

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



December 2015

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SSC members sure know how to have fun! Our first ever **Poker Bicycle Ride** had 10 riders. A lot of laughs and a beautiful day equals a fun time. Congrats to **Barb Collier** for winning with the best poker hand. Thanks, **Brenda Bent** and **Rick Begley**, for putting this together.

Thanks, **Sue Vancola** and **Lovey Nickle**, for organizing our **Movie Nights**. This event has been very successful, with an average of 14 folks each month. Be sure to check out the event calendar for dates and look for an email blast closer to the date that identifies the movie that is playing.

On October 23, SSC and Lancaster Ski Club co-hosted our annual **Ski Expo**. Over 100 people came to talk to mountain reps, and to enjoy refreshments, music and lots of great door prizes. Thanks, **Dianne Paukovitz**, for helping to put this all together and to the **many volunteers** who worked the SSC registration table.

Our first trip of the season, to the **Finger Lakes Wine Region**, was enjoyed by 48 SSC members thanks to trip leader **Bob Martin**, and featured beautiful weather and scenery, tastings at nine wineries and one brewery, delicious food and an amazing bus driver.

Thanks, **Jay Doherty** and **Jack Billmyer**, for organizing the **Skier Safety program** for our November membership meeting. Jay's presentation of safety rules was followed by a "not-so-skier-safety" skit starring **Jack Billmyer, Phyllis Doherty, Chip Hostutler, Don Koser, Dave Meyer, Jack and Sherry Predix, and Dave Timothy**.

Our November 14 **Get-Acquainted Party** was one to remember! The band was excellent and the 175+ members who attended filled the dance floor! Thanks to event chairs **Beth Harfmann** and **Sharon Royer**, to the **volunteers** staffing the registration tables and the doors, and to our event sponsors **Billmyer Renovations, Brenda Bent, Realtor, Coldwell-Banker, Brewhouse Grille and World Cup Ski & Cycle**.

It won't be long 'til we get to enjoy winter activities together, trips or social gatherings. Colder weather is coming... think snow! **Many blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving!**

MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL, NEW MEMBER MIXER, MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

Tuesday, December 1, 6 pm

Come out and celebrate the upcoming holidays with your SSC friends! Our **social hour** starts at 6 pm in **Boomerang's** banquet room, followed by a brief **business meeting** starting at 7 pm. Trip leaders with space available will be on hand before and after the meeting to answer your questions and to take applications and deposits. Our meeting will conclude with a brief, fun **presentation on goggles** entitled **"You Will Never Look at Snow the Same"**; **THREE lucky members will win a pair of his special goggles and THIS COULD INCLUDE YOU!!!** Our free-to-members **Holiday Party** will begin immediately following the meeting with snacks, music, dancing and a cash bar.

Please remember to bring a donation of nonperishable food to the meeting for the Central PA Food Bank. Or, donate cash when we pass the Santa hat at the meeting.

NEW MEMBER MIXER!!

ATTENTION all new SSC members!! You are invited to our New Member Mixer preceding the December membership meeting. We've reserved a private room at Boomerang's for a wine & cheese social hour just for you beginning at 6 pm. Meet the SSC Board of Directors and other new members!

GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS!!

Christmas is just a few weeks away, and SSC's merchandise may be just what your skier/rider would want. Duffel bags, wicking polo shirts, fleece shirts and cotton t-shirts. He also will have a small stock of baseball caps and wicking t-shirts on hand for direct sales (no order necessary while supplies last). And of course we still have stocking stuffers (luggage tags, patches and stickers), sweatpants and hooded front-zip sweatshirts. Make sure you check out our "club store" at the December membership meeting!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1, 6 pm	Membership Social/Meeting/Holiday Party @ Boomerang's, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
Dec 1, 6 pm	New Member Mixer @ Boomerang's
Dec 9, 5 pm	Happy Hour & Movie Night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & nearby Regal Theatre
Dec 16, 5 pm	Board Meeting @ Roundtop's Alpine Room. Learn to Ski Night @ Roundtop Mountain Resort.
Jan 5, 6 pm	Membership Social/Meeting @ Boomerang's
Jan 20, 5 pm	Happy Hour & Movie Night @ Macaroni Grill & nearby Regal Theatre
Jan 23-30	Aspen/Snowmass trip
Jan 27, 5 pm	Board Meeting @ Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, 3211 N. Front St., Harrisburg
Feb 2, 6 pm	Membership Social/Meeting & SSC Board Election @ Boomerang's

HAPPY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesdays, Dec. 9 & Jan. 20, 5 pm

It's 'Hump Day' so RELAX!... Join us for an evening for happy hour and a movie. **Bring a friend...** You don't have to be a club member to come to this event. **Eat/drink...** We'll meet after 5 pm at the Macaroni Grill at 2531 Brindle Dr., Harrisburg, for some drinks and a snack before the movie. When it's nearly time for the movie to start, we'll drive a short distance to the Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14 at 1500 Caughey Drive. Stay tuned for an email blast 3-4 days before movie night that will announce the name of the movie we're going to see and the time. For more information, contact **Sue Vancola** at vancola@verizon.net or 215-564-6007.

