



# The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greeting SSC Members! Yes it's almost here, the most exciting time of the SSC season. "What," you may ask, "is that?" Why, trip sign up and an exciting new vacation to look forward to. As in previous years, we will be taking trip deposits starting at Noon on June 27 at the Summer Picnic at Camp Reily. Mailed deposits will also be accepted postmarked on or after Saturday, June 20.

I do need to make you aware of some changes that TSA will be making later this year to the information required for airline ticketing in an effort to improve the quality of the watch lists. **Your name as it exactly appears on your form of ID, birth date and gender will now be required at the time of ticketing.** So, if your full middle name appears on your license, your ticket must also show your full middle name. In an effort to make ticketing as accurate as possible, we will need to collect this information. **These will be required fields on the applications.** Please fill out our trip application completely with your name (as it appears on your ID), birth date and gender. Your compliance with this will make the ticketing process more accurate and will help your check-in at the airport move as smoothly as possible.

One last thing, SSC highly recommends the purchasing of trip insurance. If you have any questions about this, please contact your trip leader. I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

Keep your tips up, Becky

## SUMMER PICNIC & TRIP SIGNUP Saturday, June 27, Noon-6pm

By now we hope you've saved the date, Saturday, June 27, to attend SSC's summer picnic at Camp Reily. Trip deposits will first be accepted by trip leaders at the picnic after 12 noon. The main meal will be served in the lodge from 1-3pm; SSC will provide pork BBQ, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a food item to share that is "**ready to serve**"; if your dish needs to stay cold, please bring it on ice. If you forget to bring a food item to share, you will be asked to make an additional contribution of \$2 per person. After the first frenzy of trip signup and the main meal, there will be plenty more activities to enjoy, from dancing to swimming and everything between—see prior issues of **Chairlift Chatter** for more details.

Advance ticket prices are no longer available, but please, if you plan to attend, contact **Becky or Bob Havice** at 717-248-7271 or [rlpatt@eawireless.net](mailto:rlpatt@eawireless.net) before June 27 to ensure we provide enough food and beverages.

**Ticket prices after June 15 or at the door are:**

Children 8 and under—free

Members ages 9 to 12—\$15; ages 13 and up—\$25

Non-members ages 9 to 12—\$17; ages 13 and up—\$27

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 24** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center
- Jun 26** Hit the Deck @ Morgan's, Front St., Harrisburg
- Jun 27** Annual Summer Picnic, Chili Cookoff, and Trip Sign-Ups @ YWCA Camp Reily, Harrisburg
- Jun 28** Yellow Breeches Canoe/Kayak Trip—contact Dyan Yingst
- Jul 10** Hit the Deck @ Flinchy's, Hummel Ave./Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill
- Jul 12** Pinchot Bike/Hike/Paddle & Picnic—contact Bernice Lee or Mike Gavin
- Jul 18-19** MS150 @ Millersville—contact Brenda Bent
- Jul 24** Hit the Deck @ West Shore Hardware Bar, Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg
- Jul 29** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center
- Jul 31** Golf Outing @ Rich Valley—contact Mark LaManna
- Aug 7** Hit the Deck @ TJ Rockwell's, Elizabethtown
- Aug 8** Bethlehem Musikfest—contact Debra Deis
- Aug 21** Hit the Deck @ Quentin Tavern, Quentin
- Aug 22** Lawn Concert at Nissley (Pentagon)—contact Lovena Nickle-Haslam
- Aug 26** Board Meeting @ Giant Community Center
- Aug 29** Senators Baseball Game—contact Len Neidig
- Aug 29** Stony Creek Bike Ride—contact Brenda Bent

**THERE ARE NO PETS ALLOWED AT THE CAMP, SO PLEASE LEAVE YOUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS AT HOME.**

**Directions:** From Route 322 north of Harrisburg, take the Fishing Creek Valley Road Exit (PA Route 443 North), turning right if coming from the south, and follow Fishing Creek Valley Road 0.8 miles to Camp Reily Road on your left. Follow Camp Reily Road uphill through the woods (portions unpaved) until you reach Camp Reily. Follow the SSC Parking signs.

### SSC CHILI COOKOFF ~ 4pm, June 27

\* Bring a crock-pot filled with your best chili recipe to the SSC picnic by 3pm to enter the contest.

