



Tips 'N' Tales

The voice of the WEST JERSEY SKI CLUB

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Our 50th Year of Family-Friendly Skiing!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Here we are, late October with reports of snow in the upper parts of New England, Northwest Pennsylvania and frost on the cars in the morning. I am now *anxiously* awaiting the onset of winter. It has all of the promise of a great season. I have always been one to be ready to move into a new winter season with the anticipation of cold weather, snow, a fire in the fireplace and good times on the mountain. Nancy & I look to surpass last year's number of days on the slopes. Hopefully, your season will also be one of anticipation of a banner year. Yes, I've always been one to eagerly await the start of the next adventure.

So why am I *anxiously* awaiting the start of this particular season? And which meaning of the word *anxiously* is haunting me? My mindset typically goes with the meaning of positive anticipation but I learned it can also be that meaning of anxiety, apprehension and uncertainty. This year, West Jersey Ski Club has made some bold moves with the return of day trips. This was done, in part, to help bring needed growth to the club.

Why day trips, when they have grown in price and have not been supported? They had grown in price because there was declining participation. So, to try to make the trips "fly", the price per person for the trips was calculated based on 21 people riding on a 52 passenger bus. This formula was the final nail in the coffin. Without day trips there has been nothing to offer new (younger) members who aren't able to commit to midweek, multiple-day trips. This year, we scheduled 2 midweek day trips, which many of you were surprised to see, at a more attractive price. We also have a weekend day trip in lieu of a full weekend trip to offer for family skiing. We have gotten very positive feedback from many of our members along with the acknowledgement that these were all moves in the right direction that had to be made. These comments helped ease the anxiety.

We have also attracted many new members with indications there are more to come. We have increased our advertising which we hope will encourage still more new participants - all, potentially good stuff!

So, why my continued angst? Simple. People have said they are going to support these efforts and yet we have had very poor response from members who have applauded the efforts. The clock is ticking - if the trips are not supported by existing members as well as new members an opportunity will pass us by that we may not get again. Please try to support these trips and sign up at the November or December meetings. We changed the payment schedule (\$50.00 at sign-up) to help spread the payments and to encourage early commitment to the trips. Waiting until the last minute to see what the conditions are, will drive us back to an era of failed trips and we know where that takes us. We have the potential for a great season and a stronger club. Let's take advantage of it

Rick

FROM THE TRIP CHAIRPERSON

Hello Fellow Skiers and Boarders!

Our 2015-2016 Ski season is off and running. The Crested Butte trip is full; however there are still openings for all of our other trips. Now is the time to sign up for our reduced priced day trips – Best deal of the season. So tell your family - kids, grandkids, and friends and sign up early! Also, come check out our learn to ski programs!

Don't forget our Mid week trip to Stowe, Vt. We are staying at a luxury hotel with lots of extra amenities, so even if there is a non-skier in your family, there is plenty for them to enjoy while you are skiing or for you after skiing.

Come out and join in celebrating our 50 years of Family Friendly skiing, meet old friends and make new ones! Remember your membership in WJSC entitles you to EPSC membership and discount lift tickets for resorts throughout the Poconos, New York, and New England.

I am interested in hearing from you - tell me where you want to ski next. Call me at 609 499-0181, or email me mvmattis@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Trails,
Margo

WEST JERSEY SKI CLUB 2015-2016 TRIP SCHEDULE

LOCATION	DATE	DEPOSIT	COST	TRIP LEADER	PHONE #	E-MAIL
Camelback (PA)	Jan. 14 (Thurs)	\$50	\$92	Kristin Bozarth	609-313-5354	kristin.bozarth@hotmail.com
Crested Butte	Jan. 23-30, 2016 (Sat.—Sat.)	\$500	\$1608	Linda Dickerson	609-747-9547	lsdickerson45@hotmail.com
Mountain Creek (NJ)	Feb. 9 (Tues)	\$50	\$84	Eleanor Dunker	609-267-8704	eldunker@hotmail.com
Plattekill, NY	Feb. 20 (Sat)	\$50	\$110	Rick Guenther	609-261-1434	gnchrts@netscape.net
Stowe, VT	Mar. 6-10, 2016 (Sun.—Thurs.)	\$150	\$997	Oren Carrol	609-320-0366	omcarrol@comcast.net

