



The e-CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

September 2014

SSC Calendar

- Tuesday, September 2 – Membership Meeting at Gullifty's Downstairs, Camp Hill
Friday, September 12 – Deck Party at TJ Rockwell's, Elizabethtown
Saturday, September 13 – Gettysburg Bike Ride/Tailgate
Saturday, September 20 – Wine Appreciation Night at Barb Colliers, Hershey
Friday, September 26 – Deck Party at Brewhouse Grill, New Cumberland (last one this year)
Tuesday, October 7 – Membership Meeting at Gullifty's Downstairs, Camp Hill
Friday, October 24 – Ski Expo, Sheraton, Harrisburg

President's Corner

Can you believe it's September already? Where did the summer go? I hope you all had as much fun as I did kayaking, bicycling, traveling, camping and much more. Now it's time for football and Friday night lights, cheering on your favorite teams, whether they play at home or all the way over in Ireland, where Penn State recently scored an impressive victory. All this means it's also time to think about your ski vacations, so now is the time to commit if you haven't already. Our trip leaders have been busy this summer finalizing details for you to join family and friends on the mountains out west, along with slopes in Stowe and some closer to home like Seven Springs and Ski Roundtop. Two trips have already been filled, but we still have many opportunities for you to join us. We still have some outdoor fun planned for fall, but we are also thinking of winter and scheduling skier/boarder clinics for you to improve your skills on the snow this year before your big trips. But wherever you are, whoever you are with, be safe and have fun! Happy Trails, Dyan Yingst

Tuesday, September 2 ~ Membership Meeting and Trip Signups

Please note – due to a scheduling problem with Gullifty's our first meeting will now be held September 2 and not September 9 as published in the last newsletter due to a scheduling conflict at Gullifty's.

Our first membership meeting of the 2014-15 season will be held on Tuesday, September 2, starting at 7 pm at Gullifty's Underground in the Cedar Cliff Mall, 1104 Carlisle Rd., Camp Hill. Gullifty's offers great food, spirits and friendly service and don't forget to take advantage of their half-priced drink specials during their happy hour from 5-7 pm. We look forward to kicking off the new season and hope to see you there. Come out and reconnect with your skiing friends, catch up on what everyone's been doing over the summer, and decide on your next ski adventure.

A brief business portion of our meeting commences at 7 pm. The evening's program will feature our fantastic 2015 trips and trip leaders. Our trip leaders will also be on hand at 6 pm with their displays and after the meeting to answer your questions about their trips and to take your application and deposit. Don't forget to bring your checkbook.

For directions to Gullifty's, visit their website at www.gulliftys.net .

Annual Gettysburg Battlefield Ride ~ Saturday, September 13

If you like the outdoors, biking and history, you will enjoy our annual SSC bicycle ride around the historic Gettysburg National Battlefield. See one of the best national parks on the Civil War our nation has to offer. All levels of riders are welcome. There will be a 20-mile historic narrative tour with cut-offs at 10 and 15 miles. Meet at 9 am at the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center bus/RV parking lot. Bring something to share at the tailgate party after the ride. Rain date is Sunday, September 14.



Directions: from Harrisburg, take Route 15 south to Gettysburg; take the Baltimore Pike (Route 97) exit; at the stop sign turn right; go approximately 3 miles to the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center; turn left into the Center; take the first left into the bus/RV parking lot. Any questions, contact **Mark LaManna** at 717-238-3889 or mlamanna@comcast.net.

WINE APPRECIATION NIGHT – Saturday, September 20

Barb Collier is hosting a wine appreciation party on September 20 at 6 pm at her home outside of Hershey. Each person / couple should bring a bottle of wine in the \$15-\$20 range, along with an appetizer or dessert to share as we will socialize and get to try some new wines. Barb will provide non-alcoholic beverages. **Please RSVP by September 17** to Barb at bcollier333@hotmail.com or 717-829-5028 to give the number attending, say if you will bring an appetizer or dessert, and obtain the address.

CENTRAL PA SKI EXPO – Friday, October 24

Susquehanna and Lancaster Ski Clubs are teaming up once again for the Fifth Annual Central Pennsylvania Ski Expo on Friday, October 24 from 6-9 pm at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg. Representatives from mountain resorts across the country will be present to give you firsthand information on the newest offerings at the mountain, lodging, and travel to their respective destinations. There will be light appetizers, a cash bar, DJ, and lots of great door prizes! Don't miss this opportunity to meet the mountain reps, mingle with fellow skiers/riders, groove to the music, and get ready for another great ski season. Admission is free for SSC and LSC members; a nominal admission fee of \$5 is charged to non-members and you can join SSC at the door.

Save the Date ~~ Saturday, November 22
Annual Get Acquainted Party
Roundtop Mountain Lodge
dancing to the popular music of Laredo

SKIER CONDITIONING CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

We are finalizing details for skier conditioning classes with trainers at a local gym on the East and West Shores for one or two nights a week for six weeks starting the first week of November into December. For more information on these classes, please contact Lovena Nickle-Haslam at socialvp@skissc.com.



