

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Winter has made its way to Central PA as we witnessed during the November membership meeting with a wintry mix, falling temperatures, and snow in many parts of the mid-state. It's time to get those skis into the shop for their annual tune-up, and maybe shop for some new boots, equipment, clothing or accessories as well. Remember to show your membership card at the ski shops as many will give a 10% discount for being a member of our Club!

We have had a lot going on these last few weeks, and I hope you had the opportunity to join in the fun! On October 18, I chaired our 8th Central PA Expo, which is co-hosted by SSC and Lancaster Ski Club. Thank you to volunteers **Terri Falk**, **Sharon Royer**, **Lovena Nickle**, **Jim Haslam**, **Lilly Peek**, **Gary Smith**, and **Barb Collier**, who helped with setup and worked the registration table. Over 90 people attended the event, and some great prizes were won by SSC members!

Thank you to **Dave and Jane Timothy** for leading 26 members on our first trip of the season to the Finger Lakes Wine Region; everyone had a Spooktacular time!

Thank you to **Sharon Royer** and **Lovena Nickle** for organizing our Movie Nights held on the third Wednesday of the month. Be sure to check the email blasts for the movie selection each month.

The full moon on November 5 was the perfect night for a journey to the Wolf Sanctuary! Thank you to **Terri Falk** for again organizing the Wolf Sanctuary Tour, and hosting the pre-tour get-together.

Our November membership meeting was packed with need-to-know information for more enjoyment of our favorite sport... skiing!! Thank you to each of our three presenters: **John DeLuca** (Elk Mountain), who shared lots of fun facts about this mountain which is just 2.5 hours to our north; **Jim Mulligan** (Bouquet, Mulligan, and DeMaio Eye Professionals), who gave us the stats on the Prizm Goggles and why they make skiing safer and more fun; and **Shawn Withers** (Mountainside Ski & Sports), who showed us some of the latest skis, boots, poles, and accessories, and gave us an overview of their comprehensive boot fitting services.

We finished the month of November with our Get-Acquainted Party on November 18. Hope you were able to attend this event! As we enter the busy holiday season, let us give thanks for our many blessings! And... Think Snow!



SSC ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We are more than halfway through our administrative year, and that means we have to start thinking about volunteers for Board positions for next year. Volunteers are the engine that keeps this club running by providing great trips and fun activities for the benefit of all members to enjoy. Nominations for officers and directors will be presented at the January 2, 2018 membership meeting. If you are interested in serving on the 2018-2019 Board of Directors or have any questions about director or officer responsibilities, please contact **Past President Sherry Predix** at slpredix@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL/MEETING/HOLIDAY PARTY ~ Tues., Dec. 5, 6 PM

Come join us as we kick off the holiday season with SSC's annual Holiday Party which will follow our December membership meeting and social on Tuesday, December 5, at [Boomerang Bar & Grill](#), 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland. The social hour will begin at 6 PM. The business meeting will begin at 7 PM. Enjoy complimentary light fare and treats provided by the SSC Board of Directors at the Holiday Party. Again this year, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the local food bank. You can bring your items to the membership meeting or make a monetary donation when we pass the Santa Hat. **Directions to Boomerang:** From I-83 take Exit 40A and turn east onto Limekiln Road; turn left at the New Cumberland Inn sign.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS	Dec 5, 6 PM	Membership social/meeting/holiday party @ Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
	Dec 13, 5 PM	'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg
	Dec 27, 5 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
	Jan 2, 6 PM	Membership social/meeting & pre-trip meetings (Steamboat, Breckenridge & Snowbird) @ Boomerang Bar & Grill
	Jan 10, 6 PM	'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre
	Jan 13-20	Trip to Steamboat, Colorado
	Jan 27-Feb 3	Trip to Breckenridge, Colorado
Jan 31, 6 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store	

2018 SSC TRIPS & PRE-TRIP MEETINGS

Trip application forms and trip terms may be found on our website (skissc.com/trips). See our website and pages 2-3 of this newsletter for trip details. Your SSC membership must be current to sign up for a trip.