Additional Day Trips

We will again schedule a couple of “no frills”, drive yourself or carpool trips to nearby mountains such as Blue Mountain. Plans will be emailed to members and announced at the General Membership meeting before the event.

Due to contracts at the ski resorts and the bus company, it is important that members sign up as soon as possible for all trips, so that the club can avoid the loss of deposits. See listings below for further information. Prices are based upon group rates (double occupancy, if applicable) If the trip does not have the minimum number of participants, the group rate may not be available.

THE FINE PRINT: Bus Day Trips Include: Snacks; Bus with Lavatory; Lift Tickets. Overnight Bus Trips Include: Snacks; Bus with lavatory; Lift tickets; Lodging with M.A.P. meal plan. Airline Trips Include: Airline ticket/transfers; Lodging; Lift tickets. Bus driver tip is included. Lessons, rentals and airline baggage fees extra. All trips subject to availability and require conformance to the Code of Conduct. All information presented is subject to change.



**CAMELBACK, PA
JAN. 14
(THURSDAY)
\$92**

Includes a continental breakfast with beverages, transportation (including tip), lift ticket, and snacks and sandwiches on the return trip with an assortment of regular and adult beverages.

Hello Everyone, Camelback (finally) posted the rates for this season. We had used last years rates when pricing this trip but they have gone up by three dollars. So sorry,

Thank you, Kristin

The first day trip of the season, no pressure right?

We never know what the winter has in store for us, we specifically chose Camelback with the confidence we will have a great time no matter what the weather is like in Burlington County.

Why? Camelback has 100% snowmaking with 34 trails & 10 lifts offering a wide variety of challenges for those that want them and great space to learn for those just getting into this great sport!

This means we should be able to ski and have a great time no matter what we might think ahead of time! For my generation, it'll be a day out of the office and if you've forgotten what that feels like, we'll try to help you remember. For those going to Crested Butte, it will also provide an opportunity to retune your skills and get ready for that trip.

I am looking forward to a great trip and a good time to be had by all. Please be sure to see me at the next meeting to reserve your spot with just a \$50 deposit!

Trip Leader: Kristin Bozarth
Cell: 609-313-5364
Kristin.bozarth@hotmail.com



**MOUNTAIN CREEK,
NJ
FEB. 9
(TUESDAY)
\$84**

Includes bus transport, lift ticket, breakfast treats, coffee and a sandwich dinner. Soda, wine and beer provided on the return trip.

Miss the crowds, relax and leave the driving to us. Bus leaves the Walmart, Burlington parking lot at 6:15am and we leave Mountain Creek at 4:30pm. Travel time is approximately 2 1/2 hours. You can buy lunch at the resort or pack your own.

If you need ski or snowboard lessons, group rates are available through our club if prepaid at least 9 days ahead of the trip. Rentals are available on site or you can rent your ski or snowboard equipment before the trip through local ski shops. Children must be

seven or older for group lessons.

NOTE: NJ Law requires all ski or snowboard participants 17 or younger to wear a helmet. Helmets are available for rent.

Please join us for a great day of skiing with friends. 100% snowmaking; 167 acres of skiing; 44 trails; 10 lifts (1 8-pack, 4 four load, 1 three load, 1 two person, 1 gondola, 2 rope)

18% beginner, 61 % intermediate, 18% advanced, 2 % expert

Trip Leader: Eleanor Dunker
609 267 8704
eldunker@hotmail.com

**50th Anniversary
Celebration!**

Start going through your old photos and scrapbooks— we will be sharing our remembrances of WJSC activities at several meetings this year!



