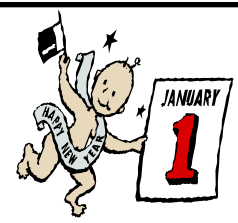
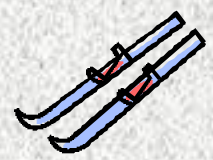




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Calendar of BVSA Events

Friday, Jan 23
6:00 p.m.
Happy Hour at
TGI Fridays



Wednesday, Feb 4
8:00 p.m.
BVSA General Meeting at
Bear Creek

Friday, Feb 6
6:00 p.m.
Happy Hour at
Uno Chicago Grill

Friday, Feb 22
6:00 p.m.
Happy Hour at
American Bar & Grill

Wednesday, Mar 4
8:00 p.m.
BVSA General Meeting

Friday, Mar 6
6:00 p.m.
Happy Hour at
Café Winberie

Friday, Mar 20
6:00 p.m.
Happy Hour at
Thorndale Inn

Prez Sez

By the time you read this article the holidays will be over and it will be time to remove your decorations from the tree. I hope everyone enjoyed the time they were able to spend with family and friends. I especially hope everyone stayed safe and healthy. As we enter the New Year here are some quotes to consider: "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

"Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle."

"The proper behavior all through the holiday season is to be drunk. This drunkenness culminates on New year's Eve, when you get so drunk you kill the person you're married to."

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to."

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits."

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."

"Never tell your resolution beforehand, or it's twice as onerous a duty."

"Good resolutions are simply checks men draw on a bank where they have no account."

Rose Stancato, President

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BVSA HAPPY HOURS at 6 P.M.

Jan. 9th **Victory Brewing**
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Jan. 23rd **T.G.I. Fridays**
301 N. Pottstown Pk..
Exton
610-594-6646

Feb. 6th **Uno Chicago Grill**
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Exton
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Feb. 20th **American Bar & Grill**
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This is YOUR newsletter... we depend on your reports to "fill them in" on the fun. Please email your write-ups and photos so they can be included in the next issue. Material is due the 20th of the month for the following month's issue. Articles and photos can be emailed to Pam Terry at pjaneterry@comcast.net. Contact Mike West at westd1@verizon.net for Yahoo Calendar updates.

**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, which ever 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 be 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 super-sede 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.

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

Local PA Ski Resort Customer Appreciation Days (CAD)
 where you get \$20-\$25 dollar tickets from the ski shops.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1/23	Friday	ELK	Winterfest	\$20	Salters (also Demo Day)
1/23	Friday	Bear Creek	CAD	\$20	Salters
1/26	Monday	Blue	CAD	\$25	Buckman's
2/2	Monday	Bear Creek	CAD	\$25	Buckman's
2/5	Thursday	Camelback	Demo Day	\$25	Buckman's
2/9	Monday	Camelback	CAD	\$25	Buckman's
2/11	Wednesday	Blue	CAD	\$20	Salters
2/11	Wednesday	Sno Mt	CAD	TBA	Country Ski & Sports
2/12	Thursday	Blue	CAD	\$20	Langhorne & Nestors
2/13	Friday	Jack Frost	CAD	\$25	Buckman's
2/18	Wednesday	Bear Creek	CAD	\$20	Salters
2/23	Monday	Blue	CAD	\$25	Buckman's
3/6	Friday	Jack Frost	WMMR day off at the slopes	\$9 - \$33	WMMR (see wmmr.com)

**2008 BVSA HOLIDAY PARTY
 STONE BARN**





HAPPY NEW YEAR

On Dec. 28th we left the Sheraton in Frazer with the temperature in the 60s. On Jan.1st we left Lincoln, NH with the temperature at minus 2. In between we sandwiched a whole lot of fun! The trip up offered a visit from Vanna White who played Let's Make a Deal rather than Wheel of Fortune. Those prizes insured us all that there will be no cavities for at least a year. A wee tiny Bloody Mary from the Broadway musical South Pacific also showed up. She was seen in more than a few cups. Trivia questions enabled lots of others to win prizes, which were mostly ski related. I was glad to wear my new neck gaiter in the cold temps of the 31st. Beer, wine, water, sodas, juices, & flavored tea enabled all to wash down the multitude of snacks that were available. We made only one stop and our bus arrived at the Beacon Resort after a short eight hour ride. Getting our rooms couldn't have been easier, which allowed us plenty of time to get unpacked, go to the first wine & cheese party, and show up for the 8:00 buffet. During dinner our tour guide, John Tracy from Ski 93, ran a raffle with more prizes. Afterwards many of us danced that evening away.

The next morning's breakfast filled us with strength for a fun day at Bretton Woods. There the trails were a bit icy in places, but the mountain was a good one on which to have a first day on skis, for many of us, this season. Those of us on the bus took a side trip to the majestic Mount Washington Hotel where we met some of that day's non-skiers who had gone there for lunch after a hard day's shopping. Snacks & drinks on the bus strengthened us for the difficulties of the evening ahead: the hot tub, sauna, another wine & cheese party, a bountiful buffet, and more dancing if it was desired.


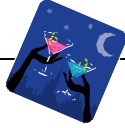
Our second ski day's bus trip to Wildcat time wise was the longest. However, the swirling snow throughout the day made the slopes more fun once we arrived. Some folks who had skied the previous day took that day off. Reports from them and others told of a relaxed, restful day which was needed after the pre-Christmas stress. Snacks & drinks both to & from the slope were enjoyed. More hot tub, sauna, wine & cheese, dinner, and dancing anyone?

