



Trails 'n Tales

Brandywine Valley Ski Association

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JANUARY 2011/FEBRUARY 2011

Abra-Ka-Dabra, Sez The Prez Prez Sez

Some months the Prez Sez writes itself. Some months I struggle with the Prez Sez, from start to finish. Some months I start writing the Prez Sez early, which gives me plenty of time for many rewrites. Then there are months like this one, where I completely forget to write the Prez Sez. So here goes the, Abra-Ka-Dabra, 15 minute, Prez Sez. This Prez Sez is being written for January, a month that has little to look forward too. January mostly consists of, ice, snow, cold, wind, and it has only one saving grace, skiing. Since January is so bleak, I'd rather write about the great December we had. We had a great Holiday Party at the Downingtown Country Club, that party was a lot of fun, and I got to caught up with people I haven't seen for awhile. We also had a great Happy Hour at The Eagle Tavern, that was very well attended, I enjoyed talking to a lot of people I haven't seen for awhile. Oh and did I mention what a great job Laird and Jeanie are doing, the Happy Hours have been great. The other thing BVSA has at the end of Dec., beginning of Jan., is the New Years ski trip. It's been cold so I'm looking forward to skiing at Elk Mtn. Got to love that first ski trip.

Even though this year has been a great year for the club, I'd like to remind our members that it hasn't been a great year for some of our members, like Michele Grant, and Joan Sorce. Joan had major neck surgery, so get better soon Joan, and take it easy on them slopes, (yeah right, like that's going to happen). I like to think of BVSA as an extended family, so if you know of any members who are going through difficult times, such as health problems, you can always let the club know, that would be a good thing to post on the BVSA list serve. To use the list serve, you send your email to: bvsa@yahoogroups.com.

Ok, back to January. If we get that snow I was talking about earlier, go play in it, and if you need help playing in it, call a BVSA friend. Abra-Ka-Dabra, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. I mean only on the ski Mountain, of course. ;-P

**Let It Snow
Tom (Merlin) Ward**

HAPPY NEW YEAR BVSA MEMBERS

BVSA Events Mark Your Calendars!

***General Meeting—January 5th
Presentation from the Rep from
Sno Mountain***

***Ski Aspen/Snowmass
Jan 29-Feb 5, 2011***

***Feb General Mtg February 9th—
Bear Creek***

***Ski Sun Valley
Feb 26-Mar 5, 2011***

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Jeff and Leslie Klein
Connie Dominianni and John Bacon
Peter and Debra Vandenhengel
John Amber
Shari Donath

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BVSA members.**

Email your BVSA news articles &
photos to memiller1208@juno.com by
17th of the month.

**BVSA meetings are usually 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 6 P.M.

*Jan 14th Baxters Of Great Valley
20 Liberty Blvd
Malvern 610-722-5920*

*Jan 28th Ron's Original
Bar and Grille
74 E Uwchlan Ave
Exton 610-594-9900*



*Feb 11th Wegmans Food Store
w/ KOP Ski Club
50 Foundry Way, Malvern
484-913-9600*

*Feb 25th PJ Whelihan's Pub
(formerly Primavera Kitchens)
853 E Lancaster Ave,
Downingtown, 610 873-1311*

EPSC TRIP RECIPROCITY

In accordance with the Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC), Brandywine Valley Ski Association participates in the 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.

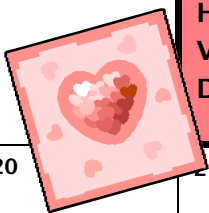
JANUARY 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|-------|-------|------|------------------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR @Nichols |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 GENERAL MEETING Rep from Sno Mtn | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 HH 6 PM BAXTERS Of Grt Valley Malvern | 15 Kick off Aspen @ Pat Jones |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Board Meeting 7PM | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23/39 | 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 HH 6 PM RON'S Original Bar & Grill Exton | 29 ASPEN TRIP LEAVES |



FEBRUARY 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--------------------------|------|---------------------------------|-------|--|-------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Aspen trip returns |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 General Meeting at BEAR CREEK | 10 | 11 HH 6PM w/KOP at Wegmans Food Store, | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Happy Valentine's Day | 15 | 16 Board Meeting 7PM Ruffinis | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 HH 6PM PJ Whelihans Downingtown | 26 Sun Valley Ski Trip leaves |
| 27 | 28 | | | | | |



**UPCOMING DEMO AND
CUSTOMER APPREATION DAYS**

BUCKMANS SKI SHOP

Demo Day—Jan 7 Elk
Demo Day-Jan 14 Blue
CAD—Jan 24 Camelback
CAD— Feb 7 Bear Creek
CAD-Feb 14 Camelback
CAD-Feb 28 Blue

SALTERS

CAD's \$25.00
CAD—Jan 12th Blue
CAD-Jan 21 Elk
CAD— Jan 28th Bear
CAD-Feb 4 Jack Frost
CAD— Feb 9th Blue
CAD— Feb 16th Bear

Discount tickets @ Salters

Mid week/non Holiday-Bear \$40
Mid week/non holiday— Blue \$40
Weekend/Holiday-Blue \$50
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Midweek/non Holiday-Jack Frost
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Monday December 20th 2010
Friday January 14th 2011
Monday February 28th 2011
Friday March 18th 2011
Saturday April 9th 2011