\* Pay a dollar to taste the entries and vote for your favorite.

The winning entries (there will be two, one for competition and one for people's choice) will be entered by SSC in Harrisburg's Kipona Festival Chili Cook-Off on Labor Day weekend. Please contact **Jesse Eash** at [j.ceash@verizon.net](mailto:j.ceash@verizon.net) or 717-796-0347 for details and contest rules if you are entering chili.



## YELLOW BREECHES FLOAT TRIP

Sunday, June 28

Bring, borrow or buy a boat and come spend a lazy day paddling the Yellow Breeches Creek with us on Sunday afternoon, June 28. Don't worry, just in case you are among the last people to leave the SSC picnic on Saturday evening, you'll still have plenty of time to get rested up before meeting us at 12 noon at the old historic covered bridge at Messiah College in Grantham.

Kayaks and canoes are the recommended boats of choice for this float. There are no rentals available at the site, so you must provide your own gear, including PFDs, whistles, sunscreen, water bottles and snacks. Life Vests will be required on this trip. The Yellow Breeches is spring-fed and usually has good water levels throughout the summer, so, as long as the weather cooperates that day, we'll go about 9 miles to the Lower Allen Park at Moore's Mountain Road. Allow several hours for the float itself and time to shuttle vehicles to and from the take-out.



### Directions from the McDonald's parking lot at

**Rtes. 15 & 114:** turn south onto Bumble Bee Hollow Road, turn right onto West Lisburn Road and take a left into Messiah College at Grantham Road. Turn right onto College Avenue and follow this around the buildings until you see the covered bridge crossing the creek to the athletic fields. For more information, please contact **Dyan Yingst** at 717-979-4152 or skierdyan@comcast.net.

## WE NEED CYCLISTS FOR THE MS150!!

Saturday–Sunday, July 18–19

Attention Cycling Enthusiasts!! Only seven riders have signed up to date to be on SSC's team in the MS150. We need more riders to join this great ride while also raising money to fight the devastating disease of Multiple Sclerosis. Register at [pac.nationalMSSociety.org](http://pac.nationalMSSociety.org), team SSC, team captain **Brenda Bent** or contact Brenda at [bbent@skissc.com](mailto:bbent@skissc.com) or 717-921-2575.



## BETHLEHEM MUSIKFEST ~ Saturday, August 8

In 1984, nearly 182,000 people attended a small, grass-roots music festival in Bethlehem, Pa. featuring 118 performers and 295 performances on six stages. At the time, no one knew how large the event would grow or how long it would last. Amazingly, more than two decades have passed since that first Musikfest. And from those humble beginnings, the event has blossomed into a 10-day musical spectacular that attracts more than one million people from throughout the country. The festival, which showcases nearly every musical style imaginable, features more than 300 performers from across the country and around the globe, musical programming at 14 different indoor and outdoor stages (11 stages are free) with plenty of options for dancing as well as listening, 10 great nights of headline entertainment, mouth-watering foods, plenty of children's fun and activities and a spectacular closing-night fireworks display.

SSC is organizing a carpool to the Musikfest on August 8, the last Saturday of this year's 10-day event (the entire event runs from July 31 through August 9). We'll meet at the Holiday Inn off the Grantville exit on I-81 at 10:30am, form carpools and assign designated drivers for the return to Grantville at the close of that day's events (11pm). Once at the Musikfest, feel free to wander the festival on your own or with other SSC friends, enjoying all the great food and drink, free musical performances and paid concerts (obtain your tickets in advance to be assured seating). Ticket sales and performance schedules for the full 10-day event are available at [www.musikfest.org](http://www.musikfest.org). This website soon will add "sound samples" and additional tools for planning your day. To join the carpool as a driver or rider, please contact Debra Deis at [ddspring2@gmail.com](mailto:ddspring2@gmail.com) or 717-469-8098. Debra is also a great resource to help you get the most out of the festival, having had 20 years of Musikfest experience. So check out this website or give Debra a shout—if you've not discovered Musikfest yet, this is the year to do so!

