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Monthly Meeting and Fashion Show

Tuesday, Nov. 8th

7:30 pm

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge, KOP



Come on out for a **FASHION SHOW** of latest ski fashions presented by Buckman's Ski Shop, King of Prussia. The fashion show is our **MOST POPULAR** meeting of the year -- so be sure to mark the date on your calendar. Meet **Brad Buckman**, learn about their customer appreciation ski days, their recent expansions, and you will also be able to be **"up close and personal"** to the fashions as our models walk among the tables! Come to see what you think about this year's outfits – AND also to socialize with your MLSC friends and to **sign up for your ski trips** for the year 2012 if you haven't done this already.

You are always guaranteed a terrific time at our monthly meeting. If you have any questions, contact VP Bob Campbell 215-327-8499 or President Fletcher Swanson at 610-431-1850.

The Crowne Plaza is located on Mall Boulevard directly across from the King of Prussia mall.

Welcome to Newcomers!!

Tuesday, November 8th

7:30 pm

All newcomers and prospective members are invited to an informal gathering at the beginning of each monthly meeting. Starting at 7:30, we will be meeting each other as well as learning about all the ski club has to offer!! We all know that MLSC is a lot more than ski trips!!

Look for the round table by the sign-in table next to the entrance to the meeting room. Rosemarie Romano, New Member/Hospitality Chair, will be conducting these informative and welcoming sessions. If newcomers have questions, call Rosemarie at 610-688-6192.

MLSC members: tell your friends and co-workers all about MLSC and to come out for this event.

DIRECTIONS: The Crowne Plaza Valley Forge Hotel is located on Mall Boulevard across from the King of Prussia Plaza. If you are coming on 202 North, turn LEFT onto Mall Boulevard, then a right into the hotel entrance road.

Warmest Thanks!!!

Extra special warmest thanks and hugs to Rob Kuhne for hosting AND purchasing the wine for the October 1st Ribs & Wine Tasting event at his lovely and spacious home in Radnor, and to Bob Campbell for doing all of the arranging and pick-up for the dinner that included two appetizers, fabulous ribs, two sides, and two desserts!! YUM! Forty-six lucky folks attended!!

Warmest thanks go to October's other event leaders - Rich Schonwald for the Happy Hours on Oct. 14th at the Paddock and Oct. 26th at the Radnor Hotel, Karin Campanelli for the River Trail hike on October 9th, Kathleen and Howard Weisz for the Wine & Dine on October 15th, Fletcher and Sally Swanson for the Bike Ride on a picture-perfect fall day on October 23rd, and last, but not least, Alleen Andre and Judy Alters for the Great Pumpkin Carve and Wine & Dine in Chadds Ford on October 29th, plus dessert at Phil Harvey's (more about this in the next newsletter, for sure!!). The efforts of these folks are **MOST** appreciated!!! ☺

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However, amid these rosy statistics, the future of skiing has some storm clouds on the horizon. While lessons were up overall, beginner lessons were down 2.2% and the number of kids 17 and younger has plateaued the past few years at 30% of visits the article reported. The cost of skiing continues to rise, costing the average adult \$78 per weekend day last season compared to \$69, or 13% more than just 3 years earlier. The weakness of the dollar, record La Niña snowfall and the resulting extended season increased the number of foreign visitors providing an unexpected extra boost. A news report this summer reported three ski areas closing for good including Tenney Mountain in New Hampshire.

A relentlessly advancing demographic is the 77 million baby boomers reaching retirement age over the next 12 years. Behind them are only 44 million young adults to take their place. This is an encouraging note for our children's job opportunities, but an enormous challenge to the snow sports industry who will be trying to hold their own, as well as grow their revenue.

The shift from skiing to snowboarding by the new snow sports enthusiasts over the last 20 years begs another question. I have seen plenty of skiers in their 50s, 60s, 70s and some in their 80s. As the current generation of snow boarders reaches that age bracket, will they still be boarding? It is hard for me to visualize myself sitting down on the snow or hopping along on the flats at my age. The brain may wish it, but I am not sure the body will do it. My observations on the mountain seem to confirm my suspicion. How many older boarders do you see?

So in light of these trends, let's get out there and spend those retirement checks. Let's keep this industry thriving so our kids can enjoy it for years to come.

See you on the mountain!

Fletcher Swanson

Welcome New Members

Patricia Armstrong & Robert Huey	Yardley	PA
Nancy & Anthony DiSilvestro	Haverford	PA
Karen Hinckley	Wynnewood	PA
David Karo	North Wales	PA
Elizabeth Morrissey	Devon	PA
Wendy Sachs	Philadelphia	PA

Message from the Prez

The Future of Snow Sports

An October 13th article in the Wall Street Journal about ski area's efforts to attract families started me thinking about the future of our sport. The article reported a record 60.5 million visits occurred last year according to a survey of 222 resorts. Ski areas are focusing on children and families by using such innovations as magic carpet lifts and magnetic jackets to hold kids to magnetic chair lift seats. New handles on the back of the jackets help instructors pick the kids up when they fall. Ski lessons grew by 2.1% over the previous season.