There are 24 people on the Crested Butte Trip, and we are looking forward to a great time out in Colorado. We will be staying at the Grand Lodge for 7 nights. At this time our flight leaves early Saturday morning, January 23rd, with a stopover in Dallas, and returns on January 30th. I will send everyone on the trip an email with the itinerary

and flight details as it gets closer to the trip. Make sure you have given me the exact name on the ID that you will be using at the airport. At the November meeting, I will also need everyone's birthdate. If you don't attend the meeting, please e-mail it to me.

Final payment is due by the November meeting, as our final payment is due soon after that date. By that date, I will need to know if you want the 6th day lift ticket. If so, please add \$49 to your final payment.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Trip Leader: Linda Dickerson
Home: 609-747-9547
Cell: 609-234-1300
email: lsdickerson45@hotmail.com

**CRESTED BUTTE, CO
JAN. 23-30
(SAT.—SAT.)
\$1608**

Round Trip Air Fare from Philadelphia/Denver/Gunnison, Round Trip Bus transportation from Gunnison to Grand Lodge, including bus driver tips, 7 nights lodging at the Grand Lodge, Emmons Suites w/ 2 kings and kitchenette, Daily full buffet breakfast, Welcome Wine and Cheese Party, 5 of 7 day ski pass (Add \$49 for 6th day of skiing)



This trip will provide the opportunity for families to celebrate the end of a first season of family skiing; or simply to spend quality time with children and grandchildren on a day's bus trip to a mountain that (by many reliable accounts) is not overcrowded on weekends and has a very laid back environment for families to enjoy. It offers a nice mix of terrain for skiing families, an inexpensively priced option for people of any age to give skiing a first try or a three hour tubing option for the committed non-skier. For non-skiing family members that want to simply see the surroundings

that skiers enjoy, they can ride along on the bus, and get a good view of our environment surrounded by the beautiful Catskill Mountains and watch family members have great time. At the end of the day, we can all enjoy a toast or two to a good day, dress the littlest ones in PJ's, get on the bus for the ride home, contemplating a great day of skiing that all will have enjoyed while interacting in a way that doesn't come along often.

Yes, it's almost 4 hours on a bus, each way. It's not cheap—skiing isn't and we don't do it to save money plus it's a Saturday, things always cost more on the weekend! Kids can get cranky! But, they will have memories that will last a lifetime.

*As you investigate this trip at our meetings, you will see that the pricing is a bit complex because of all of the options. I will ask that you complete a sign-up sheet so that I can give you an accurate price for the people in your group, given all of the options. I look forward to providing a great trip for all. Hope you can join us.

Trip Leader: Rick Guenther
609-261-1434 email: gnchrls@netscape.net

**PLATTEKILL, NY
FEB. 20
(SATURDAY)
\$110***

Includes: the bus ride, lift ticket, continental breakfast on the way up, light dinner on the way home (you shouldn't be hungry afterward)!



Stowe's newest facilities and improvements include a brand new High-Speed Quad on Mt. Mansfield, RFID technology tickets and gates, an inter-mountain transfer gondola connecting Mt. Mansfield and Spruce Peak, new high-speed lifts on Spruce, new base facilities, restaurants and more. Stowe Stats: Mount Mansfield Summit Elevation – 4,395' Highest Skiing Elevation – 3,625' Vertical Drop – 2,360' Average Annual Snowfall

– 314" Total Number of Trails – 116 Skiable Acres – 485 Total Miles – 40 Percentages – Beginner 16%, Intermediate 55%, Expert 29% Snowmaking Coverage – 83% Total Lifts – 13 / More mile long lifts than any other resort in the East 1 Inter-Mountain Transfer Gondola, 1 high-speed summit Gondola, 4 Quads, 2 Triples, 2 doubles, 3 surface lifts Total hourly lift capacity -15,516 passengers

We will be staying at The Stoweflake Resort, located on the Mountain Rd. A free shuttle will take you to the mountain. In the evening, you can take the shuttle into the village. Our luxury rooms will include free wifi, refrigerator with wet bar, gas fireplace, a coffeemaker, and access to the indoor and outdoor pool and the outdoor Jacuzzi.

