



Trails 'n Tales

Brandywine Valley Ski Association

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009

Prez Sez

I hope everyone is having a safe and pleasant summer. Our activities committee has been doing a great job keeping us entertained and active. In no time at all we will be gathering for the only pool party of the year that is our kickoff event for upcoming trips. I am hopeful to see each of you at the pool party.

Last month I gave you a break from the usual Prez Sez, instead simply giving you things to ponder. This month I thought it would be fun to challenge your knowledge.

It is a common mistake to say that The Great Wall of China is visible from outer space. It is too thin to be noticed from such a great distance. Only two man-made structures are visible from space. What are they?

When a female horse and a male donkey mate, the offspring is called a mule. When a male horse and a female donkey mate what is the offspring called? When a male zebra and a female donkey mate what is the offspring called?

Do you know how Abraham Lincoln's mother died?

Where EXACTLY was Winston Churchill born?

What is the most common name in the world?

Attend the September meeting with the answers to these questions. The person that answers them all correctly and gets the answers to me at the meeting first wins dinner for one at Rufini's (no alcohol).

In the meantime enjoy your summer and get ready for a great BVSA season.

Rose Stancato, President

Calendar of BVSA Events

**Camping at Ray
Dion's
Aug 14-16**

**Camping at
Ricketts Glen
October 9-11**

**Kayak Paddle
Wednesday Eves**

**HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 4TH**

**Ski Trips for 2010
January—Steamboat CO
February- Whitefish MT
March-Sunday River ME**

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

GOLF BVSA will venture out several times this summer to play a casual round of golf at several of the areas most accommodating and modestly priced courses in Chester County. We are looking to kick off the season sometime in May, and will have additional events in July and September. So as to not end up getting struck by lightning, dates and times will be announced several days in advance. Tee times will be made in the mid-late afternoon. I suck, so if you suck too – we can play together. Shoot me an e-mail or give me a call if you would like to be included in the group of potential players. Accepting suggestions for preferred days of the week, times, and courses. Tim Noonan 484-680-843

**REMINDER—SIGN UP FOR SKI TRIPS AT THE
POOL PARTY ON JULY 25th**

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Advertising in BVSA Newsletter Business Card Size Only

**Ads to be submitted copy ready
basis \$15 per ad, per issue.**

**Paid in advance by 15th of the
month.**

**Great opportunity to reach our
members for minimum invest-
ment.**

Email your BVSA news articles & photos to memiller1208@juno.com by 17th of the month. Depending on available space, we will try to include your information.

**BVSA meetings are held the first
Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm
September through May at Ruffini's,
Valley Run Shoppes,
43 North Bailey Road ~ Thorndale**

BVSA HAPPY HOURS at 6 P.M.

August 7th The Paddock at Devon
629 W. Lancaster Ave
Wayne 610-687-3533
Joint HH w/ KOP, Merck, Main Line
www.devonpaddock.com

August 28th Ruffinis
43 N Bailey Rd
Thorndale 610-384-6560
www.ruffinisrestaurant.com

September 11th Firecreek Restaurant
20 E Lancaster Ave
Downingtown,
222.firecreek-restaurant.com
www.firecreek-restaurant.com

September 25th Brickside Grille
Eagleview Town Center
Exton www.bricksidegrille.com

KAYAKING This group paddles on Marsh Creek Lake Wednesday evenings in the summer (weather permitting) & organizes full moon paddles and trips to other lakes and flat water rivers throughout the summer.

Paddling is social with all levels of skills welcome. If you are interested in paddling, and not already on the paddling e-mail list, send an e-mail to Ian Plane at plane@comcast.net and he will notify you via e-mail when paddling starts and about paddling plans

**The 2nd Annual Skipjack Bike Tour –
Saturday September 12th** This event is organized by our member Eileen Cross and is in support of the Deal Island/Chance Volunteer Fire Company. 15, 30, & 60 mile rides. Contact memiller1208@juno.com for more info.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CANCELLATION POLICY

There will be a \$75.00 CANCELLATION FEE FOR ANY CANCELLATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO 30 DAYS OF THE DEPARTURE DATE or prior to the trip commitment date, whichever comes first. No refunds will be made after 30 days prior to departure date or after the trip commitment date, whichever comes first, unless the space is resold. If the space is resold, all monies, less a \$75.00 cancellation fee will be refunded. The trip commitment date is defined as the date the club has to commit funds to the trip. Trip provider cancellation policies supersede BVSA trip cancellation policy.

