

# SSC *Lift Lanes*

THE NEWSLETTER OF SITZMARK SKI CLUB

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## President's Column

Many thanks to Frank and Janet D'Alio and Tina Tedford for arranging our great holiday party in December. Also thanks to the staff at Mangia Bene for the good food and comfortable accommodations. It was nice to see some folks who we had not seen in some time as well as our "regulars" and some newer members. Many thanks also to those who donated door prizes.

As noted in an e-mail which you all should have received and a notice elsewhere in this newsletter we've changed the location of our January 17 meeting to Riley and Jake's, formerly known as the Sunset Inn, about 2 miles north of I-78 on Route 31. Time remains the same 7 PM. The club previously met in this location and there is a nice private room on the lower level.

We are just back from the club's long weekend trip to Stowe Vt. 45 people enjoyed the trip. Our thanks to Yvonne Craven for organizing the trip. More details will be forthcoming in her trip report. Photos will be posted to our Facebook page within the next couple of weeks.

In view of an early deadline for this issue of the newsletter and my arrival home from Stowe last night, I'm keeping this column short. However a summary of news of interest from the New Jersey Ski Council follows.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting. The program may involve an Aspen - Snowmass preview.

*Howard McGinn  
President*

## NJ Ski Council Notes

Mt Snow just opened up a chair bubble lift. They also have council appreciation days that are posted on the NJSC web site:

<http://www.newjerseyskicouncil.org/DiscountsMain.html>

On the Friday before St Patty's Day, tickets are \$16!!!

Okemo has some discounted Mid Week lift tickets Monday through Friday. There are some specials on Facebook as well.

Killington tickets are in demand. If you want tickets from Killington be sure to contact our club rep, John Mallon, as early as possible.

There are now Pico Junior tickets. Mt Snow no longer has a return limit!

Pocono Cards should have been received at the NJSC Meeting on January 9 and, if so, will be distributed at Sitzmark's January 17 meeting.

Reminder: Some Mountains will require your club card with the Council sticker affixed when purchasing discount lift

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## NJ Ski Council Notes *(continued)*

tickets. Sugarbush is enforcing this and will also ask for an ID matching the card.

Discounts are posted on the NJSC website. Sports Authority is a new discounter. They offer \$10 off of a \$50 purchase; \$25 off \$100 with the discount coupon available on the Council's website. You may also need to present your club card with sticker.

High Country Sports also gives a 10% discount with your club card.

MT. TREMBLANT: March 25-30. NJSC has about 30+ people! There is still time to sign up. Contact Ed Dalton (fastedy77@aol.com) or Kathy Mancini (kathy.mancini@verizon.net).

The Special Olympics is still looking for volunteers. February 7-8, Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday evening, the 6th, is the opening day. www.sonj.org is the website where you can sign up and volunteer.

Travel Guard trip insurance is available through the NJSC web site for any trips; it does not have to be for a ski trip or a council trip. It can be a cruise, etc. The cost is 5% of the trip price - Details and purchase info available on the Council's website. Click on the Travel Guard logo in the upper left corner of the Home Page.

You can check out the NJ Ski Council Newsletter at <http://www.newjerseyskicouncil.org/CouncilTracks/CouncilTracks.html>.

## Discount Lift Tickets

Lift ticket availability will be the same as last year except for the following two items; Killington will have a young/adult ticket in addition to the adult ticket. Also Whiteface will only have one ticket instead of several categories.

### Ski areas offering discount lift tickets through NJSC include:

Bromley: Adult; Junior ☐  
Gore Mtn  
Jay Peak: Adult; Junior •

Killington: Adult; Junior •

Mt. Snow

Okemo: Adult; Young Adult/Senior • ;

Junior/Super Senior ☐ Pico

Stowe: Adult; Young Adult/Senior •

Sugarbush (voucher is ticket)

Stratton Mtn

Whiteface Mtn

#### footnotes:

☐ ages 6-12

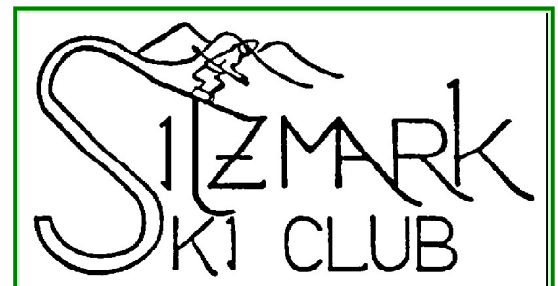
- ages 13-18 and 65-69

☐ ages 7-12 and 70+

- ages 6-18

- ages 6-12 and 65+

Complete information, including prices, will be sent only to **current members**.



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**Meets the third Tuesday of each month**  
(September—June) at 7:00 PM

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The editor welcomes articles and items of interest, news of upcoming events, classified ads, etc. All information must be submitted by the beginning of each month for publication in the next newsletter.