## PINCHOT BIKE/HIKE/PADDLE & PICNIC

Sunday, July 12

Do you like to hike, bike or paddle a canoe or kayak but can't fit in more than one activity a day? Well, we have a great opportunity for you! On Sunday, July 12, grab your gear and join us at 9:30am at Pinchot State Park for a day of play. Starting at 10am you can launch, mount up, or head out on a paddle, ride, or hike as your leaders take you on an adventure through the park. The paddlers will explore some of the open water in the park and may venture up a creek. The bikers will explore some beginner to intermediate mountain bike trails in the park, riding along the lakefront, deep into the woods and including some roads inside the park. The ride will be approximately 10 miles with some minor inclines and some rough trails. The hikers will ramble along the edge of the lake in an attempt to circumnavigate this central PA oasis. The hike will be about 4 miles. After the morning's activities, everyone is encouraged to hang around for a picnic. Bring something to share and we'll throw some hot dogs on the grill. If you can't join us in the morning, join us around noon for the picnic lunch or around 1:30pm for the second round of playing with your choice of a paddle, hike or swim. Feel free to bring friendly dogs, Frisbees or any other toys you want. We will meet at the Conewago Day Use Area on the south side of the park; the entrance is on Alpine Road. We will attempt to commandeer the isthmus to the right as you enter the main parking area. For more information, contact **Bernice Lee** at [bernice.lee4@comcast.net](mailto:bernice.lee4@comcast.net) or 717-309-0006 or **Mike Gavin** at [mike@michaelgavin.com](mailto:mike@michaelgavin.com) or 717-495-1905.

## SSC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AT RICH VALLEY

Friday, July 31

Start this summer weekend early and take Friday afternoon off! Come join the club for this year's annual golf outing on Friday, July 31 at 1pm at Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg. Range balls available at 12 noon. We'll have a shotgun start at 1pm and use a scramble format. Afterwards we'll sit out on the outdoor pavilion, enjoy a dinner of NY strip steak, potatoes, fresh salad, dessert, tea and lemonade and, maybe win a prize. Water and refreshments on the course are included. All this fun for \$55 per person. So pick your foursome and send your check payable to "SSC Golf Outing 2009" to **Mark LaManna**, 4713 Buck Run Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17110. If any questions, please call me at 717-238-3889. Hit 'em well!

## 2009-2010 TRIPS

Please keep this insert as a reference. To cut costs, we may not run this same level of detail on our major ski trip in future newsletters. We will first accept trip deposits this year on Saturday, June 27, either by US mail (postmarked on or after June 20) or at the summer picnic at trip displays (after 12 noon). Remember, your SSC membership must be current to reserve space on a trip.

Dates	Destination	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Sep 10-13	Cape May, NJ	Jim Volstorf	jvolstorf@skissc.com or 239-784-0054
Jan 8-10	Holiday Valley, NY	Barb Gabel	bgabel@skissc.com or 717-579-8291
Jan 22	Wisp, MD	Priscilla Hoop	phooper@skissc.com
Jan 23-30	Vail, CO	Brenda Bent	bbent@skissc.com or 717-921-2575
Jan 30-Feb 6	Heavenly/Lake Tahoe, CA	Joanne Roth	jroth@skissc.com or 717-652-4508
Feb 5	Blue Mountain, PA	Debbie O'Neil	doneil@skissc.com
Feb 6-13	Mammoth Mountain, CA	Dianne Paukovits	dpaukovits@skissc.com or 717-566-7184
Feb 12-20	Interlaken, Switzerland	Mark LaManna	mlamanna@skissc.com or 717-238-3889
Feb 12	Elk Mountain, PA	Bob Burns	bburns@skissc.com
Feb 20-28	Big Sky, MT	Ron Nagle	rnagle@skissc.com or 717-574-2175
Feb 27-Mar 6	Crested Butte, CO	Pam Neidig	pneidig@skissc.com or 717-507-7196
Mar 13-20	Panorama, BC	Jay Doherty	jdoherty@skissc.com or 717-579-5365

### VAIL ~ January 23-30

Vail is like nothing on earth, North America's top ski resort, spanning 7 miles, 5,289 acres, with 7 back bowls blanketed with 38 feet of powder snow, 3 terrain parks, and more groomed terrain than anywhere on the planet. You can make plenty of fresh tracks; on an average day with 2 skiers/acre and on a busy day, 4 skiers/acre. Base elevation of the mountain is 8,120 ft., summit elevation is 11,570 ft., average snowfall 350 inches, expert terrain 53%, intermediate terrain 29%, beginner terrain 18%, 193 total trails, longest trail Riva Ridge 4 miles, 34 lifts, 1 gondola. Located in the White River National Forest, Vail has plenty of outdoor activities such as snowshoeing, dog sledding, horseback riding, snowmobiling, back country hut trips, cross-country skiing, wildlife viewing, night-time downhill ski-biking, and more.

