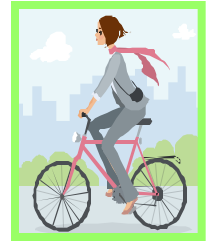




Trails 'n Tales

Brandywine Valley Ski Association
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Prez Sez

Summer is upon us! You might not realize it with the wacky weather we experienced this spring but, believe me, it will arrive. We are in store for a season of sun and fun. Already you should have received information for the summer concert series at the Brickside, tubing on the Brandywine and the bike ride in the Amish country. Of course that isn't all we have planned. So be sure to refer the website and check out the calendar from time to time. Also make sure you are signed up for BVSA Yahoo Groups. Directions to enroll are on our website

www.brandywinevalleyski.org

I am proud to announce perfect attendance for our most recent board meeting. Our group is dedicated to making the club functions successful and it shows with the enthusiasm displayed by your board. The board will meet in June and August taking a summer break in July. If you have anything to present to the board or would simply like to attend watch your e-mail for notification of the meetings.

Work is being completed for three winter trips. Sofie Minisi and Cindy Long are finalizing their journey to Steamboat in January of 2010. Jeff Lucas and Tom Ward have wonderful plans for Whitefish, Montana in February. In late March or early April Tim Noonan and Alan Andersen will wow you with a long weekend to Sunday River, Maine. The trips will fill fast so don't miss the only pool party of the year for early registration to your favorite destination. The pool party will be held at Alan and Sue's place in July.

Remember our general meetings do not take place during the summer months. I hope to see you at some of our summer events. We will reconvene our monthly general meetings the first Wednesday of September. Have a relaxing, fun filled summer.

Rose Stancato, President

JUNE/JULY 2009

Calendar of BVSA Events

Check out our Happy Hours listed on the following page.

*Flotilla Day with KOP
at Marsh Creek Park
Scheduled for June 6th*

*Lancaster County Bike
Ride w/ Wine
tasting and Amish
Dinner June 7th*

*Tubing on the Brandy-
wine River July 12th*

*Pool Party at Alan
And Susan's July 25th*

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

*Kayak Paddle
Wednesday
Evenings*

*Midweek Bike Events
Weather Permitting*

*Tuesday Evening Concerts
at Eagleview starting June 2*

***Skipjack Bike Tour
September 12 at
Deal Island***

***HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 4TH***

*Ski Trips for 2010 Jan,
Feb & Mar*

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**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**

BVSA HAPPY HOURS at 6 P.M.

**June 5th
(Special
Added)****

The Desmond Hotel, w/KOP,
1 Liberty Boulevard
Malvern 610-296-7300

June 12th

Lg O/D Deck, live band,
Winner's Circle Sports Grille
1280 Whiteland Town Centre
Exton 610-524-2424
Outdoor Dining

**June 19th
(Extra,
Extra)****

Ludwig's Inn and Oyster Bar
2904 Conestoga Rd (Rt 401&100)
Glenmoore, 610 458-5336

June 26th

West Bradford Grill
1548 Shadyside Road
Downingtown 610-873-7204



July 10th

Flanigan's Boathouse
16 Great valley Pkwy, Malvern
610-251-0207

July 31st

Large Deck for dining and bar
McKenzie Brew House
Rt 30, one mile west of Rt 29, Malvern
610-296-2222
New Larger Rear Deck/bar

Advertising in the BVSA Newsletter

Here's a great opportunity to reach our members
for a minimum amount of money!

BUSINESS CARD SIZE ONLY

Paid for in advance on or before the 13th of each month

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 17th of the month for the following month's issue. Articles and photos can be emailed to Marie Riley @memiller1208@juno.com Contact Dave Mertz @dmertz000@comcast.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 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.

