



The e-CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

May 2014

President's Corner

If you were not at our 50th Anniversary Banquet in April, you missed an awesome time visiting with 25 of Susquehanna Ski Club's past presidents, including our very first, Chet Timmons! The evening was also a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old and new friends, including the founder of Ski Roundtop, and to reminisce about the history of our club and the fabulous destinations we've visited over the years. Special thanks go to Becky Havice, Pam Neidig, George Hannon, Paula Unger and all the others who had a hand in making this a fabulous night to remember!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the weeks and months ahead as warmer weather finally seems to be here, offering us a multitude of things to do like deck parties, bike rides, picnics, wine tasting and other activities. I have made so many awesome friends through my many years with SSC and I enjoy a great variety of outdoor activities through all the seasons with lots of them, as I know many of you do as well. We are so fortunate!

Please mark your calendars right now for our summer picnic on Saturday, June 28 at Camp Reilly just north of Harrisburg. Come out and meet our new trip leaders and place your deposits for our western destinations. The trip committee voted to run fewer ski trips next winter, but they all have possibilities for expansion when they fill. Now that we are finalizing our contracts for our western destinations, we will look at East Coast destinations to round out the 2015 ski season. ~ Happy Trails, Dyan

SSC May and June Calendar

- Friday, May 9, Hit the Deck – Dockside Willies, Wormleysburg
- Friday, May 23, Hit the Deck – Big Woody's (formerly Morgans), Front Street
- Saturday, May 24 – Turnpike Tunnel Bike Ride, lneidig@comcast.net
- Wednesday, May 28 - Board Meeting @ Hbg. Chamber of Commerce, president@skissc.com
- Friday, June 6, Hit the Deck – Flinchy's, Camp Hill
- Thursday, June 19, Hit the Deck – Champions (Blues Night), Highspire
- Saturday, June 28, Summer Picnic, Camp Reilly, north of Harrisburg

SSC 2015 Western Trips

- January 17-24 ~ Sun Valley ~ Terri Falk
- January 31-February 7 ~ Jackson Hole ~ Monica Kurtz
- February 21-28 ~ Steamboat ~ Melody Patton
- March 7-14 ~ Winter Park ~ Brenda Martin

50th Anniversary Banquet



Past Presidents Dyan Yingst and George Hannon express SSC's appreciation to special banquet guests Jim Garling (left), mountain manager at Roundtop Mountain Resort; Irv Naylor (front center), founder of Ski Roundtop in 1964; and Chet Timmons (right), first president of SSC. Ski Roundtop and the Susquehanna Ski and Snowboard Club have both been celebrating their 50th Anniversaries during the past year. Irv Naylor also founded Snow Time, Inc., which now operates Ski Roundtop, Ski Liberty, Ski Windham and Whitetail Resort.

SSC congratulations to Past President Pam Neidig and her husband Len Neidig, recipients of the Gold Ski and Silver Ski Awards this year. The numerous trips and activities that we sponsor annually require a great deal of time and effort to ensure their success. The Awards Committee meets to evaluate the efforts of dedicated club members and credit them with points, which accumulate throughout their years of participation. Members who attain a certain number of points and show great leadership skills are recognized for their service at the banquet each year.





Twenty-five past presidents of the 43 who have served SSC over the 50-year history were in attendance at this year's anniversary banquet on April 12 at the Blue Ridge Country Club in Harrisburg. Rosemary Grant, 1992-93 president, travelled the longest distance from Texas to celebrate with her SSC friends.

Back by Popular Demand



TURNPIKE TUNNEL BIKE OR HIKE ~ Saturday, May 24

When the Turnpike opened in 1940, it was known as the "Tunnel Highway" because it contained seven tunnels from east to west. By the late 1950s, the Turnpike was so heavily used that traffic congestion was a problem at the tunnels. The Turnpike Commission did studies and decided to bypass and close two tunnels located about 60 miles west of Harrisburg. Today, the "Abandoned Turnpike", has become a popular tourist attraction. The property is managed by "Friends of the Pike 2 Bike", a coalition of non-profit groups who eventually converted the 10-mile stretch into a biking and hiking trail. The property is officially closed to motor vehicles, but riders and hikers are free to use it.

If you would like to participate in this adventure, meet us at 9 am on Saturday, May 24 (Rain Date – Sunday, May 25) in the parking lot at Panera Bread at the Camp Hill Shopping Center. We will park east of the tunnels, ride our bikes for 10 miles west to Breezewood, stop for lunch at a diner, then ride back to our cars. For those who would rather hike, it's one mile to the entrance of the first tunnel which is over one mile long. Don't forget your flashlight – it's very dark in the tunnels! We'll have a tailgate social at the end of our journey. Send questions to Len Neidig at lneidig@comcast.net.