DISCOUNTS FOR NIGHT CLUB CARDS, ADVANTAGE CARDS, 4 MULTI VISITS AND SEASONS PASSES

All of these discounts can be purchased through SSC at our fall meetings. Did you also know you can pay for any of these passes for Roundtop Mountain Resort with your credit card online through a secure password protected website. You can save 40-50 percent off lift tickets and rentals by purchasing the Night Club Card or Multi Visit Cards with optional Advantage Card. You can even purchase a Season's Pass through SSC while the price is at a low price of \$459 before

October 31 and a Senior Mid-Week Pass will just cost \$199. Look for more information at our membership meeting on September 2 at Gullifity's or contact our group coordinator Jack Billmyer at jbillmyer@billmyerrenovation.com if interested in purchasing discount cards when they go on sale.

SKIER/BOARDER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RETURNS ON MONDAY NIGHTS

We have made arrangements with the Ski School at Roundtop Mountain Resort (RMR) to conduct Monday night clinics to improve your skier and boarder skills. It's all about you ~~ come and ski or ride with a pro for 1-1/2 hours of fun and excitement four Mondays in January starting at 6 pm. Explore the terrain at RMR for all levels of ability, work on your carving, doing the boxes, bumps, the park, maybe even some gates. Learn to ski or ride with your kids or grandkids. The clinics will be theme focused each week, and will incorporate the things you want to do better, maybe even switch sports one night and try boarding or skiing. At the end of the evening, join us for apres ski in the Alpine Room next to the learning center. Contact Bob Vendetti at 717-319-2952 or skimebob@hotmail.com for more information.



LEARN TO SKI OR BOARD NIGHT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 ~ 6 PM

Do you have family and friends who wish they could get out on the slopes and have fun with the rest of us? We are sponsoring a Learn to Ski or Board Night in conjunction with Roundtop Mountain Resort in Lewisberry on December 17. The beginner package includes equipment rental, lesson and a lift ticket for just \$39. At the end of the evening, there will an apres ski gathering with representatives of the Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club and Roundtop Mountain. Stay tuned, we will be selling these packages at our fall meetings.

2015 TRIPS ~ Sales of our 2015 winter trips are well under way, so don't delay if you are planning to ski with all your SSC friends this winter. The lineup includes four major western trips, an eastern trip and a day trip. Complete trip terms, details and applications can be found, on SSC's website www.skissc.com under About Us > SSC Forms. Your SSC membership must be current to submit an application for our ski trips.

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO ~ JANUARY 17 – 24 (40 percent full)

Time to rise & shine before the sun sets on your chance to join SSC in majestic Sun Valley, Idaho, jewel of the Sawtooth Mountain Range! Ski 2,045 acres of over 80 impeccably groomed trails, in the tracks of famous Hollywood Stars from a by-gone era, such as Clark Gable, Bing Crosby and Lucille Ball, to name a few! Soar to Bald Mountains' 9,150 foot summit with minimal lift lines, and ski 3,400 vertical feet, or choose to warm up those ski legs on the more mellow runs of Dollar Mountain. Lifts to both mountains are located just a 5-minute shuttle ride from the Sun Valley Inn. Heli-skiing and a full-featured terrain park are offered for the thrill-seeker; over 40km of scenic, groomed trails are available for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing; and a tubing hill for the young or young at heart! A year-round ice skating rink, often used for practice by Olympic medalists, is located just steps from the Inn. EXCHANGE a day of your 5-day lift ticket for a full cross-country package, or towards dining, shopping, or a relaxing massage. At Sun Valley, your options seem endless. The basic package price includes roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia to Boise, bus transportation to and from airports, 7 nights lodging in the luxury of the Sun Valley Inn, a quick shuttle ride to all lifts, all taxes, a 5-of-6-day lift ticket, a welcome reception, mountain tour and farewell dinner. Rooms are equipped with a mini-fridge to stock with your favorite snacks and breakfast items. Although the Inn has restaurants serving breakfast, it is not included in this trip package. Basic package price is \$1,640 pp double occupancy (optional 6th ski day, add \$55 pp). Mail your \$600 deposit payable to "SSC" and completed trip application to **Trip Leader Terri Falk**, 226 Burd Coleman Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. For more details, call Terri at 717-228-9939 or email terrimcg@live.com.



