



The e-CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

November 2013 www.skissc.com Dyan Yingst, Editor

President's Corner

November is all about giving thanks, so I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of our awesome Board Members, Trip Leaders, Event Chairs, and other volunteers who give of their own time throughout the year to serve SSC. As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, it is a wonderful time to call attention to SSC members as well, for without you and your continued interest in skiing, boarding and, well, just plain socializing, we would not still be in existence today. With that thought in mind, it is also time to look to the future, as we will be recruiting members to serve on our Board and Committees for next year.

As snow starts to fall at our favorite ski resorts and we turn the clocks back, you may finally be thinking of winter. But time is running out for our ski trips...some are already filled, two have been cancelled due to lack of participants and we will soon have to turn back unsold rooms on the remaining trips. Please get in touch with our trip leaders at the next meeting or by phone/email because they have worked so hard to make arrangements for your ski vacations.

As we start into another holiday season, please take time to enjoy your blessings every single day, and let all of your family and friends know how much you care about them!

GET ACQUAINTED PARTY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, ROUNDTOP MT. LODGE

If you haven't marked your calendar for this event, make sure you do it right now! There are so many reasons why you should not miss this party. First of all, SSC is celebrating our 50 years by bringing our annual party back to Ski Roundtop. We will kick off the event at 6 pm, with dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Then, the party really gets rolling with dance music by "LAREDO" from 7:30 until 11:30 pm.

There is no cost for this party if you are a current SSC member over the age of 21. The first 250 arrivals will receive a special gift marking our 50th Anniversary. You can renew your membership at the door, or become a new member there, and join our active organization. This also makes you eligible to sign up for one of our exciting 2014 trips that still have space available.

Other surprises are being planned for this year's Get Acquainted Party thanks to businesses that sponsor it and help make it a success. These sponsors include Banchi Adventures, Brewhouse Grille, Holiday Ski Tours and Bilmeyer Renovations. The GAP is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with old SSC friends, and make some new ones. So please come and help us kick off a fantastic ski season and celebrate 50 years as Central Pennsylvania's largest and most active ski and snowboard club!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING GULLIFTY'S UNDERGROUND Tuesday, November 5

It will soon be time to hit the slopes in the latest gear and look for great ideas for those upcoming holiday gifts. Go vote and then come out on Tuesday, November 5, to the SSC membership meeting at Gullifty's Underground (Cedar Cliff Mall, 1104 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill) and experience a fashion show featuring this year's hot ski and snowboard fashions provided by Mountainside Ski & Sports. The fashion show will begin after a brief business meeting. Be sure to take advantage of Gullifty's great food, spirits and friendly service. Some of our winter ski trips still have availability, so trip leaders will be on hand before and after the meeting to answer your questions, and take applications and deposits. You can purchase your Roundtop discounted Night Club Card or Multi-Visit Pass at this meeting as well. We look forward to seeing all of you there and hope you'll bring some friends and make some new friends also!

GIVING THANKS

Please bring along some non-perishable food items for our annual giving-thanks tradition. Your donated food items

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Happy Trails,
Dyan Yingst



Upcoming Events

November 2-3
Ski Swap at Roundtop

Tuesday, November 5
Membership Meeting,
Gullifty's Underground

Wednesday, November 20
Board Meeting

Saturday, November 23
SSC Get Acquainted Party
The Lodge, Ski Roundtop

SEEKING SSC EVENT SPONSORS

Help sponsor an SSC event and get your business noticed. Events include our Get-Acquainted Party, April Picture Party, Spring Awards Banquet and June Summer Picnic. For more information, please contact Pam Neidig.

We always need volunteers to help with a party this large, so please sign up for a 30 minute timespot... it is another great way to meet people too. Please contact our hosts Sherry Predix (717-957-2925) and Terri Falk (717-229-9939) for more info.

Kickoff time for the Penn State Nebraska game has not yet been announced, but fear not PSU fans, we will have a big TV available for viewing.

ADVANTAGE CARDS ON SALE NOW

You can still purchase your Season Pass, Night Club Card (NCC) or 4-Multi Visit Card and Advantage Cards through SSC at our November 5 meeting and save money. After that, the rates go up considerably! See Barb Crout for forms at our meeting or give her a call at 717-421-1970.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Since 2002, SSC has partnered with the York Ski Club to assist the York Area Special Olympics ski program. We typically have about a dozen athletes (teens and young adults) and we try to have at least two coaches per athlete. We ski at Roundtop on Thursday evenings in January. You don't have to commit to every week, but the athletes and coordinators appreciate some consistency. Philip Durgin will contact last year's volunteers to determine their availability. New volunteers should contact Phil at specialolympics@skissc.com for a volunteer application.