Trip Leader: Oren Carrol 609-320-0366 email: oren.carrol@comcast.net

**STOWE, VT
MARCH 6—10
(SUN.—THURS.)
\$997**

includes:
Round trip bus transportation & driver's gratuity; Snacks/Drinks on bus to and from the mountain; 4 Day Lift Ticket ; 4 Nights Lodging at the Stoweflake Resort and Conference Center; Tax and Gratuity; Breakfast.

Welcome—New Members

Kristin & Shaun Bozarth and sons Nicklaus and Erik

Kathryn and Mark Brown

Cherly Errico and children Thomas and Elizabeth

Meredith and Elias Melendez and sons Nathan and Matthew

Natasha Neuberger and children Gabriel, Bodie, and Sydney

Frances Craig

Ashlee Davidson

Sorry if your name is missing—we'll catch up in the next newsletter!

How to Prepare for Ski Season

From SportTaco.com

1. Soak your gloves and store them in the freezer after every use OR come to the November meeting and learn about gloves that will keep your hands warm and dry!
2. Find the nearest ice rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, accessory bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car. Sporadically drop things. (This can be avoided by taking the bus with WJSC!)
3. Place a small but angular pebble in your shoes, line them with crushed ice, and then tighten a C-clamp around your toes. Better idea—go to Extreme Ski and get boots that fit you right!
4. Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$6.50 for a hamburger. Be sure you are in the longest line. WJSC can't help you avoid lines and high prices at the mountain, but our day trips include snacks and beverages, served to you at your seat!
5. Drive slowly for five hours - anywhere - as long as it's in a snowstorm and you're following an 18 wheeler. (Also avoidable when you're on our warm, relaxing Starr bus! We may be in a snowstorm behind and 18-wheeler, but we'll be having fun!)
6. Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the bathroom. At least if you're skiing with WJSC friends, they'll wait for you!



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016 BIG 50TH ANNIVERSARY BASH!

This year's Spring Social will celebrate our 50 years of family-friendly skiing. We will be inviting many of our former skiing buddies and honoring the founders and long-time members of the club. Watch the newsletters, Facebook, and special emails for the details and plan to come out for this very special occasion!

A LOOK BACK AT WJSC

From the November 2001 *Tips 'N' Tales*

Danziesen & Quigley was providing a fashion show of the latest ski fashions at the December meeting

Meetings were held at the Ramblewood Country Club.

Oren Carrol was the president; board members included Margo Mattis, Gail Lingo, and Pat Horan who are still serving the club as board members! Also on the board was member emeritus Marcia Aloj.

Tips 'N' Tales was being made available electronically for the first time!



**50TH
ANNIVERSARY LOGO
APPAREL
AVAILABLE AT
LANDS' END**

Apparel, bags, mugs, and more, showing our 50th anniversary logo, are available at Lands' End. Simply use the link at Westjerseyski-club.org. Click on WJSC LOGO ACCESSORIES to be taken to the Lands' End pages where you can order everything from a polo shirt to a canvas boat bag with our logo prominently displayed. And watch your email—if we find there is any special offer on the embroidery or shipping, we'll be passing it along!



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Why Does WJCS Belong to the Eastern PA Ski Council?

Do you know that your membership with WJSC includes some money-saving perks? WJSC club belongs to Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council, which has outstanding lift ticket prices for many eastern ski resorts. **Come to a WJSC meeting to learn the details of this money-saving program!**

EPSC's sticker on the back of your current WJSC membership club could mean you could ski or ride for \$15 at some Pocono resort simply by showing your current WJSC membership card.