BVSA TRIP RECIPROCITY POLICY

Brandywine Valley Ski Association has a Trip Reciprocity Policy to promote Inter-Council (EPSC) member participation on ski trips without requiring membership in BVSA. Members from other EPSC Clubs with Trip Reciprocity Policies may participate in BVSA trips, when spots are made available, without having to pay guest fees or additional membership fees. All participants must comply with the policies established by BVSA.

AUGUST 2009

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2	3	4	5	6	7 HH 6PM Paddock at Devon, Wayne, jt/ KOP, Merck & Main Line 610-687-3533	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Ray & Retz Camping weekend through 8/16	15 Camping
16 Camping	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28 HH 6PM RUffinis, Thorndale 610-384-6560	29

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 First meeting Of the season Ruffin's 8pm	3	4 FIRECREEK Restautant 20 E Lancaster Ave Downingtown 610-269-6000	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Skipjack Bike Tour Weekend — Deal Island MD
13	14	15	16	17	18 Brickside Grille Eagleview Town Center 540 Wellington Sq Exton 6pm	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Diversity Buffet 6:30 Exton	27		

TRAIL RIDE Yep, that means horses. BVSA is going to explore the fall foliage with the help of some four legged friends. Tentative date is October 24th with a rain date of October 25th. I think it would be wonderful if we could get a small group together to check out some local terrain during the peak fall foliage. Cost will run around \$50 and will include a 1-2 hour ride. Location is yet to be determined but they all say they have horses for all levels of experience, including never evers like yours truly. Mark your calendars, then let me know you did so I can keep you in the loop. Tim Noonan 484-680-8435

WEEKDAY * DINNER * DEAL and BYOB

Share the evening with some new and old friends and enjoy a super meal deal at the same time. Lets meet at **“DIVERSITY BUFFET “**

133 E Swedesford Rd. Exton, PA 19341 (In the Giant Shopping Center on route 100. A block away and on the same side as the Exton Mall.)

Join us for an ALL YOU CAN EAT meal on
Wed. Night Sept 30th anytime after 6:30.

We will have the use of a private room and access to the buffet including appetizers, salad, soup, a variety of entrees and deserts. There will also be a hibachi chef and a sushi bar. Ice and cups and wine glasses will be provided so please bring your favorite beverage to accompany your dinner. Some lucky participants will win goodies throughout the evening and a little surprise will make for a good end to this event.

SO HERE'S THE DEAL.... **\$14.00 per person including tax and tip.** This is a generous one time discount for our group. FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. The more the merrier. No advanced payment necessary. Please email Michele Grant to get on the guest list. ntlmichele@juno.com

We need 20 participants to hold this event. Limited to 50

***Brandywine Valley Ski Association
2009 Holiday Party December 4, 2009***

Who: Members and Guests of BVSA
What: Dinner and Dancing – Music provided by Carl Venezia of On Cue DJ
Where: Downingtown Country Club
85 Country Club Drive
Downingtown, PA
When: Friday, December 4, 2009
7 pm – 12 midnight
Cost: \$42 per person **
(includes Dinner Buffet and Dancing – Full Cash Bar Only)

Tickets on Sale starting 7/25/09 at the Pool Party

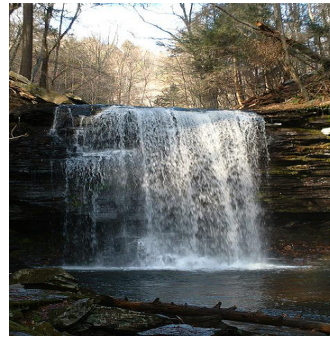
**Reserve early – Price goes up to \$50 per person after 11/6/09