UPDATE ON OUR 2014 SKI TRIPS

Please click on the website at www.skissc.com and click on Trips, where you can download the generic trip application and individual trip terms. Trip leaders will be at the November 5 membership meeting to answer your questions and accept deposits, so please bring your checkbooks.

January 18-25 ~ Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado ~ cancelled
January 31 ~ Blue Mountain day trip ~ Lilly Mangan ~ open
January 25-February 1 ~ Big Sky, Montana ~ Lovena Nickle Haslam ~ waiting list

and/or cash donations will be taken to the Central PA Food Bank for folks in need this holiday season. This non-profit organization is able to reduce hunger in 27 counties working with 800 program partners to provide food to 54,000 people in need every week. For more information visit centralpafoodbank.org



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

This is the tenth year for Ski4Life, a super event the SSC created to raise money and awareness for LLS. Save the date to ski or help the teams. All the money raised for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society stays right in Central Pennsylvania. We are looking forward to another great winter and record event. Thanks from all the patients and the LLS staff...we so much appreciate all your help to get this event to Year Ten! Contact pasusie3002@gmail.com (Susan Leonard) on how to register for a team or volunteer.

February 9-16 ~ Revelstoke, British Columbia ~ Jack Billmyer ~ 2 spaces left
 February 15-22 ~ Mount Bachelor, Oregon ~ Terri Faulk ~ 4 spaces left
 February 23-28 ~ Sugarloaf, Maine ~ Melody Patton ~ WL, single needed
 March 1-8 ~ Sun Valley, Idaho ~ Sherry Predix ~ 50% filled
 March 11-22 ~ Lake Tahoe & San Francisco ~ Pam Neidig ~ cancelled
 March 13-16 ~ Sugarbush, Vermont ~ Monica Kurtz ~ open

January 18-25 ~ Aspen Snowmass

Regrettably, this trip was cancelled due to low interest.

January 25-February 1 ~ Big Sky

The trip to Big Sky is sold out and currently has a waiting list.

January 31 ~ Blue Mountain

In honor of SSC's 50th Anniversary, we are offering a special 50 for \$50...that's just 50 bucks to go on our Blue Mountain day trip on Friday, January 31! Participants must be SSC members in good standing and submit the full payment with your completed trip application. Some statistics that make Blue Mountain a favorite among our members include the highest vertical in PA of 1,000 feet, high speed six-pack lifts, along with new facilities and outside bar and grille. Secure your seat on the bus by sending a check right away made out to SSC with your signed application to **trip leader Lilly Mangan**, 125 Old Ford Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011. The fee includes your lift ticket for the day and bus transportation from Harrisburg....BYOB for this price! Better yet, bring your check to the membership meeting November 5.

February 8-15 ~ Revelstoke, British Columbia

Accommodations for this trip were just upgraded and we have two spots left. The package includes roundtrip air from Philadelphia to Kelowna, bus transfers to/from Kelowna Airport to the resort, 7 nights lodging at Sutton Place Hotel, all taxes, 6-day lift ticket, a welcome orientation, wine & cheese party, and guided mountain tour for Powder Hounds. The price is \$1,826 pp double occupancy. Heli-cat skiing is available from the resort, but reservations must be made early for availability. Please contact **trip Leader Jack Billmyer**, 1603 E. Caracas Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033; phone 717-533-6163 or 717-307-0446. Airline checked baggage fees are not included in the basic package price nor is transportation to Philadelphia. ** A valid passport is required ** Final payments are due November 25.

February 15-22 ~ Mount Bachelor, Oregon

We can accommodate 4 more people on this trip. At just \$1330 pp/do, this package includes roundtrip air from Harrisburg to Portland, bus transfers and baggage to Bend, 7 nights lodging at the Doubletree Hotel & Suites with daily breakfast buffet, welcome reception, 5 of 6-day lift ticket to Mt. Bachelor (optional 6th day) après ski party on the mountain, a group buffet lunch on our last day of skiing, plus a group photo. Mt. Bachelor offers terrain to satisfy every level of skier ability and averages 400" annual snowfall. Guests have access to 30 eating establishments and 1 microbreweries or brew pubs all within walking distance around Bend, and we'll have a 25-minute daily commute to the mountain. Please send your check made out to SSC and your completed trip application to **trip leader Terri Falk**, 226 Burd Coleman Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. For more info contact tfalk@slisco.com or call 717-228-0020. Final payments are due December 2