Lodging is at the Evergreen Lodge, nestled at the base of the Rocky Mountains, within walking distance of world-class skiing, outstanding shopping, and the exquisite dining for which Vail is internationally known. The Evergreen Lodge is a full-service hotel located between LionsHead and Vail Village on the free town of Vail bus route, 1 stop from the LionsHead gondola. The Evergreen Lodge has a restaurant, bar, outdoor heated pool/hot tub and 2 cedar saunas. The recently redeveloped LionsHead Village is truly an alpine paradise where you can experience a Colorado mountain resort that captures the timeless feel and ambiance of an European village, complete with restaurants, shops, plenty of night life, spas and an ice skating rink.

Total package price of the trip at \$1,560 per person dbl/occupancy includes: Roundtrip air from Harrisburg, roundtrip bus transportation from Denver to Vail, 7 nights lodging at the Evergreen Lodge, daily breakfast buffets, 5-day lift ticket, and welcome reception upon arrival. Deposit checks of \$660 made payable "SSC Vail 2010" can be accepted the day of the picnic beginning at 12 noon, June 27th, or can be mailed no earlier than June 20th to **trip leader Brenda Bent**, 1721 Lindsey Lane, Dauphin, PA 17018. Contact Brenda at 717-921-2575 or bbent@skissc.com with any questions.



### MAMMOTH ~ February 6-13

SSC is returning to Mammoth where fun is an attitude, and play is a state of mind. It's just pure High Sierra enjoyment in one of the world's most spectacular playgrounds. Mammoth boasts one of the longest ski seasons in the world - November to June. The mountain is surrounded by nearly two million acres of America's largest national forests including the John Muir and Ansel Adams wildernesses. Mammoth Mountain has something for everyone with steep chutes, open bowls, treed slopes, off-piste terrain and groomed cruisers. The base elevation at Mammoth is 7,953 feet, and the mountain's summit is 11,053 feet. With a vertical of 3,100 feet, 3,500 skiable acres, 150 trails, 28 lifts (9 express, 2 gondolas), an average annual snowfall of 400 inches, and 300 days of sunshine, this is a skier's paradise. Cross-country skiers can enjoy 19 miles of groomed cross-country trails that wind around the Mammoth Lakes Basin.

Lodging is at the charming "Bavarian" Alpenhof Lodge conveniently located across the street from the Village at Mammoth and the Village Gondola, offering a quick and scenic ride to the slopes and to the Canyon Lodge. Rooms include a mini refrigerator, hairdryer, cable TV, DVD player, and free WiFi. A Jacuzzi and sauna are located on the premises. The Clocktower Cellar Pub is open nightly and features an extensive selection of draught and bottled beers and appetizers. Alpenhof Lodge further offers the newly-remodeled Petra's Bistro & Wine Bar with casual fine dining and an extensive wine selection. There are also many restaurants just steps away in Mammoth Village offering many cuisines such as steaks served Western-style, sushi, spicy Asian stir-fry, hand-made pizza and micro-brews. And yes, there is plenty of shopping.

Trip price of approximately \$1570 per person double occupancy includes 7 nights lodging, R/T air Philadelphia to Reno, ground transfers, 5-day lift ticket, continental breakfast, and welcome party. Departure airport could change if better rates become available. Deposits of \$500 made payable to "SSC Mammoth 2010" will be accepted after 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 27 at the SSC Summer Picnic or may be mailed for June 27 arrival to **trip leader Dianne Paukovits**, 720 Pine Tree Rd, Hummelstown, PA 17036. Contact Dianne at 717-566-7184 or dpaukovits@skissc.com with any questions.

### HEAVENLY/LAKE TAHOE ~ Jan. 30-Feb. 6

Heavenly is wild, wonderful and waiting for you! The region's largest resort is 3,000 feet above the famous blue waters of Lake Tahoe with 4,800 stunning acres spanning two states. It boasts the longest vertical and highest elevation along with its spectacular views of south Lake Tahoe. The Olympic Express Chairlift provides high-speed access to some of the best tree-skiing on the planet. With over 40 feet of annual snowfall, skiing and snowboarding opportunities are exceptional.

