

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I cannot believe I am writing my last newsletter article as your president. What a sweet ride it has been!

Some things have changed from when I was first your president in 2007-08. Our membership is less, we are running fewer trips and with this we also saw a need to reduce the number of board members without impacting the quality of service we offer to our membership.

One thing for sure that has not changed is the opportunity as a member to make new friends and to spend time doing the things we love with folks who share similar interests. I hear so often how folks have felt welcomed and the amazing friendships they have developed in our club. We may be getting smaller but we are just as strong. Our club has been around for 50+ years and there are lots of reasons for that: our members, the countless volunteers who serve on the board, serve in support roles, chair or serve on committees, run social events and trips, and lend a hand at our events. I have chaired many events and run trips and have never had to worry about not having help when needed.

You are an amazing group of folks and I feel so honored to have had the opportunity to serve as your president these past two years and value all the friendships I have made. I want to take this time to say a special thank you to the 2016-2017 board of directors, trip leaders, social event chairs, support staff, Ski4life participants, Special Olympics volunteers and our numerous other volunteers for all your time and effort in being part of the continued vitality of this amazing club. With all this said, please join me in welcoming our 2017-2018 Board of Directors and in looking forward to another great year. *The task ahead is not as great as the power behind it....*



ELECTION RESULTS:

2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please congratulate the following newly-elected members of SSC's Board of Directors:

President – Dianne Paukovits
 Trip VP – Mark LaManna
 Social VP – Sharon Royer
 Treasurer – Brenda Martin
 Secretary – Barb Collier
 Membership – Mike Shaw
 Directors – Linda Randby and Gary Smith
 Past President – Sherry Predix

SOCIAL HOUR & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 6 pm

Come to **Boomerang Bar & Grill** on Tuesday, March 7 for some mid-winter fellowship over a plate of good food and a refreshing beverage. Our social hour is from 6 to 7 pm in the banquet room, where servers will be available to take your food and drink orders. Our brief business meeting will begin in the banquet room at 7 pm; the evening's program will close with a presentation on **scuba diving**.

Directions: From I-83 take Exit 40A and turn east onto Limekiln Road; turn left at the New Cumberland Hotel sign.



“HUMP DAY” MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, March 15 & April 12

Join us for happy hour and an evening at the movies. You do not have to be a SSC member to come to this event. We meet at **Romano's Macaroni Grill**, 2531 Brindle Dr., Harrisburg, any time after 5 pm for a snack and/or drink before the movie. Look for a SSC email blast announcing the chosen movie title a few days before each event. We drive a short distance to the **Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14** at 1500 Caughey Drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS

Sat, Feb 18	Whitefish trip departs
Wed, Feb 22, 6 pm	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Fri, Mar 3	St. Anton trip departs
Tue, Mar 7, 6 pm	Social hour/membership meeting @ Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
Wed, Mar 15, 5 pm	"Hump Day" happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg
Wed, Mar 29, 6 pm	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Tue, Apr 4, 6 pm	Picture party/membership meeting @ Boomerang Bar & Grill
Wed, Apr 12, 5 pm	"Hump Day" happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre
Sat, Apr 22, 5 pm	Annual spring banquet @ Colonial Golf and Tennis Club, 4901 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg

PICTURE PARTY & PHOTO CONTEST

PICTURE PARTY: Tuesday, April 4, 6 pm



If you went on a trip with SSC between April 2016 and March 2017, you are invited to attend our annual Picture Party starting at 6 pm on April 4 at **Boomerang Bar & Grill**, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland. Snacks will be provided. You can still attend the picture party for a \$5 fee if you were not a SSC trip participant during the past year. Bring your trip and event photos to share with your friends in scrapbook form or on your laptop (bring an extension cord if bringing your laptop).

2016-17 PHOTO CONTEST:

If you would like to enter any of your 2016-17 trip or event photos in SSC's 2016-17 photo contest, please bring a 4x6" black and white or color photo with your name printed in permanent marker on the back. Photo entries will be returned to you after our members cast their vote for their favorite photo at our Spring Banquet on April 22. The winner will receive a \$50 cash prize and the honor of having their winning photo displayed in our monthly email newsletters, including credits. Ideally, photos will support cropping to 3.4:1 (approx. 3.4 times wider than tall). Bring your entries to the Picture Party and hand them in at the registration desk or mail them to Terri Falk, 226 Burd Coleman Road, Lebanon, PA 17042.



Ron Nagle captured the 2015-16 winning image while on SSC's 2016 Aspen trip.

*Pictured here on a slope of Snowmass Mountain are **Horst Wels, Bryan Spangler and Chip Reylek** (L to R).*

13th ANNUAL SKI4LIFE TEAM RESULTS Fundraiser Held at Roundtop Mountain Resort on February 4



Team: **We Ski for Life** (Ron Nagle, Nan Davenport, Michael LaManna, Janet Levine) to-date total \$1208; Team: **Team Arthur** (Lovena Nickle, Mike Shaw) \$1536; Team: **Team Corduroy** (Bruce, Fields, Abby Fields, Jordann Silverstine) \$1147; Team: **We Ski for Ginger** (Maggie Doherty, Sarah Doherty, Madie Tenny, Jackson Tenny) \$1282 & winners of "most vertical".