Annual Wine & Cheese Party Saturday Club, Wayne

Sunday, Nov. 6th

4:00 to 7:00 pm



The Annual Wine & Cheese is MLSC's BIGGEST social event of the year so you don't want to miss it!! Last year we had 104 people attend -- will we get even MORE folks this year??? This year we will be at the **Saturday Club, 117 West Wayne Avenue, Wayne.** Meet new friends as well as renew old friendships while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine/beer/soda. FYI: the Eagles play on Monday night this week so there won't be any football distraction!

The cost is **\$20** for members, **\$30** for non-members payable at the door (please be SURE to bring cash!!!). This is a good deal since you undoubtedly won't need to eat any dinner!! You don't need to pay in advance but you DO need to make a reservation by **FRIDAY, Nov. 4th** to Sally Hilderbrand, 610-489-4718 or via email at shilderbrand@comcast.net. Please note that reservations are a MUST!!!

DIRECTIONS: Lancaster Pike (Rt. 30) to center of Wayne. Go south on S. Wayne Ave. for short block and turn RIGHT before the Post Office (it's one way!!). The Saturday Club is on your RIGHT two buildings beyond the parochial school. There is a U-shaped driveway for drop-off. Alas, the sign saying "Saturday Club" is small!!!

PARKING: Instead of turning onto W. Wayne, continue straight on S. Wayne past the post office and one business, then turn RIGHT and park in a municipal lot that has LOTS of spaces! It is a one-minute one-block walk up street between the post office and library to the Saturday Club. If you are dropping riders off, cross W. Wayne and go directly down street to stop sign and the municipal lot (post office will be on your left and library to your right).

Happy Hour at the Paddock - Strafford

Friday, November 11th

6 to 7 pm



We continue to have our Friday Happy Hour at the Paddock, NW corner of Lancaster Ave. and Old Eagle School Road. Most people arrive around 6:00 and Happy Hour ends at 7:00. There is a bar menu for \$5, which might be ample and some discounted drinks. So come out, bring a friend, and join in the libations and camaraderie. (Note we have been able to have the

background music lowered.) See you there.
Host: Rich Schonwald, 610-356-2936.

Wine 'n Dine at the Fayette Street Grille, Conshohocken

Saturday, Nov. 12th

7:00 pm BYOB



Come join MLSC for a BYOB evening at this charming American bistro right on 308 Fayette Street in Conshohocken. This restaurant has been a fixture in Conshohocken for a number of years and they have a great prix fixe deal. For \$34 a person, you get a starter, entree and dessert. Menu items include appetizers of baked crab dip or mixed field greens salad with pine nuts, cranberries and goat cheese. Entrée items range from duck breast to pork tenderloin to grilled ribeye steak and so on. For your desserts, consider lemon sorbet, crème brûlée, cheesecake, bread pudding, something tempting for everyone.

Along with the regular menu items, the chef usually runs appetizer and entree specials. Service is friendly and efficient. The restaurant is low key, cozy and casual, and there's an open kitchen so you can watch the chefs at work preparing your food. It's a BYOB, so feel free to bring your favorite bottle of wine or beer, as you wish. For more information, check out the restaurant's website at

<http://www.fayettestreetgrille.com/> (610 567 0366).

Parking is plentiful and easy to find.

It's easiest to bring your \$34 in cash, plus an extra 25% for tax and tip. But if you would rather use plastic, they can put your personal total on a credit card as part of the group check, no worries. **Please contact Sally Hilderbrand** at 610-489-4718 or shilderbrand@comcast.net by **Tuesday, November 8th** to reserve a place for dinner. I'm going to make a reservation for 12 people. We had a great time there last year. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Valley Forge Hike

Sunday, Nov. 20th

2:00 pm



Washington's HQ Parking Lot

We will be hiking the delightful 4 mile long loop hike in Valley Forge Park that goes along Valley Creek, across the creek on a bridge (but not the covered one!!), up Mt. Joy and back to the starting place in Washington Headquarters parking area. It's truly a

"joy" of a hike and it's not long OR hard so come on out for fresh air and exercise before Thanksgiving!!

Our leader is Ed Sawin. Please contact him to make reservations -- edsawin@societyhilltowers.com or 215-591-0516. Give you cell phone number when making reservations so Ed can contact you if there's any problem. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, be prepared for the possibility of mud, and bring water. The hike takes approximately 2 hours.