We are staying at the Embassy Suites, South Lake Tahoe's only luxurious, all-suites resort located just steps from Heavenly's high speed gondola and the casinos. Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and evening Manager's Reception are included. A restaurant/lounge, gift shop, indoor heated pool and Jacuzzi are also available for your pleasure. Room amenities include satellite TV, WiFi access and ski rack. When you are ready for a break from skiing, you will find plenty of unique shopping, dining, spa services and the excitement of casinos and nightlife activities. Other activities available include snowmobiling, dog sledding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. For skiers and non-skiers alike, an option for the Squaw Boat Ski day is available.

This adventure is scheduled January 30–February 6, and includes ground transportation to and from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and Reno to Heavenly, roundtrip air from Philly to Reno, Nevada, 7 nights lodging, welcome party, 3-day lift ticket for Heavenly and a day trip to Kirkwood Resort.

Discounted lift tickets for junior and senior skiers are available; 5- and 6-day Heavenly lift tickets are also available. This trip is priced at \$1,580 pp/dbl occupancy. Deposits of \$500 made out to "SSC Heavenly/Lake Tahoe 2010" will be accepted at the SSC picnic on June 27 or by mail and postmarked June 20–27. For more information, contact **trip leader Joanne Roth** at jroth@skissc.com, 717-652-4508, 1095 Country Hill Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

## INTERLAKEN ~ February 12-20 (with expansion to Paris, France)

Want to ski the Alps and visit some interesting cities? Come join the club to Switzerland! Interlaken is one of the best places you can visit for **both skiers and non-skiers alike**. We'll leave Friday from Harrisburg; fly overnight to Zurich and bus to Interlaken late Saturday morning. We're staying at the 4-star Royal St. Georges Hotel. You'll get a 3 out of 7-day ski resort pass, with options to add additional ski days. The ski area consists of 4 major areas: Grindelwald-First, Mannlichen-Kleine Scheidegg & Wengen, Murren and Schilthorn. It's easy to get around, as your pass accesses you to all lifts and train transfers to all areas from Interlaken. Free busses (every 25 min) or Ski Trains (every 20 min) take you to the mountain. Take the Glacier Train to the Jungfrauoch (highest point in Europe) and walk out onto the glacier and enjoy lunch at 12,000 feet! And visit the Schilthorn's revolving restaurant (think 007). **Wait! If you don't ski**, a "guided day tour" is what you want. Take one of the many guided day trips with full-day sightseeing and shopping at Lake of Geneva area, Zermatt, Lake Brienz and Lucerne. Since Interlaken is a major stop on the Swiss Rail line, individuals can travel to areas such as Bern, Luzern, Zurich or even Milan on their own for a day. Non-skiers can also access all of the trains and visit their skier friends on the mountain by purchasing the "pedestrian pass". And extend to Paris for 4 nights! We'll take the high speed TGV Train from Geneva to Paris. Zoom-zoom! TOUR FEATURES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: roundtrip air between Harrisburg and Zurich via Delta Airlines; roundtrip transfers between Zurich and Interlaken via private coach with English-speaking assistant; 7 night's accommodations at the 4-Star Royal St. Georges; welcome wine and cheese reception; breakfast buffet daily; 4 dinners. Trip price per person is \$1,750 dbl occ; add \$600 for the Paris expansion. For additional information, contact **trip leader Mark LaManna** at 717-238-3889 or mlamanna@skissc.com. Mail \$600 deposits made payable to "SSC Interlaken 2010" to Mark LaManna, 4713 Buck Run Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17110.



## CRESTED BUTTE Feb. 27-Mar. 6

Inspire your passion by joining twenty other SSC members as we return to world-famous Crested Butte ([www.skicb.com](http://www.skicb.com))! From 9 to 4, satisfy your craving for speed on Crested Butte's wide-open groomers, long cruisers and the famous extreme limits of North Face and Headwall. Crested Butte's diverse terrain and easy progression from beginner (23%) to intermediate (57%) and advanced (20%) sections of the mountain makes this the perfect place to improve your skiing. Enjoy easy access to the nation's best steeps, where you can find classic bowl skiing or unexplored lines on every run. *Après ski*, get to know the special character of the people who call Crested Butte home as you continue your adventure in the streets of this historic mining town with its unique, varied and plentiful saloons, restaurants, specialty shops and galleries. Mountain stats: 1,167 skiable acres, base elevation 9,375', vertical elevation 2,775' served by 16 lifts including 4 high-speed detachable quads, 300" natural snowfall annually, 2 terrain parks and 1 DC superpipe.