You also belong to the National Ski Area Association which promotes Learn to Ski Month in January and National Bring a Friend Challenge. These programs encourage new skiers and riders. They are important initiatives in growing the sport, which benefits all skiers with new facilities, better equipment and more. All of the ski areas on this year's WJSC schedule endorse NSAA's Sustainable Slopes program.

Club Discount at Extreme Ski!

Extreme Ski in Medford is offering all club members a 25% discount on most purchases. You must show your WJSC card. Visit them for great equipment, accessories, tuning and repairs. Extreme Ski [a.k.a. Jersey Pools & Spas] is located at 683 Stoked Rd. They carry North Face and Helly Hansen outerwear, offer tuning service and rentals, as well as skies, boards, boots, and ski accessories.

HAVE SOME WINTER CLOTHES YOU DON'T USE?

Here's an incentive to clean your closets and help someone less fortunate. WJSC is again having a **WINTER OUTDOOR** clothing drive on behalf of the Christian Caring Center in Browns Mills. Please bring CLEAN, MENDED winter coats, hats, gloves, & mittens, any size, to the November meeting. Ski wear is especially appreciated; some of their clients live outdoors. (They can also use sweat suits/shirts and sweaters (washable), blankets, sleeping bags, etc.) Please—no summer clothing as their storage space is very limited. Please place garments in a plastic bag. The Christian Caring Center helps meet the basic needs of children and adults of all races and cultures.

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors of the West Jersey Ski Club meets monthly on dates announced by the President. It is important that members participate in the various programs and committees of the Club. Members are encouraged to attend and participate in the Board meetings. If a member is interested in a specific committee or program, please see the individual chairperson or the Club President.

All information is subject to change! Thanks!

NEWSLETTER

"Tips 'n Tales" is the periodic publication of the West Jersey Ski Club. It is available electronically at www.westjerseyskiclub.org or as an attachment via email. To have a complimentary copy sent to someone, please contact Sabra Jernigan at: (609) 386-7065 or sabraruje73@gmail.com. For an electronic version, please submit your name and email address to Sandy Verner at sverner@comcast.net.

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WJSC CODE OF CONDUCT

To assure a pleasant trip for all participants and to uphold the Club's good reputation, the Club has established the following rules and regulations:

ON THE BUS

- The member will select a seat on the bus at the time of final payment for the trip. The seat you select is yours for the duration of the trip.
- No personal coolers will be permitted on the bus. The club will provide snacks and drinks for consumption during the trip.
- No glass containers will be permitted on the bus.
- The playing of musical instruments, radios and the like, should be done with consideration of one's neighbors. Use of earphones is requested.
- Ski boots may not be worn on the bus or carried on to the bus after skiing.

IN GENERAL

- Obnoxious and/or abusive behavior is unacceptable.
- Anyone damaging equipment or facilities (meeting halls, buses, hotels, ski areas, etc.) will be held personally liable for all damages.
- All personal bills will be paid or resolved before boarding the bus for the return trip.
- Anyone caught stealing will be turned over to the local security force or police.
- Bad checks will not be tolerated. Any check that "bounces" must be replaced by cash immediately. Failure to comply will result in immediate loss of reservation. Deposits and/or payments for subsequent trips will only be accepted in cash.
- Alcoholic beverages will not be served to or consumed by individuals under 21 years of age.
- Public use, disbursement, or sale of illegal drugs, including "pot", is strictly prohibited.

These rules and regulations apply to all members. The club, through its officers, reserves the right to revoke the membership of any individual and the right to participate in subsequent club activities should such individual fail to comply with the rules and regulations as printed.

2015-2016 Calendar

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What's Happening at the Meetings?

November—we will have a presentation by Extreme Ski, featuring the latest equipment and fashions, plus some great tips to make you ski experience the best! There may also be some reps from Plattekill and Stowe.
December - our traditional Holiday Party, with snacks and door prizes.