Thanksgiving Holiday November 24-27

No MLSC Activities Scheduled

Wednesday Happy Hour

Wed. Nov., 30th

5:30 to 7:00pm

Glen Morgan Grill, Radnor Hotel



By request our Wednesday Happy Hour of the month (known as the Special Summer HH held on Wednesdays at the Radnor Hotel in the Glen Morgan Grill) will continue as the Wednesday Autumn HH on **November 30**.

From 5:30 to 7:00 certain drinks and food are 1/2 price. What a nice excuse to enjoy the socializing with club members!

Host: Rich Schonwald, 610-356-2936.

Wine 'n Dine at Le Saigon, BYOB

Saturday, Dec. 3rd

6:30pm

Paoli



Le Saigon is known for its "authentic Vietnamese dishes of exquisite grace, beauty, and subtlety."

There is an extensive, but not overwhelming, menu

with daily seafood specials. This is Vietnamese cuisine with a French flair.

Join us Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 6:30pm for a wonderful dinner at this popular BYOB restaurant. You will not be disappointed!

Please contact Alleen Andre at 610-209-3614 or alleenandre@yahoo.com for reservations. The limit is 16 people, and **Thursday, December 1st is the deadline.**

Le Saigon, 82 E. Lancaster Ave., Paoli, PA 19301; 610-889-4870

Happy Hour at the Paddock - Strafford Friday, December 16th 6 to 7 pm



We continue to have our Friday Happy Hour at the Paddock, NW corner of Lancaster Ave. and Old Eagle School Road. Most people arrive around 6:00 and Happy Hour ends at 7:00. There is a bar menu for \$5, which might be ample and some discounted drinks. So come out, bring a friend, and join in the libations and camaraderie. (Note we have been able to have the background music lowered.) See you there. **Host:** Rich Schonwald, 610-356-2936.

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Snow



The Philadelphia Sailing Club cordially invites you to attend

The Holiday Happy Hour at the

Cynwyd Club on

Thursday, December 15th

6:00 – 10:00 PM.

Cost per person includes:

DJ, Antipasto, Pasta Station, Coffee & Dessert.

Reservations Required!

Save money and receive a ticket for a free drink.

PAY by Nov 1st \$35

by Dec 1st \$37

by Dec 9th \$39

or

\$42 at the DOOR and no drink ticket.

Send check made out to PSC

c/o LaChapelle, 1 Braxton Rd

Rosemont, PA 19010

Contacts: Stephanie O'Connor, 215-822-0318
Linda LaChapelle, 610-527-2287
Louisa Horsey, 610-688-0315

Casual Attire, Cash Bar



MLSC & PSC

Cordially Invite You to Our 4th Annual

HOLIDAY GALA

Saturday, December 17th

6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Crowne Plaza Valley Forge
Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia**

Includes: Butlered Hors d'oeuvres
Sit-down Dinner: Roast Beef or Salmon, Salad & Dessert
DJ dancing, Free Parking

Cash Bar

Attire: Holiday Festive, Black Tie Optional

Member Cost pp: \$70 by 11/10
\$75 after 11/10
Non-Member Cost: \$85
Singles Discount (\$10)
Deadline: 12/10

Write choice of entrée on check made
payable to MLSC and send to:

Kathleen Weisz
1210 Winthrop Circle
West Chester, PA 19380

Questions: Sue Mc Daniel: 610-525-2409, suemcdaniel2@verizon.net
Kathleen Weisz: 610-918-3780, kqweisz@aol.com

MAIN LINE SKI CLUB

SUNDAY NIGHT TENNIS, 2011-12

When Sundays, Beginning September 11th, 2011 - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. thru April 29th, 2012

Where Springton Tennis & Racquet Club, Rte. 252, Newtown Square (610) 356-2003

Cost: \$15/member; \$18/guest of member.
 Cost includes the courts, balls, and refreshments.

SUNDAY NIGHT FORMAT

On Sunday nights we play 4 courts/2 hours per week from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The format will be round robin, 4 half-hour sessions.

If the initial response to the Fall program warrants more courts or more hours, we will adjust the program accordingly.

"A-B" Players - Must have a Springton rating of 3.5 or better. The round robin schedule will be organized for maximum competitiveness, according to level of play.

"C" Level// Non-Rated Players - In weeks where there are enough players to fill at least one court (4 players) or more, one court will be designated for this group.

Free Rating

You are encouraged to have your level of play rated. Springton Racquet Club is providing free ratings clinics as follows: Thurs., Sept. 8th at 7:00PM, Sat., Sept. 10th at 12:00N, and Oct. 1st at 12:00N, and then the first Saturday of each month - October through April. You must call 610-356-2003 in advance to register for rating.