## Stowe Trip

We had 40 people on the bus and 5 driving up. Our bus made it up to the Golden Eagle Resort in a record time of 6½ hours! Arriving early helped all to make Friday breakfast and catch our bus leaving for the mountain at 8:30AM. Many of us started at Spruce Peak and then took the "Overeasy Gondola" back to Mt. Mansfield. Although not every trail was open, what was open had great snow. I think the report was that 60% of the trails were open and all the lifts. We had light snow Fri. & Sat. day with some sun coming out on Saturday, and a sunny Sunday.

On Friday evening, after a Welcome Reception in the Spa building (heated pool, sauna, exercise room, etc.), we headed over to their café for our dinner of Lasagna, Pasta Primavera, Caesar Salad, garlic bread and great desserts.

Sixteen people skied on Sunday while others shopped, took walks, cross country skied (Y&L), etc. After boarding the bus with our "Lunch-To-Go" dinners, we headed back to NJ and made it home in another record breaking time of 6½ hours!

Most people told me that they had a good time. (I hope they weren't just being polite).

*Yvonne*



## Day Trip List

The club is compiling a Day Trip list for skiers who are interested in skiing locally and looking for someone to ski with, if you are interested in adding your name to the Day Trip list, you can sign up at any regular meeting or contact Jerry Philkill (jerry@bluehen.udel.edu) with your email address, phone number and the day of the week that you are most likely to ski.

### Sitzmark Day Trip Ski Buddies

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>	<u>BEST DAY OF WEEK</u>
Howard McGinn	610-253-3748	hmcginn@rcn.com	any weekday except Thursday
Ray Somers	908-782-5192	raymond.somers@gmail.com	any weekday
Frank D'Alio	908-797-9529	frank.dalio@gmail.com	any weekday
Veronica Mausser	609-397-0188	njveronica@hotmail	Wednesday
Todd Leutholt	908-782-8140	toddh08@comcast.net	Wednesday & Thursday
John Mallon	908-241-0949	johnpmallon@comcast.net	any day except Tuesday
Joy Beck	908-735-7105	joybeck_66@hotmail.com	any day
Len Scrudato	908-439-2015	lscrudato@gmail.com	any day
Bonnie DeFazio	908-806-7724	bonitad.1@netzero.net	any day
Gerrie Molnar	908-625-8359		any weekday
Vince Madonia	610-746-2186	vinmadonia@gmail.com	any weekday

## Trivia Questions

1. What state in the U.S. has the most ski areas?
2. How many ski areas in the U.S. do not allow snowboarding, and what are the names of those areas?
3. What do Stratton Mountain Resort, Crested Butte and Breckenridge Ski Resort all have in common?
4. What is the average number of sunny days during the 150-day ski season at Sun Valley, Idaho?
5. How many inches of snow fell last season at Mount Baker, Wash., which traditionally has the greatest amount of snowfall of any U.S. ski resort?

## This and That!

### Peak Resorts Buys Jack Frost Mountain and Big Boulder Ski Area

Peak Resorts, Inc., has purchased Jack Frost Mountain and Big Boulder Ski Area in Pennsylvania, from Blue Ridge Real Estate Company. Peak Resorts had leased and managed the ski resorts since 2005. Peak Resorts operates 12 ski areas through the Midwestern, Northeastern, and Southeastern United States, including Attitash, Crotched Mountain, and Wildcat in New Hampshire; Boston Mills/Brandy Wine and Mad River in Ohio; Hidden Valley and Snow Creek in Missouri; Mad Mount Snow in Vermont, and Paoli Peaks in Indiana.

### Haystack Mountain Opening as Private Ski Resort

Haystack Mountain, located in Wilmington, Vermont, will re-open its doors and slopes in the coming weeks as an exclusive, private ski resort. The resort plans to sell 900 family memberships that include benefits such as uncrowded skiing, as well as a golf club and equestrian center. A 35,000-square foot slope-side Club Lodge promises a stone hearth, spa, wellness center, five-star restaurant, ski valet, and 24-hour concierge. The resort first opened in the 1960s as an alternative to larger, more crowded resorts in southern Vermont. The resort was bought in 1991 by the owners of nearby Mt. Snow, who started promoting the two resorts as one. Due to financial difficulties, the mountain was sold in 2005 to a group of local businessmen who planned to turn the mountain into an upscale, private area. Since then the resort has undergone many renovations including the addition of a hybrid lift known as a “chondola” (part chairlift, part gondola).

*Happy  
New Year !!*

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## **Calendar of Events**

- January 17 Sitzmark Ski Club monthly meeting, 7:00 PM, Riley and Jake's Restaurant (formerly the Sunset Inn), 1831 Route 31, Clinton NJ, on the west side of Route 31 about 2 miles north of the I-78-Route 31 intersection**
- Jan 28-Feb 4 Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado**
- February 21 Sitzmark Ski Club monthly meeting, 7:00 PM**