Contact Information: Please make all checks payable to: **BVSA**

Mail checks to: Tim Noonan, 1006 Ericsson Drive, Coatesville, PA 19320

For more information call Tim Noonan: 484-680-8435 or Cindy Long: 215-806-1565

Ricketts Glen Camping Trip



Campground
Route 118
, PA 17814
570-477-5361



Goods Campground

October 9 to 11, 2009 - \$12 Per Person

Goods Private campground

Large Campsites

One Camp Site with a pavilion (Included in price)

Located 1/2 mile from bottom of the Falls Trail

2 Nights, 3days of Camping

Saturday Oct. 10th, Falls Trail Hike

Fall Foliage (hopefully)

Tom Ward wardt177@verizon.net

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(C) 484-340-0883

Checks Payable to: **BVSA**

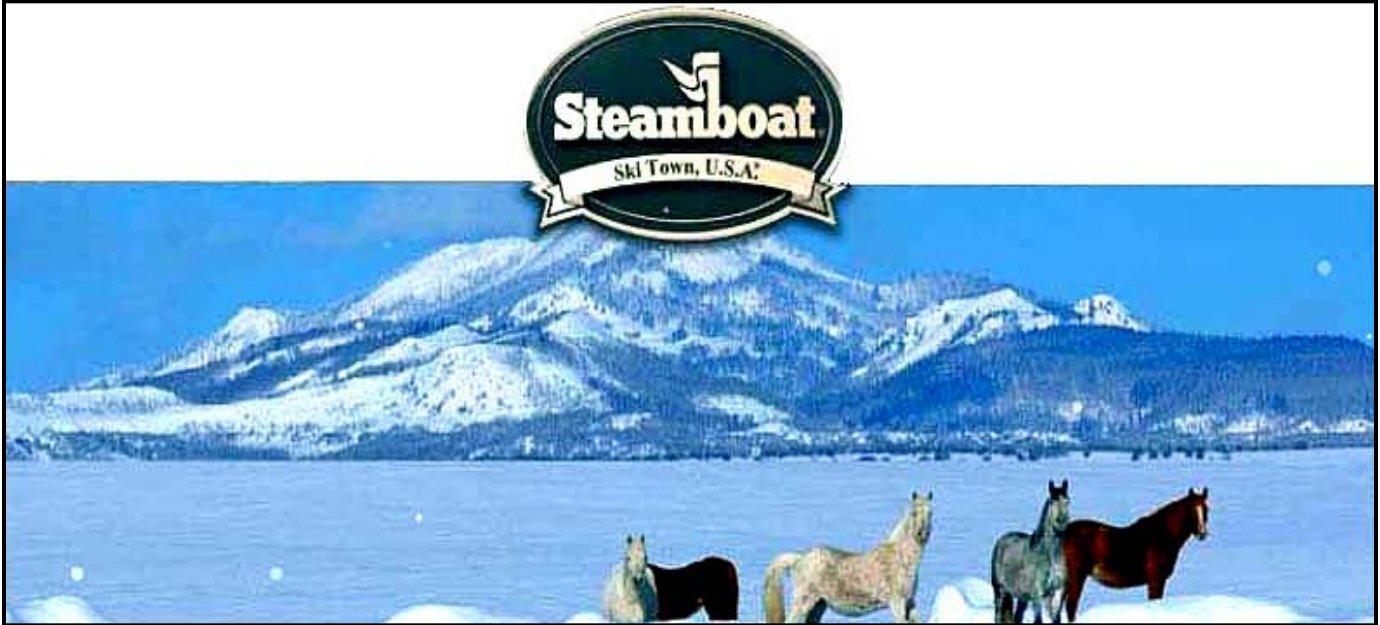
Mail to: Tom Ward, 19 Reason Lane, Coatesville, Pa 19320

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Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested as I need to reserve the campsites. Alcohol is permitted at Goods Campground, in moderation.