To participate, mail the Mixed Doubles Round Robin reservation form, along with your check, **payable to Main Line Ski Club**, to:

Stacey Roehrs
 315 Spencer Road
 Devon, PA 19333

Cancellation Policy:

If you find you cannot make a session you've signed up and paid for in advance, try to arrange for your own sub and have them reimburse you. If you cannot find a sub, PLEASE contact the coordinator as early as possible so they can try to fill your spot. If the coordinator finds a sub for you, you will be eligible for a make- good session. If no sub is found, no refund or make-good session will be given.

Main Line Ski Club Tennis Coordinators 2011-2012 Season

		Home Phone	Work Phone
Overall Tennis Coordinator	Stacey Roehrs	610-804-5891	610-363-7999
A/B Group Coordinator	Stacey Roehrs	610-889-9086	610-363-7999
C Group Coordinator	Sue Kapusta	610-284-1069	610-626-1400 x312
Hilton Head Coordinator	Chris Cobb	610-308-2468	
Ski Club Meeting Spokesperson	Cindy Doan	610-642-0746	215-255-1760

MLSC
TENNIS 2011 – 2012 CONTRACT SIGN-UP
SUNDAY EVENING MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN
 (Circle below all dates that you wish to play)

Mail this form—along with your check payable to Main Line Ski Club—to:

Stacey Roehrs 315 Spencer Road Devon, PA 19333	Per Session: \$15/member; \$18/non-member Cost includes the courts, balls, and refreshments.
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ **EVENING:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Level of Play (Check One): A B C

2011				2012			
SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
	2	6	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	4	1
	9	13	11	8	12	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
	16	20	18	15	19	18	15
25	23	27	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	26	25	22
	30			29			29

No tennis scheduled on Dec., 25 (Christmas Day), Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), or April 8 (Easter)

Cancellation policy If you find you cannot make a session you've signed up and paid for in advance, try to arrange for your own sub and have them reimburse you. If you cannot find a sub, PLEASE contact the coordinator as early as possible so they can try to fill your spot. If the coordinator finds a sub for you, you will be eligible for a make good session. If no sub is found, no refund or make-good session will be given.

Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

The Main Line Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. Most of the activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By signing up for this trip/activity, I voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks involved, I agree not to hold Main Line Ski Club, its officers or board members, or trip leaders, liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in this club activity. After reading, understanding, and accepting the Release of Liability, I hereby make a reservation for this trip/activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

EPSC Winter Carnival 2012 Steamboat, CO Jan 21 - 28, 2012



Please contact Dave Schoneker (DSchoneker@aol.com, 215-822-2129) or Bob Smith (rlsskis@epix.net, 610-670-8553) for more info and prices (lodging, extras, etc.).

Enjoy Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council's Winter Carnival at Steamboat. Tucked away in Colorado is a small town unlike any other. It is a place where western heritage and genuine friendliness are as honored as the values of a time gone by and a place where little has changed in the last hundred years. Today's Steamboat, inspired by Stetson hats and cowboy boots, represents the sophistication of a world-class resort. Authentic western heritage, six peaks of outstanding terrain, and exceptional family programs set us apart from every other ski resort, and what makes Steamboat *Ski Magazine's* "Best in the West."

Whether you're enjoying après ski at a local pub, browsing one of our many charming boutiques, or riding the gondola, the reception is the same – *warm*. But the unique and genuine friendliness is only half the reason people choose to vacation here.

Steamboat is one of North America's largest ski mountains. Nearly 3000 acres of 'skiable' terrain, which includes 1,800 acres of our legendary tree skiing, a vertical drop of 3,668 feet down 165 trails. In the last four seasons, \$30 million in on-mountain improvements have been made to the Steamboat Ski Area. Over the last two seasons we have had at least 400 inches of snow.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

AVAILABLE: Snowmobiling, horseback rides, sleigh rides and sleigh ride dinners, snow tubing, natural hot springs, ice skating, dog sledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hot air balloons.

EPSC Winter Carnival to Steamboat includes:

- **RT Air Phila.** - Hayden Airport 22 miles from the town
- **Lodging Options on** www.easternpaskicouncil.org
- **Lift Tickets (5 of 7 day pass)**
- **Welcome Party on Arrival Night w/Light Fare at Bear River Bar 8-11pm. Cash Bar**
- **Orientation Breakfast on First Morning-third floor of Thunderhead, top of Gondola**
- **Buffet style breakfasts.**

- **Après-Ski Party and/or Drink Specials**
- **Carnival Race – NASTAR – Wednesday**
- **Free Race Gate Practice Runs – Day Before Race**
- **On Mountain BBQ**
- **Thursday – complimentary Après ski celebration exclusively for EPSC**
- **Theme Farewell Banquet with music provided by Sundog with dancing.**
- **On mountain "fun" event to be coordinated such as scavenger hunt, poker run, etc,**
- **All current Taxes & Gratuities**
- **Discounts on Ski/Snowboard Rentals and Ski Storage**
- **Pass holder Privileges –Enjoy 10% off food all over mountain all week long!**
- **Special après food and drink pricing for EPSC at Bear River**

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Group Mountain Tours – Free by reservation!