RIDES & HIKES

If you love the great outdoors and would like to be notified of upcoming hikes or bike rides with some really awesome folks, contact Mike Gavin at emailriders1@comcast.net and request to be added to his email list. He will send you weekly notices of upcoming rides or hikes, including directions and logistics. Future rides include popular rail trails and road rides through scenic byways of Pennsylvania.

HIT THE DECK ~ ~ 5 pm til ?

Join us for our next deck party at Big Woody's (formerly Morgan's on North Front Street, Harrisburg) on Friday, May 23 after 5pm and look for table tent cards with the SSC logo. You are on your own for food and beverages, but SSC will supply the great people to socialize with! Non-members are welcome to join us to see what our club is all about.

Questions? Please contact Lovey at 717-541-8803 or socialvp@skissc.com



SSC SUMMER PICNIC AND TRIP SIGNUPS Saturday, June 28 the fun starts at noon

It is time for SSC's annual summer picnic, held once again at the Harrisburg YWCA's Camp Reily in Fishing Creek Valley. The picnic will also be your opportunity to sign up for the 2015 winter trips and meet the trip leaders, as well as enjoy some great food, fun and swimming. We will provide the meat, beverages, condiments and paper products.

To add to the feast, please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

- * last name starts with A thru H – bring appetizers;
- * last name starts with I thru N - bring a dessert; and
- * last name starts with O thru Z - bring a casserole or side dish.
- * If you don't feel like bringing a dish, you can pay \$8 extra.

Please reserve your space early for the picnic! **Prices will be higher after June 21** to ensure that we have time to plan and purchase enough food and beverages for everyone. Send your checks now before you forget made out to "SSC" (write picnic in the memo) to Dyan Yingst, 801 Pheasant Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112-1330. If you are paying for multiple attendees, please include their names and ages if they qualify for free or youth admissions.

Early Bird prices before June 21 are \$15 for ages 12 & over; \$10 for ages 8-12; and free under age 8. After June 21 all prices increase by \$5. Non-members can join SSC or renew their membership the day of the picnic at the registration table.

We always need lots of volunteers to run this event, so please share ½ hour of your time at the picnic. Contact Barb at 717-421-1970 or by email at directorbarb@skissc.com with your questions or to volunteer.

Trip applications and deposits will be accepted at the picnic starting at 12 noon on June 28. Applications/deposits hand-delivered to the trip leader through June 28 will have equivalent eligibility in the event that any trip is over-subscribed and a lottery becomes necessary. Complete trip information will appear in the June newsletter as soon as we are able to confirm pricing and necessary details.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014 MUSIC IN THE VINEYARDS

MAXWELL PROJECT, 70'S, 80'S, R&B, FUNK & SOUL

Join us at the romantic location of Nissley's Winery near Bainbridge for one of SSC's favorite evenings of the summer. The night will be filled with music from the Maxwell Project, 70's, 80's, R&B, funk & soul, along with ski club friends, fancy foods on tables with candelabras and flowers and excellent wine from Nissley's Winery. Bring dancing shoes, since there are three dance floors. We will rope off an area in front of the lower level dance floor... bring your own chairs and a small table. We will set-up tables for the food, everyone please bring a dish to share. SSC will provide paper products, utensils and two glasses of Nissley's wine per person. Additional bottles may be purchased at the bar... you are not permitted to bring your own wine.

Tickets can be purchased for \$17 per person through SSC which includes 2 glasses of wine, admission, dancing and the flavorful food everyone brings to share. The band plays from 7:30 -10, but you want to arrive much earlier like around 6:00 pm, so you may enjoy the ambience, food and friends before hitting the dance floor.

Lilly Peek is hosting the event again this year. She will be selling the tickets at deck parties and the summer picnic or you can mail a check made out to SSC with a return envelope to: Lilly Peek, 125 Old Ford Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011. 717-385-4667, e-mail: peeklilly@gmail.com, deadline for ticket sales is July 7!

Nissley Vineyards & Winery Estate, 140 Vintage Drive, Bainbridge, PA 17502

2014-15 Membership Renewals

Please go to www.skissc.com to renew your membership. Our bylaws were recently updated to include a Family/Household membership for one or two adults and all dependent minors under age 18 residing at the same physical address. Other memberships are for Single/Individual Adults or Dependent Minors under 18.

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