Our third day of skiing & other activities was as great as the first two. Those of us on the slopes found favorable conditions for all abilities. However, we did find some ice which led to Judi Supplee's fall. She must have thought it was Easter rather than New Year for she wore a brightly colored egg after that. The favorite quote I heard was, "My husband, who I thought loved me, took me down a double black." Ellen & I went back & napped as did many of the folks. We were resting up for the evening's activities. Diane & Margery opened up their luxurious suite, which had a connecting door to Dick & Marie's, for an impromptu wine & cheese. A bodacious buffet strengthened us all for partying in a grand, festively decorated ballroom. We saw noise makers & hats awaiting us on our tables. We also saw members in gowns & tuxes, sparkly accessories & cocktail dresses, jackets & ties on the men, Ned & Barb Hainey dancing up a delightful-to-watch storm, and everybody ready to parté!!! The pop of champagne corks heralded the nearness of the midnight hour which we then rang in with kisses, hugs, handshakes, and best wishes for the New Year.



An eight o'clock breakfast and a 9:20 departure put us home in time to see Penn State in the Rose Bowl. The trip itself was enlivened with good talk about good memories made on this and other BVSA trips. Fruit, drinks, & pastries were available in the A.M. and the usual plethora of goodies got us home with contented bellies. The Frazer parking lot was filled with warm goodbyes to all and well deserved thanks for the few who had really knocked themselves out to make this such a wonderful trip. Joan, it was spectacular! Our special thanks & best wishes go to co-trip leader Donna West who broke her leg and was not able to go along for the fun.

To all BVSA members Happy New Year and ski well & safely,
New Member Jay Minnick

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 BVSA Club Meeting 8:00 PM	8	9 HH Victory Brewing 	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Mammoth/June Mountain Trip Departs 
18	19	20	21	22	23 HH T.G.I. Fridays	24 Mammoth/June Mountain Trip returns
25	26 CAD BLUE MT	27	28 BVSA Board Meeting 7:30 PM	29	30	31

February 2009

1	2 CAD BEAR CREEK	3	4 BVSA Club Meeting at BEAR CREEK 8:00 PM	5 DEMO DAY CAMELBACK	6 HH Uno Chicago Grill 	7
8	9 CAD CAMELBACK	10	11 CAD BLUE MT SNOW MT	12 CAD BLUE MT	13 CAD JACK FROST	14
15	16	17	18 CAD BEAR CREEK	19	20 HH American Bar & Grill 	21
22 Council Cup Race—Blue Mt	23 CAD BLUE MT	24	25	26	27	28

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LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, HOSTS AND PARTY GUESTS



Originally, Pennsylvania law held an intoxicated person solely responsible for injuries inflicted on another while under the influence of alcohol. If you were driving while intoxicated and ran over someone, it was your fault alone; notwithstanding any assistance rendered by whomever served you the drinks.

A tavern owner could not be held responsible even if he served a person who was falling down drunk.

Eventually, Pennsylvania enacted laws known as dramshop acts which forbade the commercial service of alcohol to someone "visibly intoxicated." Under this legislation, the commercial vendor or tavern owner could be held jointly liable along with the drunk.

The rationale was that a person under the influence of alcohol was considered not only physically incapacitated by the alcohol, but was also considered to be mentally incapacitated, and thus incapable of exercising proper judgment.

The law placed a duty on the server to not make matters worse by continuing to ply a person with spirits.

Recently, various injured parties have requested the courts to expand current law to place this same liability on a "social host" - that is, one who serves alcohol to another for free. This includes private individuals who serve alcohol to party guests in their home as well as employers who sponsor holiday parties where alcohol is provided to employees and their guests.

Pennsylvania courts have thus far rejected an expansion of this rule. But they have begun to approve certain exceptions.

For example, if the employer charges in any way for drinks, he can now be held liable for any injuries caused by the visibly intoxicated person. If the employer serves a minor, he will automatically be liable, whether or not the minor was visibly intoxicated and whether or not the employer even knew that he or she was not twenty-one. Liability can even arise if the employer merely provides the premises where the liquor is served to a minor.

Although Pennsylvania has not yet seen fit to place a duty on a social host to refrain from serving a visibly intoxicated person, our sister state, New Jersey, has.

Given the growing public concern and awareness of the tragedy of drunk driving, can Pennsylvania be far behind? The trend seems to be heading in that direction and your Holiday party should not be the one to make new law.

To require a social host, including an employer, to exercise responsible judgment in prohibiting a person visibly intoxicated from being further served seems natural. A responsible position for any employer wishing to protect his employees, guests and third persons, would be to monitor the Christmas party closely and to provide amenities such as cab fare, designated drivers, non-alcoholic beverages and food.

Employers now in the process of arranging that holiday bash should keep in mind their responsibilities as "social hosts" under the law by assuring that the only red nose served is on Santa's face. Happy Holidays!

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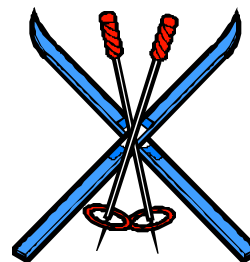
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**BVSA FEBRUARY
MEETING at BEAR
CREEK**



FEBRUARY 4th!

Members can show their membership card and get a full day/night ticket for \$15. The meeting will be held at the regular time at the base lodge.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Don't be shy! Please email write-ups and photos that you would like to appear in the newsletter. And don't forget to upload pictures to the BVSA website! We welcome your support!!
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