Guided Snowshoe Tours optional

Nightly Tubing on Headwall - One of our most popular group activities! Imagine soaring down the slope of the base area at night under the lights. Take the chairlift back to the top and do it again!

Sleigh Ride Dinners - Ride in a horse-drawn sleigh to a cozy log cabin for a wonderful dinner, country music, and dancing. Colorado's best rib eye steak, baked potato, ranch rolls, cowboy beans, frosted brownies, and hot and cold drinks.

Snowmobiling - Discover the magic of snowmobiling Colorado's Continental Divide or for a scenic ride through the Routt National Forest and the Upper Elk River Valley.

Steamboat Springs Health & Recreation Center

The pools have been here in one form or another for over 100 years. First serving as a gathering and bathing place for the Ute Indians who first settled in this area. Later it was most likely a social place and probably a bathing place for the first homesteaders. Today Steamboat Health and Recreation Center has three hot mineral pools, the mineral rich waters range in temperature from 98° - 103°, an Olympic-sized lap pool, kid's pool, fitness center, tennis courts for use in the summer and a 350 foot Waterslide.

Strawberry Park Hot Springs - Soak in natural hot springs by fantastic scenery. Cost includes transportation to and from the hot springs. Beverages allowed, but no glass please.

Refer to the council web page for more info

www.easternpaskicouncil.org.

<http://www.steamboat.com/>

MLSC Ski Season Presents Interlaken, Switzerland (and Paris)
Departing January 20, 2012; returning February 1, 2012
(For those extending to Paris; otherwise, returning January 28, 2012)



This ski season's adventure takes us to the incredibly beautiful town of Interlaken, nestled between two lakes and sitting at the base of some of the most dramatic peaks in Switzerland. After a week of skiing, we will take the TGV hi speed train to Paris for a four-day visit (Optional) As you may know, the Jungfrau region of Switzerland is incredibly varied, including the charming towns of Grindelwald, Murren and Wengen, home of the famous Lauberhorn race.

This is also our first visit to the beautiful City Hotel Oberland in the middle of Interlaken! We arrive early on Saturday afternoon direct from Zurich and will ski Sunday thru Friday, departing on Saturday for Paris via the TGV. (Should you not wish to extend, transport back to the Zurich airport is included) While we are in Paris we are staying at the 4**** Mercure Paris Tour Suffren Eiffel.

We are accepting reservations beginning now. Including all airfare, the total cost is \$1799, without Paris. Optional Paris extension is \$674. MLSC members ONLY. Interested? **Call or email Jack Behrle for more details!**

Dates: Friday, January 20, returning February 1, 2012

Trip Leaders: Jack Behrle & Wendy Wolf
 224 Valley Ridge Rd., Haverford, PA 19041
 610/731-3093 (cell) or 508/645-3689 (now through 9/22)
john.behrle@comcast.net

Transportation: USAirways 710 direct from Phila. Int'l to Zurich, arriving at 8.05 AM. We return home from either Zurich or Paris depending upon your itinerary. Included is private motor coach between Zurich and Interlaken, TGV between Zurich and Paris and then return air on USAir from Paris to Philly Int'l.

Departure: Friday evening, 1/20, at 6:10 PM from Phila. International

Lodging: Three *** City Hotel Oberland in the center of Interlaken. The Ski Bus leaves from the front of our hotel. Full buffet breakfast and full 4-course dinners included for five nights. "Dine Around" for the two remaining nights in Interlaken at your expense. Amenities include choice of four restaurants, full bar/lounge and incredible ambiance! In Paris, we are staying at the 4**** Mercure Paris Tour Suffren Eiffel for four nights, returning the afternoon of Feb. 1.

Cost/Member: **\$1,799.00, pp, double occupancy***, including all air without Paris extension. (No air, deduct \$750.00 pp.) Two single rooms are also available! (For single room, ADD \$275, for Dbl Superior room, ADD \$ 135.) **\$674 is the cost of the Paris extension.**

Special Note: This trip is available only to **MLSC members, and Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC)-affiliated clubs. We only have room for 35 so please do not hesitate!!**

Includes: Breakfast and five dinners (Interlaken); 7 nights lodging at the Oberland; round trip airfare, taxes, tips and fees, **including current fuel surcharges**; 4 nights in Paris, Buffet Breakfasts (Paris); Arrival Orientation Reception, Pre- and Post-Trip Gatherings, All airport taxes. All prices are guaranteed firm regardless of Euro valuation.