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UPCOMING MEETING NOTES

**Both the February and March
General Meetings will be held the
SECOND Wednesday of the**

REMINDER

FEBRUARY 9th Meeting Will be Held at

BEAR CREEK 6PM

BRIGGS NOVEMBER BONFIRE

It wasn't to chili for Chili,
Just cold enough for a fire.
We were all on a high note
And there were many a quote
About how much drink to acquire

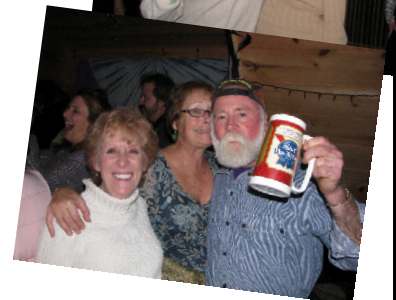
We came to listen to the blues
We put on our dancin' shoes
We moved all about
And sang loud as a shout
And had such great fun
Enjoying every one

If you missed out this time
It's not a crime
Just come on next year
And have no fear
There'll be plenty of wine, food and beer

So take a look at the pics
And see your friends tricks
We all had great fun
Each and every one
And that's the magic of burning wood by the ton

If you missed it folks, you missed another great bon-fire party at Ben's. Better music, Great Fire, Good food, Cold beer, wine and soda and lots of dancing, singing, chating, laughing and just plain ole' good fun. See you next year- same place, same Saturday before Thanksgiving! GUAR-RON-TEE GOOD TIME!!!

Ben Briggs



What a perfect night for a bonfire. We had a ton of Child and Fun. For a change of pace we had a keg of LaBatt's.

Ben's band jammed long and hard with some additional players keeping things fresh while the BVSA babes & boys dance the night away.

Tom stoked the fire keeping everyone who wasn't sweating on the dance floor warm.

PLEASE NOTE

Membership is extended to kids, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.

For those of you who have small children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and did not include them when you renewed or became a new member, BVSA is a family friendly club. For an additional \$5, you can add kids to your information that I already have. All you have to do is email me the names of your kids and I'll include them on your file. I'll also print out membership cards that I can email over to you to give to them. But in addition to giving me their names, I will also need a check payable to BVSA for \$5 mailed to Dave Mertz.

ASPEN/SNOWMASS TRIP

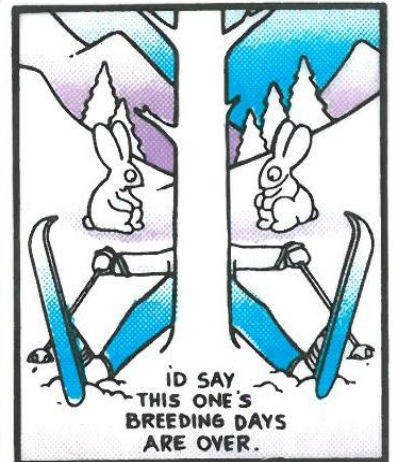
1/29/2011 – 2/5/2011

Save the date: January 15, 2011

KICK OFF PARTY 2:00 – 6:00PM

**Where: PAT JONE'S HOME
(COATESVILLE, PA)**

Details to be emailed or call Jeff 610-255-5749 / Rose 610-636-5949



2010 Holiday Party

DowningtownCountry Club



BVSA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

If you are a new or returning member for the beginning of the 2010-2011 calendar years and upon receiving payment, please pick up your membership card at any of our events or at the general meetings. Otherwise and upon request, your membership card will be emailed to you. If you are a new member who joined during or towards the end of the calendar year, you will receive a temporary membership card through the email. To receive your regular card, please pick it up at any of our club events or meetings. Otherwise and upon request, your regular membership card will be emailed to you.

As a Brandywine Valley Ski Association (BVSA) member, you can join our email list serve keeping you up to date on current activities and events. To do this, please visit our website at www.brandywinevalleyski.com, look for, "Sign up for Yahoo groups," click on the window and register your information by following the steps, it is that easy. You also have the choice of receiving our monthly newsletter (via email or hard copy) to stay informed of current club events and activities.

Did you know that your membership card entitles you to the following benefits?

-the opportunity to go on any of our ski or other club sponsored trips

-access to our facebook page. To join or view the webpage, go to www.facebook.com/group.php

-discount lift tickets through the Eastern PA Ski Council(EPSC) to various ski resorts in PA, NY, New England and out West. Go to, www.easternpaskicouncil.org

-discount rates on EPSC council cup races and lift tickets at Blue Mountain. Go to the EPSC website.

-announced discounts on recreational group insurance, and other discounts through the National Ski Council Federation (NSCF). Go to the EPSC website and click on, skicouncilfederation, or www.skifederation.org, then go to the members only icon, click on it. Use skiclub as the ID and then members as the password

-discounts through Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS), 15% off full price items, 20% off full price items on club days only. www.ems.com

-discounts through Buckmans Ski Shop, 10% off non-sale items. www.buckmans.com

-discounts at Bear Creek Mountain Resort, \$15 lift tickets on club days every Wednesday. www.skibearcreek.com

-discounts at Pottstown and Allentown Bike Lines/Stowe ski shops, 10% off all items including sale items, 20% off on club days on non sale items only. Discounts are not retroactive. www.bikeline.com

Other stores throughout the area may offer discounts on ski and bike items, but might not advertise their items; all you have to do is ask if they offer any discounts and show them your membership card. Should you have any additional questions please contact me thanks,

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