SKIER/BOARDER CONDITIONING

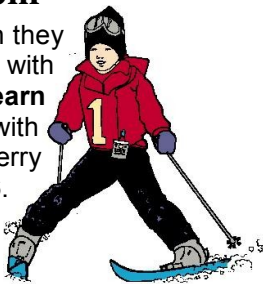
Thursdays Thru Dec. 17, 6 pm

Get ready to hit the slopes as a stronger skier or boarder with more endurance this year! Train **Yard Gym & Fitness** (1079 2nd St., Enola) is offering a skier/boarder conditioning class that will build your leg and core strength, improve your balance and increase your muscular and cardiovascular endurance. Classes meet Thursdays from 6-7 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, and class fees are \$5 per session.

LEARN TO SKI OR BOARD NIGHT

Wednesday, December 16, 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? SSC is sponsoring a **Learn to Ski or Board Night** in conjunction with **Roundtop Mountain Resort** in Lewisberry on Wednesday evening, December 16. The beginner package includes equipment rental, lesson and a lift ticket, all for a special price of just \$49. Please meet at the Ski School by 6 pm. If you already know how to ski or board, you can bring your friends or family members and get your lift ticket for just \$20! After the 90-minute lesson, join representatives of SSC and Roundtop for an *après* ski gathering in the Alpine Room behind the Lodge. Buy these packages at our December membership meeting or mail your check made payable to "SSC" to Learn to Ski/Board Night, P.O. Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106 by December 10. Please include your name, number of people and whether you plan to take skiing or boarding lessons. SSC Board members will be on hand to greet and assist you through the rental lines.



SUNRISE SKIER DEVELOPMENT

Sundays Starting January 10, 8:30 am

Come ski and ride with a pro at Roundtop Mountain Resort starting Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 8:30 am for 4 weeks. Package includes 4 visits with 4-hour lift ticket and 1.5 hour coaching for \$208. If you already have your lift ticket and just need the lessons, the cost is \$84. Please make your check payable to "SSC" and mail to **Bob Venditti** at 2607 N. Rosegarden Blvd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Questions? Contact Bob at skimebob@hotmail.com or 717-319-2952.

SSC BOARD OPENINGS

SSC's membership is what makes this club great, but the club's officers, directors and support staff are the people who keep the club going by overseeing our day-to-day operations. Unless board positions are filled by members who are willing to move up to positions of higher responsibility, the club cannot continue to operate. SSC needs its members to step up their involvement with the club. **The nomination committee reports that it has yet to line up nominees for several key positions on SSC's 2016/17 Board.** Board positions consist of President, Trip Vice President, Social Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Trip Coordinator, Social Coordinator and four Directors. **For most positions, no special background is needed, just a passion for SSC and a desire to help the club thrive. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Past President Dyan Yingst at skierdyan@comcast.net.** Job descriptions are available upon request. Nominations for the 2016/17 Board will be presented at the January 5, 2016 SSC membership meeting. At that time, nominations will also be taken from the floor.



BE A SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACH!!

January

Since 2002, SSC has partnered with the York Ski Club to assist the **York Area Special Olympics** skiing program. We typically coach about a dozen athletes (teens and young adults), and we try to have at least two coaches per athlete. You only have to be an intermediate skier to coach, and **Roundtop** donates the lift tickets, so come join the fun! Many of our athletes are great skiers and they love to ski! SSC's Special Olympics Coordinator **Phil Durgin** will contact last year's volunteers to determine their availability, and new volunteers should contact Phil at 717-732-5325 to request a volunteer application form.

12TH ANNUAL SKI4LIFE

Saturday, February 6

Skiers and snowboarders will "send cancer downhill" at the 12th Annual Ski4Life event benefiting the Central PA Chapter of **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** (LLS). Ski4Life is a 6-hour ski and snowboard marathon, where participants raise money for the LLS mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. The event begins at 9 am on Saturday, February 6, at **Roundtop Mountain Resort**. Register online as individuals or as a team of four, and enjoy skiing and snowboarding while supporting a great cause! More information will follow!!

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 2015 Holiday Party and our 2016 Picture Party, Spring Banquet and Summer Picnic. For more information, please contact Past President **Dyan Yingst** at skierdyan@comcast.net or 717-979-4152.