Paris Extension: 2nd Class rail on the TGV, Transfer between Paris station and our hotel with English speaking assistant, Daily buffet breakfast, 1/2 day city tour of Paris, Transportation between hotel and airport...**ADD \$674 p.p. Double occupancy**

NOT included: Lift tickets**, meals on the mountain, two dinners in Interlaken, all dinners in Paris, optional guided ski tours, day trips to Bern or Lucerne, etc.

Deposit: \$500.00 due upon reservation with completed trip form

Second Payment: \$300/person due Sept. 30, 2011

Final Balance: Due November 15, 2011

Cancellation: MLSC Policy will apply. Trip insurance is available and recommended. See below for details.

Some Caveats: Current pricing is based upon fuel surcharges as established by USAir and can vary, either up or down, depending upon numerous factors. At this writing, the fuel surcharge, **included in the rate shown above, is \$420 plus \$105 in airport taxes.** Should either or both of these taxes decline, your total cost will be less. (These taxes are imposed when the tickets are actually purchased, which generally will be early in January)

Links: <http://www.city-oberland.ch/en/home/>
<http://www.mercure.com/gb/home/in dex.shtml>

Lake Tahoe, CA Heavenly/Northstar February 4-11, 2012



It's been six years since our last trip to Lake Tahoe, so this should be big. We will be staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located by the base of the Gondola at Heavenly. Lift tickets for 5 days are included at Heavenly/Northstar. Each room has one king or two queen beds and a separate living room area with bar and a microwave. Also includes a full cooked to order breakfast daily and a 2-hour unlimited drinks reception from 4-6PM. Cross Country is also great here; if interested, let us know. We will provide info.

As in the past we will be offering a Chinese menu; select what you want.

Hotel only	769	Includes all parties including Super Bowl
Air (Southwest)	525	No Baggage Fees (new since last newsletter)
5-day Lift tickets	250	This price is better than the over-70 price
Bus RT	45	Reno to Tahoe
Total	\$1,589	Whole package

Dates: February 4-11, 2012
Trip Leaders: Kathleen and Howard Weisz
1210 Winthrop Circle
West Chester, PA 19380
610-918-3780 (H); 610-247-2824 (C)
kqweisz@aol.com

Transportation: Southwest Airlines
Departure: 2/4/12 – PHL 11:20am to LAS; arr 2pm
LAS 3:05pm to RNO, arr 4:30pm

Lodging: Embassy Suites Hotel, Lake Tahoe
Return: 2/11/12 –RNO 12:35pm to LAS, arr 1:50pm;
LAS 2:45pm to PHL, arr 10:20pm

Cost/Member: \$1,589 pp dbl occ.
Includes: RT Air, Transfers, hotel, daily hot breakfasts, cocktail hour, pre and post trip parties at leaders' house, on-site parties, including Super Bowl.

NOT Included: Lunches and dinners
Guaranteed: A great time
Deposits: \$500 at September 13th meeting
\$500 at Oct. 11th meeting
\$500 at Nov 8th meeting
\$ 89 at Dec 11th meeting

Cancellation: MLSC Policy will apply.
Insurance recommended, available at sign-up.

Killington, VT X-C/DH Combo

March 1 - 5, 2012



4-Night Long Weekend Bus Trip!

This year we will be heading to Killington, VT for FOUR nights -- which means up to four whole days of skiing!! We will be staying at the Mendon Mountain View Lodge outside of Killington. The Lodge has a hot tub, two saunas, restaurant and bar, and two double-sided fireplaces. All rooms have a private bath with internet access and cable TV. A full country breakfast is served each morning. Three buffet dinners are also included. For X-C skiers and snowshoers, we'll be going to Mountain Top (where we skied AND stayed four years ago!) and also to Mountain Meadows touring center. The Lodge also has snowshoeing trails on premises. For downhillers, Pico Peak is just a mile and a half away, and Killington, the largest downhill ski destination in the East, is 7 miles. Discount lift tickets are available.

Sally's bus trips are well-known with shrimp cocktail and other delicious goodies on the way up and *PLENTY of delicious home-baked cookies* to enjoy throughout the weekend. Plus, no airport hassle, no luggage angst, no traveling on a weekend!! What could be a better deal!! Sign up at the September meeting. Sally's trips always fill up quickly – you "snooze", you lose!

Dates: March 1 - 5, 2012
Trip Leader: Sally Hilderbrand
712 Barrington Road
Collegeville, PA 19426
610-489-4718
shilderbrand@comcast.net
Transportation: Bus
Departure: 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1st
Marriott Courtyard, Valley Forge
Lodging: Mendon Mountain View Lodge
Killington, VT
www.mendonmountainview.com
Return: Monday, March 5th. Leave
Killington, 2:30 p.m.
Cost/Member: \$510 pp, dbl occupancy (Please
note: \$60 less than last year!)
Includes: Bus, lodge, 4 breakfasts, and 3
dinners. Treats on bus trips!
NOT included: X-C trail passes, DH lift tickets
Deposit: \$150 due at sign-up
Balance due: \$360, 1/20/12
Cancellation: MLSC policy applies.