We'll stay at The Grand Lodge Crested Butte Hotel ([www.grandlodgecrestedbutte.com](http://www.grandlodgecrestedbutte.com)), a full-service hotel located in the heart of Mt. Crested Butte and only 200 yards from the ski lifts. The Grand's poolside fire pit is a perfect spot to unwind with an evening cocktail or roasting marshmallows with friends. With the complimentary town shuttle located just outside your door, this safe and convenient ride will carry you the three miles between the Mountain Village and historic Crested Butte.

Our current plans are to fly from Harrisburg to Gunnison with one connection in Atlanta and to complete our journey with a 45-minute bus ride to our lodging at The Grand Lodge Crested Butte Hotel. The estimated \$1,623 per person double occupancy package price includes 7 nights lodging at the Grand, roundtrip air between Harrisburg and Gunnison (with one connection in Atlanta), roundtrip mountain transfers, welcome party and 5-day lift ticket. Deposits of \$500 pp made out to "SSC Crested Butte 2010" will be accepted at the picnic after 12 noon or can be mailed to **trip leader Pam Neidig**, 204 Hollywood Cir., Camp Hill, PA 17011. For more information, contact Pam at [pneidig@skissc.com](mailto:pneidig@skissc.com) or 717-507-7196.

## BIG SKY ~ February 20-28

There is a reason they call it BIG SKY! Big Sky/Moonlight Basin covers more than 5,500 acres, over 85 miles of named runs and has one of the longest verticals in the US at over 4,350 ft. It is one of the most scenic and least-crowded resorts in the US, and averages over 400" of snow annually. Big Sky was picked as the Favorite Resort in North America by OnTheSnow.com, the most-visited winter sports Web portal in the world.

We will be taking 84 members on this trip, flying out of BWI. Half the group will be departing on Saturday and the other half of the group will leave on Sunday. Flying into Bozeman, Montana, we will have a one-hour drive to the resort. Our group will once again stay at The Huntley Lodge, offering Ski-In/Ski-Out accommodations. There is no need to drag you and your gear to a bus stop or walk a distance to the lifts. Our package also includes an outstanding buffet breakfast each morning. An outdoor swimming pool and two large outdoor hot tubs are conveniently located just off the slopes.

The price for this trip is \$1,739 per person (double occupancy) and includes all transportation from Harrisburg to Big Sky Resort, a 5-day lift ticket which includes one day of skiing at Moonlight Basin, Welcome Party and Breakfast Buffet each day. Excursions to Yellowstone National Park, which is less than a 20-mile drive from Big Sky, are being planned. View geysers, Old Faithful and wildlife on either a Snow Coach or snowmobile. Or burn some extra calories by strapping on some cross-country skis or snowshoes and see Yellowstone up close and personal. More details to come. Additional information will be available at the upcoming SSC Summer Picnic. Or you can contact **trip leader Ron Nagle** at 717-574-2175 or [rnagle@skissc.com](mailto:rnagle@skissc.com). Applications and deposits of \$600 payable to "SSC Big Sky 2010" can be mailed to Ron at 2414 W. Bayberry Drive, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112.

## PANORAMA, BC ~ March 13-20

Panorama is an exciting new destination in British Columbia, Canada's Kootenay Rockies for just 25 SSC passport-bearing members. The mountain has a massive 4,000-ft vertical, one of North America's largest with 2,847 skiable acres. There is plenty of terrain for every level of skier. The Taynton Bowl offers expansive powder glades, chutes, steeps and deeps. This area was once serviced by helicopter but now is reached by the summit lifts. Panorama Village is an Intrawest facility with all of the usual charm and intimacy that you are familiar with. The centerpiece of the village is the spectacular slope-side natural Panorama Springs Hot Pools for the exclusive use of the resort's lodging guests and is only steps away from the ski-in/ski-out Ski Tip Lodge.