Thank you teams for all your hard work and the many donors who helped to **SEND CANCER DOWNHILL!!** Good job!!!

NEW MEMBERS

Please Join Us in Welcoming Them!

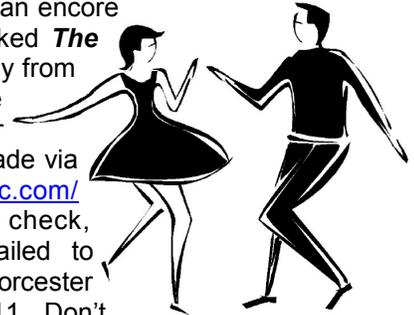
Lois Easterling and Brian Pennypacker

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, April 22

Where did the year go? Over already! Another year of fun, sun and snow, with friends old and new, comes to an end. What better way to relive and reminisce your 2016-2017 SSC adventures than to attend the SSC Annual Spring Banquet! This venue is a different location but right down the road from last year's banquet: The Colonial Golf and Tennis Club, 4901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg.

Our evening will begin with social hour from 5-6 pm (cash bar) followed by a buffet dinner which includes garden salad, fresh-baked rolls, two entrees, vegetable & starch *du jour*, dessert, coffee, and hot or cold tea. Immediately following our meal, we will acknowledge this year's Board, Support Staff, Trip Leaders, and Social Event Chairs and present the newly elected SSC Board and trip leaders for upcoming 2017-18 trips. We may also honor recipients of a Silver Ski, Gold Ski or Lifetime Achievement award. For listening, mixing and dancing the evening away (back for an encore performance) we have booked **The Pepper Street Band** to play from 7 until 11 pm. Cost of the event will be \$48 per person. Payment can be made via our website (www.skissc.com/event-2468630) or by check, payable to SSC, and mailed to **Sharon Royer**, 281 Worcester Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Don't hesitate! Make your reservation NOW for this annual SSC celebration of celebrations! If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 717-329-2661 or co-chair **Linda Randby** at 717-526-4563. Early reservations are greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you there!



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 24

Annual Sumer Picnic

Tentative location - Camp Reilly

Event chair is needed!!



RIDES & HIKES

Weekends are a great time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors with some awesome folks. For a schedule of weekly bike rides or hikes, contact **Mike Gavin** at emailriders1@comcast.net. You will receive not only a weekly update with upcoming ride details, but also the latest chapter in Mike's ongoing battle with Mother Nature.



2017 SSC WINTER TRIP STATUS

All 2017 winter trips are completed or closed except for waiting list additions. Your SSC membership must be current to sign up for a trip. Trip application forms, trip terms and trip details may be found on our website (skissc.com/trips).

Dates	Destination	Trip Status	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Feb 18-25, 2017	Whitefish, MT	Closed	Linda Randby	717-526-4563 or llaub4@gmail.com
Mar 3-11, 2017	St. Anton, Austria	Closed	Terri Falk	717-228-9939 or terrimcg@live.com

BIG SKY TRIP RECAP

The first trip of the 2017 season, and what didn't we experience? Trip delays out and back, but in the middle of all this was heaven. Bluebird skies, tolerable temps, nonexistent lift lines, slopes to ourselves, western hospitality, daily Chet's Place buffet breakfasts and great snow! How could it get any better?

The Huntley is centrally located to several restaurants and bars with limited shopping on the mountain. The shuttle ran down the mountain for those who wanted to explore different areas of Big Sky. Eight people spent one evening on the Lone Mountain Ranch Sleigh Ride dinner, with Dan our host, and his team of sleigh drivers and cooks. We were pulled up the mountain on sleighs with 1800lb.-draft-horse power while we viewed the incredible galaxy above. Dinner was in a log cabin with a cook stove built to prepare food for the railroad workers as they laid tracks across the country. Dinner started with a toast and shots for all. We dined, and listened to music and stories from the western era sung by what appeared to be a real cowboy. Awesome experience!

Twelve people experienced the Yellowstone Snowmobile/Cat tour 33 miles into Old Faithful and back. Our guide, Tyler, stopped many times to explain many of the features that make Yellowstone Park an attraction for so many throughout the world. We may have seen 150 bison, some only feet away from our sleds. Someone even accidentally dumped their spouse off the sled! One member experienced a guided tour outside of the park with some very adventurous individuals.

Skiing – awesome conditions despite having only a few inches of fresh snow while there. There were 300 named trails, and many of us could only ski 4 days. Many more trails to explore the next time. We had one injury on the last morning where a trail was not clearly marked and "man down" with a broken ankle – actually it was a woman. Reports to date, she is coming along great.