Vail, CO

Downhill

March 3-10, 2012



Consistently ranked as one of the country's most popular ski resorts, Vail is the big one, the largest single-mountain ski resort in the U.S., covering 5,500 acres of wide-open and forested terrain. Vail has been a celebrated super-resort since the 1970s, when it was propelled to stardom by President Gerald Ford, whose family vacationed here. Off the slopes, Vail is a compact replica of a Tyrolean village, full of restaurants, hotels, and shops. But it's the size of the mountain and the difficulty of its trails that draw the faithful.

Dates: March 3-10, 2012
Trip Leaders: Glenn & Sally Price
1951 Colt Rd
Media, Pa. 19063
610-228-0992
Glenn@glennjprice.com
Air Departure: Saturday, 3/3/12 PHL-DEN
(Frontier Air)
Bus Transfer: Denver/Vail.
Lodging: The Vail Spa Condos with Free
welcome party, 3BR, 3BA condos
w/ full kitchen, free high speed
internet in every condo.
Concierge, luggage handling, ski
valet storage, on-site indoor and
outdoor hot tubs, pool, sauna,
laundry facilities.
Air Return: Saturday, 3/10/12 Arrive PHL
Cost/Member: \$1750 per skier approx
Subject to change
Includes: RT air, prepaid luggage, ground
transport, pre- and post- & on-site
parties plus lodge Welcome Party,
5 of 7-day lift tickets.
Payments Due: \$500 at Signup
\$500 on October 10th
Balance Due: \$750 on December 1st
Cancellation: MLSC Policy will apply. Trip
insurance available and is
recommended.

**Main Line Ski Club
Annual Membership Form
2011-2012**

Please print legibly:

Member Name: _____

(For Renewals, please include CHANGES ONLY)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Additional Family Members: _____, _____, _____

E-mail (Print very clearly, please): _____

Starting August 1, 2011 Ski Tracks will NOT be sent out by US Mail anymore by order of the MLSC Board.

Interests: **Skiing:** Eastern Western European Cross Country
 Sports: Tennis Biking Hiking Snowshoeing
 Socials: Parties Wine & Dine Culture Events/Museums

I would like to help with the following Committee(s)

- Activities Committee
- New Members Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Technical Support Committee
- I am interested in being trained as a possible ski trip leader.

What improvements would you like to see in the Club? _____

Suggestions for any particular trips or activities: _____

Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability

The Main Line Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members who must be 21 years of age or older. Most of the activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By making this application for membership, I/We voluntarily assume the risks involved. By assuming all risks, I/We agree not to hold the Main Line Ski Club, its officers or board members liable for any accident or injury resulting from my/our participation in a club activity. After reading and understanding this Release of Liability, I/We hereby apply for membership in the Main Line Ski Club.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Adult Family Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Individual Membership - \$35 Couple/Family Membership¹ - \$45 *

Please return the completed form along with your check, payable to Main Line Ski Club, to:

Linda LaChapelle, 1 Braxton Road, Rosemont, PA 19010

New member dues paid after April 1, 2011 are good until September 30th, 2012

When signing up for a trip or activity, please fill out and include this reservation form along with your deposit made out to Main Line Ski Club and mail to the Trip or Activity Leader. (You must be a member of MLSC or an EPSC member club that offers reciprocity.)

¹ 'Family Membership' includes couples living together and all children under the age of 26 living with them.

Main Line Ski Club Trip/Activity Reservation Form

Trip/Activity: _____

Date(s): _____

Name(s) (if couple): _____ Member: Yes No

_____ Member: Yes No

Note: Please use complete legal name(s) as cited on ID/Passport and print clearly.

Address: _____

Home Phone(s) _____

Work Phone(s) _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Airline/Frequent Flyer #(s) _____

Emergency Contact/Phone: _____

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Birth date required for all airline travel!

MM/DD/YYYY

Signed: _____ Date _____ Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____

Signed: _____ Date _____ Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____

Club Policy Regarding Cancellation

All cancellations must be received in writing by the trip leader. Cancellation penalties apply to all MLSC trips. Because of the complexity of financing most major trips, trip leaders establish their own cancellation and refund amounts and schedules according to the payment requirements of the airlines and trip providers. A minimum administrative fee of \$25 for weekend/bus trips and \$35 for major/airline trips is charged for any cancellation. In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves and a replacement is found, deposits and payments will be refunded less the MLSC admin fee and any fees charged by the airline or tour provider. In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves, and a replacement is not found, deposits and all payments may be forfeited. Any refund will be dependent on the payment and cancellation schedule with the airline, bus or accommodation or tour provider and any losses that may be incurred by MLSC. Please speak to your trip leader to make sure you understand this process before you sign up for any MLSC trip.