February 23-28 ~ Sugarloaf, Maine

This trip is pretty much sold out, but still needs a single traveler to fill a room at the double rate and Bruce has offered to pay your first \$100. The largest ski area east of the Rockies, Sugarloaf is the only East Coast area with lift-service above tree line and eastern skiing so fine it resembles the best of western conditions. This trip includes slope-side lodging at the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel, a welcome party, a 5-day lift ticket (4-day option available), bus transportation with snacks and beverages en route, daily lessons at the Perfect Turn Clinic with each lift ticket, daily hot breakfast buffets, and one or two meals. The total cost pp/do is only \$855, less the \$100 for Bruce's roommate would be \$755. Checks payable to SSC can be mailed now with your trip application to **trip leader Melody Patton**, 2709 Chestnut Run Road, York, PA 17402. Please contact Melody at mpatton@skissc.com or 717-741-6055 if you have any questions.

March 1-8 ~ Sun Valley, Idaho

Experience groomed trails, no lift lines, a variety of terrain, awesome snow and or course, SUNNY days at Sun Valley. So much to do and so little time... cross country skiing, snowshoeing, tubing, ice skating and heli-skiing. Ski two mountains, Bald Mountain that has earned its reputation as one of the world's finest, and Dollar Mountain, which is the perfect place to get acclimated to the downhill sports with a tubing hill, full featured terrain park and a super pipe. Sun Valley has a wonderful exchange program that allows you to use your lift tickets for shopping, massage, restaurant, services and more. Our trip leader is also organizing an optional sleigh ride dinner to tantalize your senses. This trip includes ground transportation from Harrisburg to BWI, air from BWI to Boise, a 5-day lift ticket, welcome party, ski club races, awards party and mountain tour, along with 7 nights lodging at the fabulous Sun Valley Deluxe Apartment Condos located 50 feet from the main entrance of the Sun Valley Lodge. **Or if you prefer, we have several rooms available at the famous and historic lodge, but pricing may vary.** The package price is \$1776 pp, 2 bdr condo (4 per condo), or \$1696 pp, 3 bdr condo (6 per condo). Non-skiers may deduct \$282; an optional 6th-day ticket is just \$50. Send your completed application with your check made out to SSC to **trip leader Sherry Predix**, 307 Doe Run, Marysville, PA 17053. Please call 717-957-2925 or email spredix@skissc.com with your questions so we can get you signed up for this fabulous trip. Final payments are due December 11.

March 13-16 ~ Sugarbush, Vermont

Sign up now for this great getaway to Sugarbush, Vermont, named Best Ski Town in the East and ranked #1 in terrain variety by SKI Magazine. Sugarbush features 111 trails covering 53 miles, with 16 lifts providing access to 1,215 skiable acres and a 2,600 vertical feet. Sugarbush averages 262 inches of natural snow each winter and has 70% snowmaking capacity. There are six distinct mountain peaks, three terrain parks and 2,000 acres of backcountry. Lincoln Peak is where quintessential Vermont meets modern slope side facilities. Here you'll find the majority of Sugarbush terrain with classic New England trails leading to the new Lincoln Peak Village with a general store and casual and elegant dining.

We stay at the Sugarbush Inn, less than one mile from base of Lincoln Peak, where the courtesy shuttle operates a continuous loop between the two mountains, as well as routes to Mad River Valley. Sugarbush Inn amenities include ski storage, free Wi-Fi and breakfast each morning served in the Hearth Restaurant., along with free access to a nearby fitness center with indoor pool, tennis courts, Jacuzzi, sauna and massage.



The Mad River Valley has many other activities including cross-country skiing, cat skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice skating, spas, shopping, dining and après ski. At just \$470 pp/do, this trip includes roundtrip motorcoach from Harrisburg, three nights lodging, daily breakfasts, and a 2-day lift ticket. We may add an optional day of skiing on Sunday for \$46 before heading home if there is enough interest. Please send your completed application and deposit of \$250 payable to SSC to **trip leader Monica Kurtz**, 4 Teaberry Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015. For more information, contact mkurtz@skissc.com or 717-691-9237. Final payments are due December 20.

March 11-20 ~ Lake Tahoe with San Francisco Extension

Unfortunately, this California adventure has been cancelled due to insufficient interest to sustain the group rates and required minimums. Trip participants have been notified and will be accommodated on other trips with availability. Please contact **trip leader Pam Neidig** at pneidig@skissc.com or 717-507-7196 if you have any questions.

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