The Ski Tip Lodge is a hotel-style condominium with restaurant, elevators and ski storage. There are 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom/2-bath condos with complete kitchen and living room available. Local nightlife is just next door. For a greater variety of shopping, dining and carousing, the town of Invermere is only a 20-minute shuttle ride away. Your US dollar is doing very well in Canada at \$1 CD = .80 US\$, so this trip offers a good value. In order to keep the price as low as possible, the usual trip extra amenities will be offered "pay as you go". The options for the extras will include: 1) A Welcome Party, 2) A late day fondue & wine party at "The Summit Hut" with a guided ski run home by the owner, 3) A once-in-a-life-time full day of heli-skiing, 4) Breakfast vouchers for \$8US, so you don't have to cook in your condo and can meet friends for breakfast, 5) A ski day at Kicking Horse, or 6) An additional day at Panorama.

The \$500US heli-skiing day includes helicopter transportation from the village to the backcountry for untracked powder runs with a guide. Powder boards and an "on the slope" lunch are included. Groups are arranged by ability levels starting with upper intermediate. The terrain selection is compatible with your ability.

The flight is out of Harrisburg. The price is approximately \$1,300 per person double occupancy for a one-bedroom condo and \$1,350 per person quad occupancy for a two-bedroom condo. **Trip leader Jay Doherty** can be reached at 717-579-5365 or 814-658-3069 or [jdoherty@skissc.com](mailto:jdoherty@skissc.com). Deposit checks of \$400 per person made out to "SSC Panorama 2010" can be mailed to Jay Doherty, 19072 Raystown Road, James Creek, PA 16657 or delivered to the SSC Picnic.

## EASTERN TRIPS 2010

We're still in the process of determining our 2010 Eastern destinations and dates. Here below are brief summaries for those trips that have firmed up as of this date. In addition, we are planning a week-long trip to Stowe, Vermont (**Richard Faux** will be the trip leader), and another, long week-end trip destination has yet to be determined. More details will be available at the picnic on June 27 and in our August newsletters. Details on all trips are also provided on the SSC website as soon as possible.

### HOLIDAY VALLEY, NY January 8-10

Holiday Valley is Western New York's true destination ski and snowboard resort. Fifty-six slopes are spread over four different faces with a 750-foot vertical drop and 13 lifts. The mountain also includes four terrain parks plus a half-pipe and several glades. The town of Ellicottville boasts four blocks full of great restaurants and fun shopping.

We will be staying at the Inn at Holiday Valley, right at the base of the Sunrise Quad, providing our participants with a ski-in, ski-out experience.

More information, including pricing and times of departure, will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please contact **trip leader Barb Gabel** at (717) 579-8291 or [bgabel@skissc.com](mailto:bgabel@skissc.com) with any questions you may have.

### WISP, MD ~ Friday, January 22

This year SSC will be going to a new ski resort, Wisp Resort in northern Maryland, on Friday, January 22. Wisp has a vertical drop of 700 feet with 32 trails totaling 10.5 miles on 132 acres of skiable terrain. There are 4 snowboard parks. This resort has good snowmaking and grooming. For more information, contact **trip leader Priscilla Hooper** at [phooper@skissc.com](mailto:phooper@skissc.com).

### BLUE MOUNTAIN, PA ~ Friday, Feb. 5

Here's what's waiting for you at Blue Mountain:

- \* The highest vertical in PA
- \* 33 trails for all abilities
- \* Intensive snowmaking and grooming for perfect conditions
- \* Spectacular slopes, so close to home
- \* Fun with your fellow SSC skiers and snowboarders.

Mark your calendar now and join us for a delightful day! For more information, contact **trip leader Debbie O'Neil** at [doneil@skissc.com](mailto:doneil@skissc.com).



### ELK MOUNTAIN, PA ~ Friday, Feb. 12

Tired of doing the same old thing over and over? Absolutely not! When it comes to SSC day trips, Elk Mountain is a given. The conversation starts with Elk Mountain, then moves on to the other trips to add variety. Ask club members who have skied it all, and most will tell you they rank Elk best in PA. Skiing, lunch, dinner stop in Scranton. You gotta do Elk! For more information, contact **trip leader Bob Burns** at [bburns@skissc.com](mailto:bburns@skissc.com).