STOWE, VERMONT ~ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – SUNDAY, MARCH 1 (open)



SSC is going back to Stowe with a long weekend trip, Wednesday to Sunday. If you are still working, you won't need to take as many vacation days to go on this bus trip. If you are in retirement mode, you can enjoy a quick trip to a wonderful ski/snowboard spot! Stowe is the Eastern hub of winter sports. Whether you prefer to alpine ski, snowboard or cross-country ski, Stowe has all there is to offer for your mountain-oriented activities. For those who do not wish to hurl themselves off of a mountain at high speeds, the village offers a variety of shopping, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, snowmobiling and more. Mount Mansfield and Spruce Peak, Stowe's two magnificent areas, form a grand panorama and arena for beauty and fun. Stowe features a bounty of open glades, never ending fall line and spectacular twin summits including Vermont's highest peak at 4,395 feet and 2,360 of vertical. Stowe offers 48 of the longest trails in New England,

where 73% of the terrain is covered with snowmaking, the legendary "Front Four", 11 lifts and a high-speed, eight-passenger gondola. Stowe Mountain receives an average of 300+ inches of natural snow on Vermont's highest peak each ski season, yet they are currently investing tons of money to upgrade their snowmaking. From incomparable snow surfaces to modern lifts, mountain access technologies, world-class amenities and exceptional service, Stowe differentiates itself by being bigger than a mountain. The standard package price of \$653 per person double occupancy includes roundtrip motorcoach, 4 nights at the Commodores Inn near Stowe Village, a daily hot breakfast buffet, a 3-day lift ticket and a farewell dinner. Non-skier, junior and senior discounts are available. Mail your \$300 deposit payable to "SSC" and completed trip application to **Trip Leader Linda Randby**, 130 Brinser Court, Hummelstown, PA 17036. For more details, call Linda at 717-526-4563.

WINTER PARK, COLORADO ~ March 7-14 (50 percent full)

Winter Park Mountain Resort invites you to ski over 3081 acres including 3060 feet of vertical that averages over 320 inches of annual snowfall and 300 days of sunshine. Join us for one of the best values of the ski season and meet Winter Park's "Seven Territories": Winter Park, Mary Jane, Parsenn Bowl, Vasquez Ridge, The Cirque, Eagle Wind, and the Terrain Parks including 143 trails. We will stay at the Winter Park Mountain Lodge which features a restaurant with views of the mountain, brew pub, indoor swimming pool, two hot tubs and sauna. This affordable experience includes roundtrip air from Dulles Airport to Denver Airport, all bus transfers, 7 nights lodging with daily hot breakfast, welcome reception, 5-of-6- day lift ticket and après ski party. This package is priced at just \$1,525 pp/double occupancy. Mail your \$500 deposit payable to "SSC" and completed trip application to Trip Leader Brenda Martin, 208 Pearl Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109. For more information, please contact Brenda at bdnoll1@verizon.net or 717-540-5468. Refer to the July Chairlift Chatter article at www.skissc.com for complete trip information. **(single female to needed to share a double room)**



DAY TRIP ~ SEVEN SPRINGS ~ Friday, February 13

Are you looking for a low-cost trip this winter that is not very far from home? Join us for a day on the slopes at Seven Springs Ski Resort on Friday, February 13. Your lift ticket and bus transportation from the Harrisburg area to/from the Seven Springs Ski Resort is included in the price of \$85. Seven Springs has 33 slopes and trails, 7 terrain parks and 11 lifts. The varied terrain has a maximum vertical drop of over 750 feet, with the longest trail being longer than one mile in length. For additional information, contact Trip Leader Mike Shaw at 253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com.

*** SOLD OUT ~ 2 Wait List Trips ~ Jackson Hole and Steamboat**

***JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING ~ January 31 - February 7**

Standard Package includes: \$1,845 per person double occupancy, roundtrip airfare on Delta from Philadelphia to Jackson, bus transportation to and from both airports, 7 nights lodging, daily European hot breakfast buffet, an Austrian-style welcoming party, 5-day lift ticket, a day trip to Grand Targhee,

slopeside lodging at the Alpehhof Lodge, and farewell party. Contact **Trip Leader Monica Kurtz** at 717-691-9237 if you're interested in being placed on a short wait list. Refer to the July newsletter for complete details.

*** STEAMBOAT, COLORADO ~ February 21 – 28**

Standard package includes: 7 nights lodging at the Ptarmigan Inn adjacent to the gondola at the base of the resort, roundtrip airfare from BWI to Hayden on United Airlines, bus transportation to and from airports, a daily hot breakfast buffet, group portorage, a 5-of-6-day lift ticket, and a welcome and farewell party. This package is priced at just \$1,740 pp double occupancy. Contact **Trip Leader Melody Patton** at 717-741-6055 or at mpatton0627@comcast.net if you're interested in being placed on a short wait list. Refer to the July Chairlift Chatter article at www.skissc.com for complete trip information.

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Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31
Please Print Clearly, Especially Email Addresses!

____ Junior (18-20, dues = \$20/yr). List birthdate: _____
____ Single Adult (dues = \$25/yr). Ages 21+
____ Family/Household (dues = \$35/yr) *One or two adults and all dependent minors under 18 years of age who reside at the same physical address.* • Renewal • New Sponsor name (optional)

Name: _____
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Family/Household memberships only, please list second adult member's contact information, and dependent children's names and birthdates below

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