

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have commenced planning the 2012-13 SSC calendar of events and trips. **If ever you thought that you'd like to contribute to this club's direction, now is the time to step forward!** SSC will remain a vital part of your community only so long as our volunteer base remains strong. Please let me know if you're interested in running one of our **trips**, organizing one of our traditional **social events** such as the picnic or Get-Acquainted Party, or joining one of our **working committees** (i.e., social, membership, publicity). We also have openings in two or more of our **staff roles**—**newsletter and merchandise** for starters. We'd really like to see some new faces in these club leadership roles! If you're interested in any of these possibilities, and have some time to devote to your club, please contact me at president@skissc.com or 717-507-7196.

We recently learned that **we will need to find a new home for our September-March membership meetings.** Doc Holliday's is changing its business model and will no longer be available for our use **following our next meeting there on March 6, 2012.** Anyone with any suggestions for a future meeting place, please, urgently contact me or any other SSC board member.

Thanks to the 148 members who participated in our recent Get-Acquainted Party survey, we have received excellent input that has already been very helpful as we begin to plan the 2012 GAP. We'll continue to utilize surveys as needed to gauge the preferences of our members on a wide variety of topics.

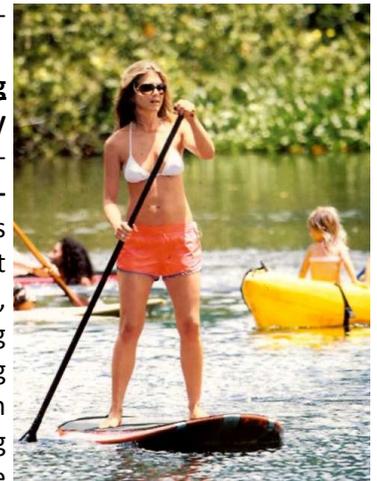
Starting with this issue, certain SSC newsletter content will appear **ONLY** in our email newsletter. The March SSC email newsletter contains a fascinating trip report on a recently completed trip led by **Jay Doherty** to Colorado's **Wolf Creek** resort. If you're interested in this kind of material but only receive our newsletter via US mail, please consider providing your email address to our membership director and opting out of the print newsletter. You won't be sorry!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 6

Join your SSC friends and share your ski trip stories at our last membership meeting of the season, held at Doc Holliday's on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 pm. Join us at 6:30 for a social hour preceding the meeting! Members attending this meeting will be polled regarding a proposal to start our membership meetings at 7:00 beginning with our September 2012 meeting.

This month's **meeting program** will feature **Mary Gibson**, co-owner of Marysville's **Blue Mountain Outfitters**, who will talk with us about a new water sport called "**stand-up paddling**", which is all the rage among the skiing and boarding community not to mention excellent for cross-training in the warmer months. She



will bring 1-2 demo paddleboards to show us, and we'll show a few short paddle-boarding videos. Mary will also answer your questions about kayaking and canoeing, time permitting. Come out and learn more about these exciting sports as we bridge seasons into warmer weather.

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

Special Notice: If you are planning to grab something to eat before or after our Tuesday, March 6 membership meeting at Doc Holliday's, please be advised that **Doc Holliday's will only be serving from a very limited menu** that evening, which includes French fries, onion rings, and wings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Wed, Mar 28, 6:30 pm	Board Meeting @ Giant (Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg), contact president@skissc.com
Tue, Apr 3, 7 pm	Picture Party @ New Cumberland Army Depot's Susquehanna Club, contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Fri, Apr 20, 5 pm	Friday Nite Social @ Appalachian Brewing Company (Harrisburg), contact socialcoord@skissc.com
Sat, Apr 21	Laser Tag—details to be provided in April <i>Chairlift Chatter</i>
Sat, Apr 28	Spring Awards Dinner/Dance @ Enola Sportsmen's Association, contact ineidig@skissc.com
Fri, May 11, 5 pm	Hit the Deck @ Duke's Riverside, contact socialcoord@skissc.com

SSC PUB CRAWL ~ Friday, March 16

How about starting your Friday Happy Hour in downtown Harrisburg on March 16 at 5 pm, the eve of St. Patrick's Day!? Wear your green, come out and join your SSC friends, and check out some of Harrisburg's finest bars. We'll start the crawl at Café Fresco, then proceed to Stocks on 2nd, then the Red Door and end at Anthony's. **Bob Fry** has agreed to lead the crawl and he will be at Café Fresco at 5 pm. The amount of time spent at each bar depends on the group. It should be great fun! If you have any questions, contact **Anna Kambic** at socialcoord@skissc.com or 717-580-3889.

HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY ~ Sunday, March 25

Sign up until Tuesday, March 6!! Come join your SSC friends and experience the fastest and best spectator sport in the world! **The Hershey Bears (again a main contender for this year's Calder Cup)** will be playing the Charlotte Checkers of the American Hockey League at 5 pm. 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 pre-game gathering we will board Shakey's Shuttle for a roundtrip ride to the Giant Center for the game. A minimum of 6 people 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, parking fee per car is \$6. Our reserved seats are in the 100 level and are regularly priced \$23.50 per ticket, but we expect that we'll qualify for discounted group pricing (\$18.50 per ticket for groups of 15 or more). Make your check payable to "SSC" in the amount of \$18.50 per ticket 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 Tuesday, March 6th (at our membership meeting)**. For information or if you have any questions, contact Bill at bcapers@skissc.com or 717-932-9379.