STEAMBOAT

BRANDYWINE VALLEY SKI CLUB ***** JANUARY 16-23, 2010



COST PER PERSON: \$1289 (sale begins 7-25-09 for BVSA members)

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

ROUND TRIP NON STOP AIR FROM NEWARK NJ / HAYDEN ON CONTINENTAL
ROUND TRIP MOTOR COACH TRANSFERS TO/FROM NEWARK AIRPORT; NO PARKING FEES
ROUND TRIP GROUND TRANSFERS TO/FROM HAYDEN AND STEAMBOAT
7 NIGHTS LODGING AT DELUXE SKI IN/WALK OUT KUTUK LODGE CONDOMINIUMS; CABLE, HIGH SPEED INTERNET, TWO OUTDOOR HOT TUBS, COMPLIMENTARY MTN. TOURS, FREE CITY BUS ACCESS. *For additional info., Steamboat Reservations: 877-783-2628*

5 OF 7 DAY LIFT PASS

TRIP KICK OFF PARTY!

MID-WEEK PIZZA PARTY/GAME NIGHT

WELCOME WINE/CHEESE RECEPTION AND WESTERN WELCOME ORIENTATION

ROUND TRIP BAGGAGE HANDLING AT KUTUK

ADDITIONAL SKI DAY CAN BE PREPAID WITH FINAL PAYMENT: \$40.00 ADD ON.

NON SKIER REDUCTION MAY BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is recommended and can be obtained at www.skijptours.com

MOUNTAIN RESORT INFORMATION Snowfall: 300 to 500 inches of "champagne powder", Base Elevation: 6,900 feet, Christie Peak Elevation: 6,900 feet, Mid-Mountain Elevation: 9,080 feet, Summit/Mt. Werner Elevation: 10,568 feet, Vertical Rise: 3,668 feet. 165 Trails; 27 Green, 56 Blue, 10 Blue/Black, 61 Black, 7 Double Black, 6 Terrain Parks.

CONTACT INFORMATION: PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BVSA

MAIL TO: Sofie Minisi 139 Woodgate Lane, Paoli, PA 19301 C: 610-529-1944

Cindy Long 1003 Chiswell Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335 C: 215-806-1565

Please Note: All participants must be a BVSA member or a member of ESPC club with reciprocal agreement. Membership is \$30 for single, \$35 for a couple.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Initial Deposit: \$350

2ND Deposit: \$400 by 9-10-09

3RD Deposit: \$400 by 10-20-09

Balance Due: \$139 by 12-2-09

CANCELLATION POLICY

\$75 Non-Refundable Deposit

Up to \$950 Non-Refundable 11-11-09 TO 12-9-09

Up to \$1289 Non-Refundable from 12-10-09

(See trip leader for re-sale of trip and additional fees)

Big Mountain Montana/**FERNIE**



KANDAHAR
at Whitefish Mountain Resort

The Lodge

(800) 862-6094
info@kandaharlodge.com

Whitefish Ski Resort

February 20 to 27, 2010 - \$1295

- **Air: Roundtrip Philly to Kalispell - Delta**
(Limited: Only 30 seats)
- **Ground transportation & Baggage handling**
- **7 nights Kandahar Lodge, Ski in / Walk out**
Hotel Rooms: 2 Per Room / 2 Queen Size Beds, Kitchenette w/ Sm. Frig, Microwave, Coffee Maker, Wireless Internet (free)
- **Includes Daily Breakfast**
- **Wine & Cheese Welcome Party**
- **Big Mountain Lift Ticket: 4 of 6 days**
- **Fernie BC Canada Ski Lift Ticket : 1 day**
- **Day Trip to Fernie Ski Resort (Charter Bus)**

Additional Benefits included and Info

- **Midweek Group party(pizza)**
- **Trip Kickoff Party**
- Large outside Hot Tub and Spa
- Resort is less than 20 miles from airport
- (6) land packages are available at \$895
- Non Skier – Deduct \$220
- Free shuttle to town of Whitefish
- Close to Glacier National Park
- Complimentary Mt tours
- Kandahar Lodge is a non smoking facility
- **Passport required for Fernie Canada**
- **BVSA Membership or reciprocal agreement with other EPSC club required**

Whitefish (Big Mountain) Resort Statistics

*Average Snowfall: 300 inches annually. *Vertical Drop: 2353 ft *Longest Run: 3.3 miles (Hellfire). *Terrain: 3000 acres,
*94 Marked Trails, with vast amts of bowl and tree skiing. *Summit Elevation: 6817 ft. Base Elevation: 4464 ft.
*Terrain Difficulty: 20% beginner, 50% Intermediate, 30% Advanced/Expert. *Average High 32 deg. F. *Average Low 17 deg. F.