2016 TRIP STATUS



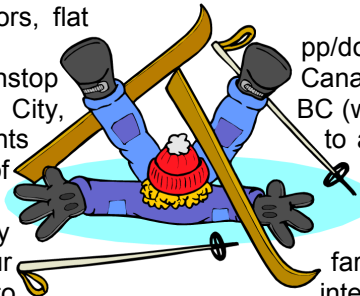
Trip application forms and trip terms may be found on our website (skissc.com/trips). See pages 3-4 of this newsletter or our website for trip details. Your SSC membership must be current to sign up for a SSC trip. Singles are needed to fill these double-occupancy rooms: **Telluride needs a single male, Park City a single female, Rhine River Cruise a single male, New Hampshire a single male and a single female.**

Dates	Destination	Trip Size / Status	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Jan 13-17, 2016	Jay Peak, Vermont	42 / Cancelled	Mike Shaw	717-253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com
Jan 23-30, 2016	Snowmass, Colorado	72 / Full-wait list	Dianne Paukovits	717-503-9493 or dpaukovits@comcast.net
Feb 7-14, 2016	Telluride, Colorado	61 / Full-wait list	Melody Patton	717-741-6055 or mpatton0627@comcast.net
Feb 19, 2016	Elk Mountain, PA	48 / Open	Priscilla Hooper	717-938-5368 or prissnp@comcast.net
Feb 20-27, 2016	Park City/Canyons, Utah	42 / 81% filled	Dyan Yingst	717-979-4152 or skierdyan@comcast.net
Feb 29-Mar 4, 2016	New Hampshire Sampler	48 / Open	Pam Neidig	717-507-7196 or pamneidig.ssc@gmail.com
Mar 6-13, 2016	Big White, BC	32 / 66% filled	Terri Falk	717-228-9939 or terrimcg@live.com
Aug 20-28, 2016	Rhine River Cruise	32 / 69% filled	Lovena Nickle	717-919-4262 or lovnice53@comcast.net

PARK CITY & THE CANYONS, UTAH February 20-27 (Saturday-Saturday)

This trip needs a single female. The [Canyons Resort](#) is Utah's largest, boasting 4,000 acres and 182 trails across nine peaks with diverse terrain for every skier and rider. [Park City Mountain](#) offers 3,300 acres with 101 designated runs including one right into town. **Vail now owns both of these resorts and is connecting them with a new gondola, creating the largest ski resort in the nation.** Guests at the [Park City Peaks Hotel](#) will enjoy the indoor/outdoor heated pool and amenities like cotton robes, coffee makers, refrigerators, flat screen TVs and Wi-Fi.

SSC's package price of \$1,670 pp/do includes a nonstop round trip airfare between Baltimore and Salt Lake City, ground transportation to and from the airports, 7 nights lodging with daily breakfast buffet, a welcome party, 5 of 6 day lift ticket good at both Park City and the Canyons, and free shuttle service from our hotel door to nearby resorts and historic Main Street. Please mail your completed trip application and \$600 deposit payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Dyan Yingst**, 801 Pheasant Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112-1330. For more information, please contact Dyan at 717-979-4152 or skierdyan@comcast.net.



BIG WHITE, BRITISH COLUMBIA March 6-13 (Sunday-Sunday)

DID YOU KNOW? Your buying power is 31% greater in Canada (\$1USD = \$1.31CAD). Although [Big White](#), BC is the final SSC trip of the 2015/2016 ski season, **THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!!** By December 1, it will be necessary to release any unsold air seats and rooms, and your opportunity to join us on this adventure to a **TRUE CANADIAN JEWEL** will have passed you by. **AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT! MAIL YOUR TRIP APPLICATION WITH A \$600 DEPOSIT TODAY!**

For the very reasonable price of \$1,708 pp/do, you will enjoy round trip airfare on Air Canada between Philadelphia and Kelowna, BC (with a change in Toronto) ground transfers to and from the airports, 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out [Inn at Big White](#), daily hot breakfast buffet, 6-day lift ticket, a welcome wine & cheese reception, farewell party, and so much more! If interested, it is urgent that you mail your deposit **NOW** to **trip leader Terri Falk**, 226 Burd Coleman Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042. For more information, please contact Terri at 717-228-9939 or terrimcg@live.com.

RHINE RIVER CRUISE August 20-28 (Saturday-Sunday)

This trip needs a single male. **ACT NOW FOR THE LOWEST PRICES OF THE SEASON! Join SSC as we travel for the first time to cruise the Rhine River Valley onboard the Viking Cruise Line's [Longship Kara](#).** We will fly into Basel, Switzerland, and cruise over the next 8 days to Amsterdam. Ports visited along the way include: Basel, Breisach, Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Rudesheim, Braubach, Koblenz, Cologne, Kinderdijk and Amsterdam (with transfer to Amsterdam airport). Also included are six guided tours, all port charges and free Wi-Fi. We will visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites. The following are also included: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners, featuring regional specialties as well as complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch service. Included is a Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and a Captain's Farewell Dinner and much more.