Dates	Destination	Status	Pre-Trip Meeting	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Jan 13-20	Steamboat, Colorado	Waiting list	January 2, 6 PM	Gary Smith	717-503-2332 or 262gsmith@gmail.com
Jan 27-Feb 3	Breckenridge, Colorado	31% filled	January 2, 6 PM	Mike Shaw	717-253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com
Feb 9	Elk Mountain, Pennsylvania	Open	N/A	Terri Falk	717-228-9939 or terrimcg@live.com
Feb 10-17	Snowbird, Utah	Waiting list	January 2, 6 PM	Linda Randby	717-547-0083 or llaub4@gmail.com
Feb 22-25	Holiday Valley, New York	20% filled	N/A	Barb Collier	717-829-5028 or bcollier333@hotmail.com
Mar 3-10	Taos, New Mexico	72% filled	February 6, 6 PM	Mark LaManna	717-238-3889 or mvlamanna@comcast.net
Jun 12-20	Danube River Cruise	Closed	TBA	Sherry Predix	717-957-2925 or slpredix@comcast.net

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO ~ January 27–February 3, 2018 (Sat. to Sat.)

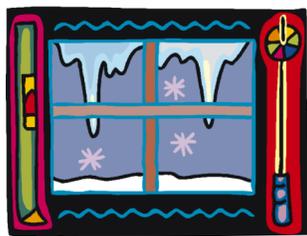
Final trip payments plus any extras requested are due December 1, 2017. We are in need of a single female participant. [Breckenridge](#) is a town rich with welcoming charm and is set to host the 2018 Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council trip. Clubs from throughout the Northeast will join us for a great time at the winter carnival. The trip includes roundtrip air from Harrisburg to Denver, bus transportation from Denver to the resort, and 7 nights' lodging at [The DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton](#), located directly across the street from the QuickSilver lift. Standard trip features include a daily breakfast buffet, a 5-day ticket (also accepted at Arapahoe Basin, Keystone, Vail and Beaver Creek), and an optional sixth day of skiing or riding. Several options are possible for formulating the best trip for you. Trip participants with an Epic Pass will have the lift ticket cost deducted from their SSC trip price. The standard package for the Winter Carnival provides a Welcome Reception, kick-off breakfast, *après-ski* party, a mid-week themed gala with dinner and entertainment, a ski club race competition, a mid-week lunch, and an awards ceremony on Friday night.

SSC's standard package is priced at \$2,150 per person double occupancy, or \$2,040 per person double occupancy with limited activity package. To join us on this exciting trip, submit a completed trip application and the full package price (and any customizations) per person payable to "SSC Breckenridge 2018" to **trip leader Mike Shaw**, P.O. Box 1471, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. For more information, contact Mike at mshawssc@gmail.com or 717-253-2414.



HOLIDAY VALLEY, NEW YORK ~ February 22–25, 2018 (Thursday to Sunday)

Need single male and single female. SSC will travel to [Holiday Valley Resort](#) in Ellicottville, New York on Thursday, February 22 through Sunday, February 25. Holiday Valley offers day and night skiing and snowboarding with 58 day trails and 37 night trails. The resort lies at the foot of McCarty Hill with a peak elevation of 2,323 ft. and a base of 1,600 ft., giving Holiday Valley a 'vertical drop' over 750 ft. This western New York resort enjoys average annual snowfall of 180 inches and has snowmaking on 95% of their trails. There will be an optional day of skiing at the nearby [Holimont Ski Area](#) on Friday, February 23. Holimont, North America's largest private ski resort, is open to the public mid-week, with 8 lifts and 50+ trails, and has something for every level.



We will stay at the **Inn at Holiday Valley**, located steps from the Sunrise chairlift. The hotel features slope-side rooms, continental breakfast each morning, indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, outdoor hot tub, fitness rooms, private ski lockers and Wi-Fi. You can also enjoy snow tubing, cross country skiing and a spa for additional fees. The resort is located one mile from the village of Ellicottville (taxi service is available). The village has specialty shops, restaurants and a brewery.

SSC's package is priced at \$521 per person double occupancy, and includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, three nights' lodging, daily continental breakfasts, and lift tickets valid from time of arrival to departure on Sunday afternoon. To join us on this fun weekend getaway, submit a completed trip application and a \$300 per person deposit payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Barb Collier**, P.O. Box 603, Hummelstown, PA 17036. For more information, contact Barb at bcollier333@hotmail.com or 717-829-5028.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!!

Deborah Biddle, Walter Heimes, Jr. and Debora Heimes,
Tom Inners, Jane Keck, Michael Kushner, Betsy Miller,
Keith Smith, Maria Snyder

TAOS, NEW MEXICO ~ March 3–10, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)

Try skiing in [Taos Ski Valley](#), NM. Experience ski-in/ski-out lodging at the [Snakedance Condos and Spa](#). Each suite is an individually owned and decorated 2-bedroom/2-bath with a full kitchen and living room with fireplace. Taos has one of the best learn to ski and improve skiing packages in the country!! It doesn't matter what level skier you are, you'll be amazed how much you learn and improve. The Snowsports lesson package includes daily morning lessons for 2.5 hours, video analysis, a NASTAR race and evening programs with the instructors. And get this: Lesson Package are only \$160 in advance.