All individuals that participate in this adventure program (including skiing, hiking, biking and other such activities) do so at their own risk. Participant assumes the inherent risks associated with these adventure activities, which can be dangerous. Risks include such occurrences as altitude sickness, illness, disease, overexertion, broken limbs and alcohol consumption. By signing this document, I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions, safety and welfare.

Insurance: Travel Insurance is highly recommended. See your Trip Leader for details.

Main Line Ski Club Ski Trip Policy

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis, as follows:

- Only MLSC members and members in good standing of other EPSC-affiliated clubs may go on MLSC trips.
- Only MLSC members may sign up prior to or during the September general meeting.
- Members of other EPSC clubs may sign up only after the September general meeting has been held and must be members in good standing of another EPSC-affiliated club.

Reservations are confirmed only when a deposit and a signed reservation form and release of liability are received. The deposit amount is indicated in each trip's individual description. Separate payments are required for each trip and checks should be made payable to Main Line Ski Club. No cash payments can be accepted. To take advantage of the discount policy, when offered, payment in full must be received by the early payment date.

SURCHARGES

When a trip has reached its quota, a formal waiting list will be established requiring a \$25 per person deposit for weekend/bus trips and \$35 per person for major/airline trips. This deposit will be applied to the cost of the trip if a cancellation occurs and the wait-listed person is moved onto the trip. The deposit will be refunded in full if the wait-listed person is not called or if he or she cancels from the wait list prior to being called. However, if a person remains on the wait list, is called but decides they cannot go (for whatever reason) the deposit is forfeited.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be received in writing by the trip leader. Cancellation penalties apply to all MLSC trips. Because of the complexity of financing most major trips, trip leaders establish their own cancellation and refund amounts and schedules according to the payment requirements of the airlines and lodgings. A minimum administrative fee of \$25 for weekend/bus trips and \$35 for major/airline trips is charged for any cancellation.

In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves and a replacement is found, deposits and payments will be refunded, less the MLSC admin. fee and any fees charged by the airline (if applicable). In the event a cancellation occurs before a trip leaves and a replacement is not found, deposits and all payments may be forfeited. Any refund will be dependent on the payment and cancellation schedule with the airline, bus or accommodation, and any losses that might be incurred by MLSC. Please speak to a trip leader to be sure you understand this process before you sign up for any MLSC trip.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All costs are for double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

Trip leaders have limited information available ahead of time as to room configuration and specific amenities. While we attempt to book equal facilities for all trip participants there can be discrepancies, with condos especially, from room to room. Please try to be flexible, but if there are major issues with your assigned place, talk to your trip leader immediately upon check-in.

DEPARTURES

Departure times listed in trip write-ups are subject to change, due to airline rescheduling. Be sure to communicate with your trip leader 2-3 weeks before your trip departs.

OTHER

Anyone under the age of 21 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Main Line Ski Club maintains a No Smoking policy for all trips. This includes bus, condos and parties.

Laptop computers should be used only during off hours so as not to tie up the telephone. People use the phone to make ski plans early in the morning and dinner plans late afternoon/early evening. Be considerate of your roommates/condo mates when using phone lines for computer purposes.

TRIP PARTICIPANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT.

Main Line Ski Club

Fall – Winter 2011 Calendar of Activities

Take a look, then MARK your CALENDARS **NOW** so you don't forget!!

Sun., Nov. 6th	Annual Wine & Cheese Party—Saturday Club, Wayne
Tue., Nov. 8th	Monthly Meeting Ski Fashion Show—KOP
Fri., Nov. 11th	Happy Hour at the Paddock—Strafford
Sat., Nov. 12th	Wine 'n Dine at the Fayette Street Grille—Conshohocken
Sun., Nov. 20th	Valley Forge Hike—Washington's HQ parking lot
Thurs.-Sun, Nov.24-27th	Thanksgiving Weekend—No MLSC Activities Scheduled
Wed., Nov. 30th	Wednesday Autumn Happy Hour—Radnor Hotel
Sat., Dec. 3rd	Wine & Dine at Le Saigon—Paoli
Tue., Dec. 13th	Monthly Meeting—KOP
Thurs., Dec. 15th	PSC Holiday Happy Hour—Bala Cynwyd
Fri., Dec. 16th	Happy Hour at the Paddock—Strafford
Sat., Dec. 17th	MLSC / PSC Holiday Gala—KOP
Sat.-Sun., Dec. 24th-25th	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—no MLSC events