Fernie British Columbia Resort Statistics

*Average Snowfall: 350 inches annually. *Vertical Drop: 2816 ft *Longest Run: 3.1 miles. *Terrain: 2500 acres,
*107 Marked Trails, with 5 alpine bowls and acres of tree skiing. *Summit Elevation: 6615 ft. *Base Elevation: 3500 ft
*Terrain Difficulty: 30% beginner, 40% Intermediate, 30% Advanced/Expert.

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Trip Insurance encouraged
Trip begins selling on 7/25/09
Trip Opens to EPSC Clubs after 9/2

Checks Payable to: **BVSA**

Mail to: Tom Ward, 19 Reason Lane, Coatesville, Pa 19320

Payment Schedule

\$325 Due at trip sign up
\$325 Due Sept. 2, 2009
\$325 Due Oct. 7, 2009
\$320 Due Nov 4, 2009

Trip Provider Cancellation Policy Non-Refundable

\$75 from day of first deposit
Up to \$520 from Nov. 11 until Dec. 10 (if not resold)
Up to \$1020 from Dec. 11 until Jan. 6 (if not resold)
Up to Total trip Price after Jan. 6 (If not resold)

If trip is resold, the trip resale price will be refunded, less the \$75 cancellation fee and any fees added by the trip provider or trip agents.

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Join BVSA in Sunday River Maine for Spring Skiing at it's very best!! March 25-28th 2010



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\$75 FEE FOR ANY CANCELLATION RECEIVED
PRIOR TO 30 DAYS OF THE DEPARTURE DATE,
or prior to the trip commitment date, whichever comes
first. No refunds will be made after 30 days prior to
departure date or after trip commitment date, whichever
comes first, unless the space is resold. If space is resold,
all monies, less \$75 cancellation fee will be refunded.



SundayRiver.com

For more information please contact

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Reserve your spot starting 7/25/2009
Payment to BVSA. mail c/o Alan Andersen
795 W. Strasburg Rd. West Chester, PA 19382

IT'S BEYOND DISPUTE – CELL PHONES AND DRIVING DON'T MIX

I am currently prosecuting on behalf of my client, an automobile accident case involving the use of a cell phone by another driver who we believe was sending and receiving text messages at the time of the accident. The accident occurred when the driver crossed the centerline of a highway forcing my client to take evasive action which caused him to wind up in a ditch.

The other driver continued on her way. An eyewitness saw the erratic driving and thought it was as a result of her being intoxicated despite the fact that this incident occurred during early morning hours. He used his cell phone to call the police. (Ironic?)

The police eventually pulled the woman over but she passed the breathalyzer test with flying colors. However, the officer noticed that her cell phone was laying on the driver's seat. This information was added to the police report.

Since there had been no vehicle to vehicle contact and she vehemently denied that she was crossing the centerline it was going to be a tough case to win.

Her telephone records which were subpoenaed revealed, however, that she had been sending and receiving text messages during the time in question. Clearly, we will now be able to show that her attention was likely not on the road. This should make the case easier to win for my client.

It is presently legal in Pennsylvania to use a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle. Hopefully this will change soon. In other states, it is illegal to use a cell phone while driving. Where there is a statute this conduct is called "negligence per se" and as such a person is automatically determined to be negligent without further proof. Unfortunately, in Pennsylvania we still must prove that not only was the defendant using the cell phone at the time of the accident but that the cell phone was preventing her from safely operating her motor vehicle. Although, this may seem like a fine distinction to the lay person, it is crucial to prove a causal connection between the use of a phone and the actual injury in order to win.

*Check out Peter's new website for more legal tips and interesting home town legal stories here in Chester County.
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