PICTURE PARTY & PHOTO CONTEST

Tuesday, April 3, 7pm - ?

All members who went on a trip with SSC between April 2011 and March 2012 are invited to attend our Picture Party on Tuesday, April 3 starting at 7 pm at the **New Cumberland Army Depot's Susquehanna Club** (the same site of former SSC membership meetings). All members who attend this party must be able to show the Depot's gate guard an official photo ID to gain access to the Susquehanna Club. Official ID's include any government-issued photo ID. Please use the Ross Avenue entrance to access the Susquehanna Club.

2012 PHOTO CONTEST: Please remember to bring your trip photos to share. Enter your favorite 2011-2012 SSC trip photos in our annual photo contest. If possible, please bring print and digital copies of each photo you're entering. The print copy will be used in the judging process and the digital copies will be used to create the email newsletter header. If you don't have a digital camera, photo prints will do. Photos will be voted on at our annual Spring Banquet on April 28. The winner will receive a \$50 cash prize and the honor of their winning photo displayed in our monthly email newsletters, including credits. Photos must support cropping to 3.4:1 (approximately 3.4 times wider than it is tall). If you have any questions, please contact **Janet Carrick** at 717-512-0679 or photos@skissc.com. If you would like to enter a photo in the contest but are unable to attend the picture party, please send your entries directly to Janet.

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!

SPRING DINNER/DANCE & AWARDS NITE ~ Saturday, April 28

It promises to be the most TREMENDOUS night for the Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club in 2012!!! And it will be yours at an unheard of price of \$15.95! WHAT . . . ? Yes, you heard correctly. A ceremonial evening of camaraderie and festivities at such a LOW bargain price. "So, how can this be?" you ask. Well, it's because your club and our sponsors (TBA) are paying for the venue, the decorations, the dessert and the DJ. (No, we aren't paying for the booze but you'll like those prices too.)

Here are the details ⇔ **The Date:** Saturday, April 28; **The Time:** 5:30 pm 'til 11 pm (dinner buffet at 7 pm); **The Entertainment:** DJ Greg Dubetz from The Central PA Ski Expo (he'll honor your song requests); **The Place:** The Enola Sportsmen's Association, 290 Pine Hill Road Ext, Enola, Pa. **The Dress Code:** Dress up or dress down—your choice. And just in case you haven't heard . . . Members and their guests are welcome to arrive after 8pm for only a \$3 cover charge at the door. But we really encourage you to join us at 5:30 pm for a wonderful all-you-can-eat dinner buffet and awards ceremony.

Wanna come? Just 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 717-756-9828 or lneidig@skissc.com.





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2012-2013 SSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thanks to the members who participated in this year's election, please congratulate the following newly-elected members of SSC's Board:

President—Pam Neidig
Trip VP—Dianne Paukovits
Social VP—Sherry Predix
Treasurer—Beth Harfmann
Secretary—Terri Falk
Membership Director—Jesse Eash
Trip Coordinator—Melody Patton
Social Coordinator—Dyan Yingst
Directors—Louise Garland, Bob Havice,
Wendy Pignatella and Steven Vedder
Past President—Becky Havice



SKI4LIFE UPDATE...

The February 11, 2012 Ski4Life fundraiser event for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was a resounding success despite frigid, and yes, SNOWY conditions at Roundtop Mountain Resort!! Eighty-four Ski4Life participants and dozens of volunteers pitched in to raise an amazing **\$86,563.58** for LLS! Congratulations to the SSC members who participated in the ski fundraiser-marathon: **Becky Havice, Carolyn Eash, Nan Davenport, Ron Nagle, Sue Leonard, Priscilla Hooper, and Mike Shaw**, and/or who helped organize this year's event: **Sue Leonard, Bob and Becky Havice, Brenda Bent, Bob Norris, Mike Shaw, and Pam Neidig**. And a heartfelt thank-you goes out to the many SSC members who volunteered the day of the event, who participated in the fundraising efforts at our membership meetings, and who made direct donations

to our fundraising teams. Your support is very much appreciated by many patients who will benefit from your generosity. Next year's event will be held on February 9. Thanks to you, this event co-created by SSC and LLS is GROWING!!!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

The membership year runs from April 1 to March 31, so your current membership expires on March 31, 2012. If you have not renewed yet, please send your check and completed application today. You can also renew through our PayPal account. It's easy! Just go to the SSC website at www.skissc.com and click on Join Us > Join On-line or Renew On-line. Be sure to complete the payment instructions and you will be up-to-date with a current membership! As a reminder, current membership is a requirement for you to receive a monthly newsletter and sign up for our trips. Be sure to note any name, address, phone number and e-mail address changes on your application. **Please renew now so you don't miss a single newsletter or event!**

2012-2013 Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club – Membership Application/Renewal

Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31

Please Print Clearly

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Spouse Full Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Primary Phone: _____
Secondary Phone: _____
Spouse's Primary Phone: _____
Email 1: _____
Email 2: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Renewal New _____
Sponsor name (optional) _____
 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):

 Junior (18-20, dues = \$20/yr) List birthdate: _____

If 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