SSC's basic package, priced at \$1,838 per person double occupancy, will include roundtrip air (from Harrisburg), all bus transfers, 7 nights' lodging, a 5 of 6-day lift ticket, group portage and a welcome reception. The General Manager will host a group dinner at his house Monday evening, and this is a real treat! ACT SOON!!! by contacting **trip leader Mark LaManna** at mvlamanna@comcast.net or 717-238-3889.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PA ~ February 9, 2018 (Friday)

Plan now for a day of fun and excitement with SSC at Elk Mountain, voted "Best Overall Ski Resort in the Mid-Atlantic". Located just 30 miles north of Scranton, skiers claim Elk is "Vermont Without the Drive!" Although average NATURAL snowfall per season is 5 feet, Elk also has 95% snowmaking over its 180 acres of skiable terrain and top-notch grooming to add to a great ski/snowboard experience. Elk's 27 trails offer something for every ability level – 22% beginner, 37% intermediate and 41% expert, and the highest lift-serviced skiing in Eastern PA with its 2,692 ft. summit and vertical drop of 1,000 ft. There are 6 chairlifts including 5 doubles and 1 quad, and a variety of challenging and cruising runs, the longest being one mile.

The trip price of \$89 per person includes roundtrip bus transportation from Harrisburg and an all-day lift ticket. Please send full payment made payable to "SSC" along with a completed trip application to **trip leader Terri Falk**, 226 Burd Coleman Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042. Contact Terri at terrimcg@live.com or 717-228-9939.



TRIP PAYMENTS ARE DUE!

If you have signed up for a SSC trip, your next payment may be due and should be sent to your trip leader. By paying on time you avoid those nasty late charges and possible removal from a trip for non-payment. As a reminder, below is a list of payments due in the next couple of months:

- Breckenridge – final payment due December 1
- Steamboat – final payment due December 5
- Taos – final payment due December 20
- Snowbird – final payment due January 1
- Holiday Valley – final payment due January 2
- Danube – final payment due January 15
- Elk Mountain – full payment due on sign up

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DOOR PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

Congratulations to these SSC members who each won a 2017-2018 ski season 8-hour flex lift ticket valid at Liberty, Roundtop or Whitetail Mountain Resort:

October **Nan Davenport & Mary Ann Smeltz**

November **Priscilla Hooper & Gary Brinton**

Congratulations to **Mark Kurtz** (goggles) and **Susan Sherwood** (\$100 gift certificate), winners of prizes provided by our sponsor and November guest speaker, Jim Mulligan, from **Bouquet Mulligan DeMaio Eye Professionals**.

'HUMP DAY' MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, December 13 & January 10

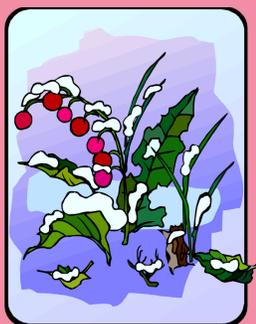
Relax! Join us for an evening at the movies. **Bring a friend!** You do not have to be a SSC member to come to this event. **Eat/Drink/Socialize!** We will meet at Romano's Macaroni Grill, located at 2531 Brindle Dr., in the Susquehanna Market Place Mall, just off Progress Ave. in Harrisburg, any time after 5 PM for a snack and/or a drink before the movie. **The movie!** SSC sends an email blast with the chosen movie title several days before each event. We drive a short distance to the Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14 at 1500 Caughey Drive about 20 minutes before the start of the movie. For more information, contact **Lovena Nickle** at 717-541-8803.

HERSHEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hersheypark volunteers earn money for SSC and at the same time earn 1-3 vouchers for themselves for admittance to Hersheypark for each shift worked. Last winter SSC donated half its proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project and to our teams participating in Ski4Life (a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society benefit). All you have to do is contact **Lovena Nickle** at 717-541-8803 or lovnice53@comcast.net to sign up as a Hersheypark volunteer. You will need to provide an email address to enable Lovena to communicate with you about open shifts. Again, you can earn up to THREE vouchers for admittance to the Park for working a 4-5 hour shift.

SEEKING SSC EVENT SPONSORS!

Do you have a business you would like to promote to SSC's membership? Help sponsor a SSC event and get your business noticed! Current sponsorship opportunities include our 2017 Holiday Party, and our 2018 Picture Party and Annual Spring Banquet. For more information, please contact **Immediate Past President Sherry Predix** at slpredix@comcast.net.



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