### MUSIC IN THE VINEYARDS Saturday, August 22

Join us for a relaxing evening with friends on the lawn at Nissley Winery with music, dancing, food and wine as we dance to the rhythms and antics of Pentagon (one of the area's most popular bands). **Pentagon** will play a variety of rock from the 50's through the 80's. Plan to arrive between 6 & 6:30pm and bring your lawn chair or blanket and a covered dish to share with your SSC friends (your own private table, candelabra and flowers are optional). The cost of admission is \$17 per person and includes two glasses of wine. Your prepaid ticket will guarantee admission, even if you arrive after 6:30. Nissley's wine and snack bar will be open from 6-9pm and the concert is from 7:30-10pm. Nissley Vineyard is located at 140 Vintage Drive, Bainbridge, Pa. For directions visit their website at <http://www.nissleywine.com>. There will be a late fee of \$3 for those paying after August 15, making the latecomer price \$20 pp. For more information, contact **Lovena Nickle-Haslam** at 717-541-8803 or [directorlovena@skissc.com](mailto:directorlovena@skissc.com). Please mail checks made out to "SSC" to Lovena at 195 Mapleton Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112.



### STONY CREEK BIKE RIDE/PICNIC Saturday, August 29

All you bicycling enthusiasts. join your SSC friends in riding the Stony Valley rail-trail along the scenic Stony Creek. We'll meet at 10am at the parking lot by the gated entrance to the rail-trail and will ride 10 miles out to Yellow Springs and back (20 miles roundtrip). Hard-core mountain bikers who would like a more challenging ride can take an alternate route, the "Stony Creek Challenge", climbing the mountain to the fire tower, riding down "Rattlin' Run Trail" and following the rail-trail back to the gate. You will need a mountain bike with full or front suspension to do this ride After the ride there will be a picnic at **Brenda Bent's** home. Hot dogs will be provided; bring a side dish to share and your own drinks. Contact Brenda at [bbent@skissc.com](mailto:bbent@skissc.com) or 717-921-2575.



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## CAPE MAY ~ September 10-13

**ATTENTION ALL SSC SUN SEEKERS!** Join us for our annual weekend trek to beautiful Victorian Cape May, NJ, departing Thursday, September 10th, and returning Sunday, September 13th. We will stay at the Oceanfront Atlas Hotel just across the street from the sand and surf. Join us for three relaxing days filled with food, drink, tanning poolside or on the beach, sunrise and sunset beachcombing, bike rides, shopping, and more. Departure time is still open. Please let me know if you prefer morning, early afternoon or evening. Final price is \$534 single, \$334 double, \$272 triple and \$241 quadruple. Trip includes transportation, lodging, daily breakfasts, hospitality suite and more. Trip applications are available on the SSC website, [www.skissc.com](http://www.skissc.com). Deposits of \$125 per person made payable to "SSC Cape May 2009" are now being accepted. Please mail your check to **trip leader Jim Volstorf**, 4170 Nantucket Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Contact Jim at 239-784-0054 or [jvolstorf@skissc.com](mailto:jvolstorf@skissc.com) for details.

## HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED?

The SSC 2009-2010 membership year is here. If you haven't renewed yet, please send your check and completed application today (see below), then watch for your print newsletter to have "APR10" above your name. The next big event is the SSC summer picnic where all the '09/10 trips will be open for MEMBERS to sign up. Don't miss the opportunity to be accepted on a trip because you haven't renewed—it's easy! Just go to [www.skissc.com](http://www.skissc.com) and click on Join SSC!>Join Online or Renew Online. Be sure to complete the payment instructions and you will be up-to-date with a current membership! Be sure to note any name, mailing address, phone number and email address changes on your application. If giving out information on the Internet is not your thing, mail your application to SSC Membership Director, P.O. Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106-0713.

## 2009-2010 Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club – Membership Application/Renewal

**Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31**

Please Print Clearly

Yes, sign me up for the Email Newsletter  Yes, I opt out of receiving the printed version of *Chairlift Chatter* to save the club money

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**Individual** (dues = \$25/yr)

**Family** (dues = \$35/yr). A single parent with dependent children under 18 is considered a family membership. Couples must be married to be eligible for a family membership. If applicable, list dependent children's names and birthdates):  
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**Junior** (18-20, dues = \$20/yr) List birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we would like to volunteer to help with:  Meetings/Programs  Social Events

Please make checks payable to SSC. Mail to: SSC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, P.O. Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106-0713