Build your own trip on this excursion by choosing from three types of cabins; you can also choose the airport from which you depart, Dulles or Harrisburg (Dulles is recommended), and you can add optional trip extensions in Basel, Switzerland, and/or Amsterdam. Cabin prices on the Longship Kara range from \$2,327 to \$3,227 pp/do. If you sign up for this trip during the month of November the airfare out of Dulles is \$745 and out of Harrisburg, \$995. The prices of the airfare change from month to month on the 1st of each month, so take advantage now of this discounted airfare. See SSC's website for full details. Please send your completed trip application and deposit of \$500 per person payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Lovena Nickle**, 195 Mapleton Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112. For more information, please contact Lovena at 717-541-8803 or lovnice53@comcast.net.





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Skier Development—Bob Venditti
Special Olympics—Phil Durgin
Volunteers—open
Website—Pam Neidig & Marlin Hensel

JAY PEAK TRIP CANCELLED

SSC's Executive Committee has voted to cancel the 2016 Jay Peak trip due to continuing weak sales. Full participant refunds have been issued. Each trip must meet a minimum threshold of participation in order to qualify for group rates and to cover the fixed costs of bus transportation, and these thresholds were not met by this trip. We appreciate the interest that our affected club members have shown in this trip and encourage them to consider openings that remain on other open trips. Many thanks also to **trip leader Mike Shaw** for his efforts on behalf of the club in planning and promoting this trip.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA February 19 (Friday)

On Friday, February 19, SSC is going to one of our favorite day locations: Elk Mountain Resort. The bus will leave BJ's Wholesale Club (3805 Hartzdale Drive, Camp Hill) at 7 am and leave Elk Mountain at 4:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$85 per person. Come and enjoy skiing or boarding the snowy trails of Elk. Please contact **trip leader Priscilla Hooper** at prissnp@comcast.net or 717-938-5368.

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS Please Join Us in Welcoming Them!

Patricia Albright, Ed & Linda Baldus, Steve Barnes, Thomas Bartoski, Bill Bosche, Kenneth Bretz, Michael Bretz, Margaret Cannon, Cole Cooper, Steve & Kim Dederer, Wade Edris, Angela Farbman, Anne & Steve Farrah, Charmaine Garner, Terry Gendron, Karen Green, Nancy Hiles, Luanne Irvin, Paola Kostelac, Sherry Lehr, Joan Luce, Cathy & Dennis Martin, Tunde Meszaros, Helene Moore, Kenneth Myers, Claudia Pall, Douglas Peck, Karen Shaffer, Ronald Skrabut, Dan Trotta, Garry Wingard, Ken Willis, Sonia Wise & Bill Worley

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NEW HAMPSHIRE SAMPLER

February 29-March 4 (Monday-Friday)

This trip needs a single male and a single female. If you "want in" on this GREAT DEAL (only \$632 pp/do!), sign up before December 31. Come ski or ride with us in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire on this ski safari to [Loon](#), [Attitash](#) and [Cannon](#) Mountains. In the remaining daylight hours, strap on ice skates, snowshoes or cross-country skis (our hotel, the deluxe [Indian Head Resort](#) in Lincoln, is located on the shore of a small lake and at the juncture of two trails, one to the famed Indian Head, the other to Franconia Notch State Park). Or enjoy happy hour in our hotel's expansive lounge or any of their four pools or hot tubs (their outdoor pool and hot tub are both open year round, and feature heated sidewalks!). Enjoy four breakfasts and three dinners in the hotel's award-winning dining room (price included in your package). After dinner, head to the hotel's lounge for nightly live entertainment and dancing.

SSC's excellent package price of \$632 pp/do includes roundtrip motorcoach from the Harrisburg area to the hotel, daily roundtrip shuttles between the hotel and the mountain of the day, 3 full-day lift passes (1 each at Loon, Attitash and Cannon), 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts **and 3 dinners** in the Indian Head Resort's dining room, and on-board refreshments for the drive up and back from New Hampshire. Please send your completed trip application and deposit of \$300 per person payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Pam Neidig**, 204 Hollywood Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011. For more information, please contact Pam at 717-507-7196 or pamneidig.ssc@gmail.com.

TRIP PAYMENTS DUE!

If you have signed up for a SSC trip your final 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 soon:

- Aspen/Snowmass – Final payment due December 1
- Big White - Final payment due December 10
- Park City/Canyons - Final payment due December 11
- Telluride – Final payment due December 1
- New Hampshire - Final payment due January 15