The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER

Susquehanna Ski Snowboard Club
HARRISBURG, PA

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Where's the snow? There's not much of the natural stuff around here, however Roundtop has had their snow guns going day and night making for a good base and some really great skiing. Our 2017 trips are underway and the Trip Committee is busy planning next year's trips. We'll announce the 2018 trips and trip leaders at the Annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, April 22.

At the January Membership Meeting, SSC's membership voted to change our by-laws, and approved the reduction of our Board of Directors from 13 to 9 positions. This included the elimination of the trip coordinator and social coordinator positions and two director positions. We also took nominations from the floor for the upcoming SSC 2017-18 Board of Directors and ended up with a full slate of candidates on our ballot for the upcoming year. As you will see when you receive your 2017-18 SSC Ballot, there are no contested positions. Many thanks to the folks who volunteered to serve on the board for the upcoming year. Have a safe and enjoyable ski season. Hope to see you on the slopes!

SOCIAL HOUR, PRE-TRIP MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Tue, Feb 7, 6 pm

Come to **Boomerang Bar & Grill** on Tuesday, February 7 for some mid-winter fellowship over a plate of good food and a refreshing beverage. Our **social hour** and **pre-trip meetings for the Whitefish and St. Anton trips** will begin at 6 pm. Our brief business meeting will begin at 7 pm, with 2017-18 **Board Election results** reported shortly after the 7 pm deadline for submission of paper ballots. Most members will need to cast their votes no later than 5:00 pm on the 7th as the online ballot closes at 5:00 pm. The evening's program will end with a trip report and slideshow by participants on the 2016 SSC Rhine River Cruise. **Directions:** From I-83 take Exit 40A and turn east onto Limekiln Road; turn left at the New Cumberland Hotel sign.

13th ANNUAL SKI4LIFE
February 4, 2017

Ski4Life Ski & Snowboard Marathon
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® Fighting Blood Cancers

Join us at Roundtop Mountain Resort for the 13th annual Ski4Life event benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). **It would be great to see lots of SSC members at Roundtop Mountain Resort on Saturday, February 4, cheering on all the Ski4Life participants at the base of Minuteman, in the lodge, or on the lifts or trails.** This final day of our annual fundraising campaign on behalf of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be a day of celebrating passion, compassion and resolve. *Passion* for this sport we all love. *Compassion* for others as we ski (or ride!) in honor of or in memory of friends or family members afflicted by blood cancers, and… *Resolve* to **Send Cancer Downhill** by funding the research that will, one day soon, forever eradicate blood cancers. **Please donate to your favorite SSC Ski4Life fundraising team** at http://events.lls.org/pages/cpa/ski4life2017.

Ski4Life is a 6-hour ski and snowboard marathon, where participants raise money to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Prizes are awarded for top individual and team fundraisers, vertical feet challenge, and the most online contributions. Participants can register online as individuals or as a team of four. To register, visit www.lls.org/pages/cpa/ski4life2017. For more information on Ski4Life or assistance with registration, please contact LLS' Ski4Life Campaign Coordinator, Liane Battista, at Liane.Battista@lls.org or call 717-736-7193.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS

Sat, Jan 14	Big Sky trip departs
Wed, Jan 25, 6 pm	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd. Harrisburg
Thu, Jan 26	Lake Placid trip departs
Fri, Feb 3	Blue Mountain day trip
Sat, Feb 4	Vail trip departs
Sat, Feb 4	13th Annual Ski4Life Fundraiser @ Roundtop Mountain Resort
Tue, Feb 7, 6 pm	Pre-trip meetings for St. Anton and Whitefish @ Boomerang Bar & Grill
Tue, Feb 7, 6 pm	Social hour/membership meeting & SSC Board election @ Boomerang Bar & Grill
Wed, Feb 15, 5 pm	"Hump Day" happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg
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
Wed, Mar 15, 5 pm	"Hump Day" happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre
Wed, Mar 29, 6 pm	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd. Harrisburg

SAVE THESE DATES!!

April 4 ~ Picture Party & Photo Contest
April 22 ~ Spring Banquet

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2016-17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President—Sherry Predix
Trip Vice President—Dianne Paukovits
Social Vice President—Terri Falk
Treasurer—Brenda Martin
Secretary—open
Membership Chair—Mike Shaw
Trip Coordinator—Gary Smith
Social Coordinator—Sharon Royer
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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2017 SSC WINTER TRIPS

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

Dates	Destination	Trip Status	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Jan 14-21, 2017	Big Sky, MT	Closed	Jack Billmyer	717-307-0446 or jack@billmyer.net
Jan 26-29, 2017	Lake Placid, NY	Closed	Gary Smith	717-503- 2332 or 262gsmith@gmail.com
Feb 3, 2017	Blue Mountain, PA	50% Filled; Open	Brenda Bent	717-215-5668 or pinkcamo@comcast.net
Feb 4-11, 2017	Vail, CO	Closed	Becky Havice	717-248-7271 or rlpatt@eawireless.net
Feb 12-16, 2017	Jay Peak, VT	Cancelled	Mike Shaw	717-253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com
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

BLUE MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA

February 3, 2017 (Friday)

Join SSC for a fun-filled day as we return to Blue Mountain, PA's highest vertical, longest runs, and most varied terrain, to challenge every skill level of skiers & riders! Trip package includes round trip motor coach from Harrisburg East Mall to Blue Mountain Ski Resort, lift ticket and water with snacks on bus. SSC's per person package price: Junior 6-12 ($72), Adult 13-69 ($80), and Senior 70+ ($36). Reserve your spot now by contacting **trip leader Brenda Bent** at 1721 Lindsey Lane, Dauphin PA 17018, 717-215-5668, pinkcamo@comcast.net.

JAY PEAK TRIP CANCELLED

SSC's Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2017 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. Many thanks also to **trip leader Mike Shaw** for his efforts on behalf of the club in planning and promoting this trip.

"HUMP DAY" MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, February 15 & March 15

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.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACHES ARE NEEDED!

You only have to be an intermediate skier to coach and Roundtop Mountain Resort donates the lift tickets, so come join the fun! We typically coach about a dozen athletes (teens and young adults), and we try to have at least two coaches per athlete. For more information, please contact **Phil Durgin** at 717-732-5325 or pdurgin@comcast.net.