Farewell dinner from those who commented was the best they ever had! Compliments to our two servers who never stopped running until we finished. Finally, from those who did comment on the trip it appeared that overall it was a success, and definitely would suggest the club return to ski the remainder of the 300 trails they did not hit on this trip. ~ Jack

LAKE PLACID/WHITEFACE TRIP REPORT

EPSC Winter Carnival (Olympic Themed). At thirty-five strong, SSC members made the bus sojourn to the quaint village of Lake Placid on Thursday, January 26. As we neared Lake Placid, our first glimpse of the Olympic ski jump facilities generated a strong sense of awe in everyone. We were greeted with fresh snow falling as we headed down Main Street to our hotel. Our hotel was located near Mirror Lake and everyone had a great view of the frozen lake and the Adirondacks High Peaks. We arrived early enough to settle in and explore the town.

We were greeted with four inches of fresh powder on Friday morning. Whiteface skiing conditions were great with over 70 trails open. On the slopes, many of our group took advantage of our private mountain tour with Whiteface Mountain Ambassadors. On Friday afternoon, eighteen thrill-seeking SSC'ers headed to Mount Van Hoevenberg for the bobsled experience. After reaching speeds up to 55+ mph on the track, everyone left with a smile on their face and a commemorative t-shirt to go with it. Friday night festivities included Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC) torch-lighting opening ceremonies at the Olympic speed skating oval and a cocktail reception at the Olympic Convention Center.

We received another ten inches of snow Friday evening and through the day Saturday, making for another excellent day of skiing. Our SSC race team (pictured at right) competed on Saturday morning with other EPSC club teams and placed for a medal. Saturday night was the EPSC Olympic-themed awards banquet at the High Peaks Resort. SSC was in the spirit of things with folks dressed in the Olympic spirit. The SSC race team won the bronze medal. Congrats! We also won 11 door prizes and the 50/50 raffle, far exceeding all the other clubs combined. Afterwards SSC danced the night away.

Sunday's SSC activities included downhill and cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, dog sled rides, visiting Olympic venues and exploring the town prior to leaving for home. Thanks to everyone for making this a great trip. Lake Placid/Whiteface and the Olympic venues (winter or summer) are definitely worth a return visit! ~ Gary



SSC's Bronze Award-Winning Team, from L to R: Ken Stehman, Phil Durgin, Sharon Kabatek, Bob Serafin, Kris McNew, Joan Luce



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 Directors—Jack Billmyer, Lovena Nickle, Linda Randby
 Past President—Brenda Bent

2016-17 SUPPORT STAFF

EPSC—Dianne Paukovits
 Marketing/Publicity—open
 Meetup—Dyan Yingst
 Merchandise—Jim Haslam
 NASTAR racing—Jack Billmyer
 Newsletter—Pam Neidig
 Night Club Cards—Jack Billmyer
 Photo Historian—open
 Ski4Life—Sue Leonard
 Skier Development—open
 Special Olympics—Phil Durgin
 Volunteers—open
 Website—Pam Neidig

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

SSC's new membership year begins April 1, and we urge you to renew your membership today so you don't miss any of our great events, or a chance to sign up for upcoming trips. **You have choice in how to renew your SSC membership:**

1. You can **personally hand in** a completed membership application form (see below) and your check for a year's membership dues at an upcoming club event, or you can **mail** your form and dues to the club's PO box. Members who choose this option can expect to receive confirmation of current membership in approximately 2-3 weeks.
2. You can **renew your membership online**. Members who choose this option can be sure that SSC has correct contact information for them (it can be challenging to decipher handwritten applications) and will receive immediate confirmation of current membership when dues are paid online. To facilitate the online renewal process, each current SSC membership will receive an email from the club in mid-March. This email will include directions for logging on to our website's membership app where you can complete the renewal process. If you have forgotten your password, a link is provided in these emails for obtaining a new temporary password. The first part of the membership renewal process includes reviewing your individual (or family/household) contact information in our member records. If any of your contact information (i.e., email address, mailing address, telephone number) has changed, this is the time to update our records. Click on the "Edit Profile" button at the top of your profile page to make changes. When you're ready to complete the process, click on the "Renew until April 1, 2018" button. This will initiate a membership dues payment loop, where you have the option of paying your dues by mailing in a check, by paying with your PayPal account, or by paying your dues with a debit or credit card.

Special note for our Gold Ski lifetime members: Lifetime members are included in the online (email reminder) membership "renewal" process, even though your continued membership in our club is free. We reach out to our lifetime members every year in this way to ensure we don't lose touch with you! Please log on and click the "Renew" button after checking your contact information! You will NOT be asked to complete a membership dues payment loop. This is just to keep our records current.

Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club – Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31

Please Print Clearly, Especially Email Addresses!!

MEMBERSHIP ACTION:

Renewal New _____
 Sponsor name (optional)

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

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

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Date _____ Cash Check (#) _____

Do not mail cash. Please make checks payable to SSC. Mail to: SSC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, P.O. Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dependents' names and birthdates: _____