialolympics@skissc.com or 717-732-5325 to obtain a volunteer application form. The Special Olympics program requires a background check and a short online training course, so contact Phil ASAP. You only have to be an intermediate skier to coach, and Roundtop donates the lift tickets, so come join the fun! Many of our athletes are great skiers and they all love to ski!



NEW SSC LOGO-WEAR

SSC's new logo merchandise may be just the item to add to your skiing or *après* ski wardrobe. **Jim Haslam** will take orders on Tuesday, January 8th for duffel bags, wicking polo shirts, fleece shirts and cotton t-shirts. He also will have a small stock of baseball caps and wicking t-shirts on hand for direct sales (no order necessary while supplies last). Make sure you stop by and check out our "club store"! Or contact Jim at merchandise@skissc.com.

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Picture Party & Photo Contest ~ April 2, 2013
Spring Awards Banquet ~ April 27, 2013



EMERGENCY NOTICES

Icy or snow-clogged roads? Meeting tonight? What to do? Look for **SSC membership and pre-trip meeting cancellation notices** on the **home page of SSC's website** (skissc.com), and on **WGAL TV-8** (their TV channel cancellation listings and on their website: wgal.com/closings/index.html).