JUNE 2009

	1	2 Summer Concert at Eagleview check out schedule	3	4	5 (special HH) The Desmond Hotel 1 Liberty Blvd Malvern Lg outdoor deck	6 Flotilla Day w/KOP at Marsh Creek 10-closing
7 Amish Bike Ride—Wine Tasting-Amish Dinner	8	9	10	11	12 Winner's Circle Sports Grille 1280 Whiteland Town centre, Exton Outdoor dining	13
14	15	16	17 BVSA Board Meeting 7:30	18	19 (extra!!!) Ludwig's Inn and Oyster Bar, Rt 401 & 100, Glenmoore	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 West Bradford Grill, 1548 Shady-side Rd Downingtown Outdoor dining	27
28	29	30				

JULY 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 HH Flanigan's Boathouse, 16 Great Valley Pkwy, Malvern Large Deck 6PM	11
12 Tubing 11:30@ Northbrook Canoe Co.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 1pm BVSA Pool Party at Susan and Alan's,
26	27	28	29	30	31 HH McKenzie Brew House, Rt 30 (1mi w of Rt 29 Malvern New Larger Rear Deck 6PM	

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Attention Current Club Members:

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME FOR 2009-2010!

Do not miss out on another great year of fun and activities with your BVSA friends! We've made it easy: just use the enclosed Renewal Application Form from the list-serve email or newsletter to renew your membership. For any changes to your information, please use the Enter Changes Only area.

Also, if you would like to receive a mailed hard copy of the newsletter each month, please make sure to check the box entitled, "Check here to receive a printed copy."

If you would like to exclude any information from the Membership Directory, please check the appropriate box next to the information that you would like omitted from the directory. Otherwise, all information will be printed and on-line when the directory appears on the internet at the end of the year.

We will be accepting membership renewals after June 15, 2009. You must be a current member and have renewed your membership dues in order to qualify for early trip sign-ups. Otherwise after the July pool party, our ski trips will be open to other EPSC clubs that have reciprocal policies, and you could lose your spot or not get on a BVSA trip because you didn't renew your membership.

You can send in your membership renewals to the club address listed above, but if you want to save time and be processed quicker, please feel free to send you renewals and checks to the following address. **Please remember to make your checks payable to BVSA and note that it is for membership,**

(BVSA) Dave Mertz
663 Center Rd.
Quarryville, PA 17566.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. **DON'T DELAY-RENEW TODAY,**

Sincerely,

Dave Mertz

Dave Mertz

Vice President and Membership Chair.

dmertz@BVSA~

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JOINT EVENT—KOPSC and BVSA Flotilla Day

WHAT: Flotilla Day/Summer Picnic

WHEN: Saturday, June 6th, 10 AM till sundown **Rain date:** June 7th

WHERE: Marsh Creek State Park **COST:** No Charge

WHAT IS PROVIDED: Water, Soda, Ice, grill.

Please bring the following if your name begins w/: **A-I** Appetizer, **J-O** Salad (potato, green, etc), **P-Z** Dessert.

ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, horseshoes, bocce ball, wind surfing, sailing in small boats (no gas motors), etc. Bring your Kayaks or small day sailing boats.

REMEMBER: NO alcoholic beverages allowed in the park. **BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS!**



Tuesday (6/2/09) starts the Eagleview Summer Concerts on the Square. Many BVSA club members enjoy this free Tuesday night Concert,

So bring a picnic, your favorite drink and a lawn chair/ blanket.

(See schedule file: [Eagleview Events.doc](#))

Sunday, JUNE 7th BVSA—Amish Bike Ride “Plus”

17 miles rolling hills and great scenery. Optional wine tasting after the ride followed by Amish Family Dinner

NO Rain Date: rain cancels bike ride but wine tasting and dinner ok

Starting time (to be announced.)

Meeting place: Bird-in-Hand Farmer’s Market Parking lot. 2710 Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340) Bird in Hand, PA (between N. Ronks Rd & Maple Ave.)

Park near the corner of 340 & Maple Ave. If you are late, bike route map will be under my car wipers and I’ll have my cell phone with me. 610-905-2666 HELMETS REQD.

Bring Water & snack for riding. We will go to the winery as a group. (Requested by winery)

Wine tasting starts after (time to be announced) Where: Mount Joy Wine Gallery

3140 Old Philadelphia Pike (route 340) , PA - (717) 768-7194 (Cheese and crackers provided for our group)

Dinner: Plain and Fancy Family Style Amish Food

3121 Old Philadelphia Pike (route 340) Bird in Hand PA (717) 687-6621

Time (to be announced) One eighth of a mile west of the Winery

Offers a menu or family style dinners for \$18.95. (Two different seating areas) DINNERS 4 TILL 8:00

A bike lock may also be a good idea while we are wine tasting or eating.

RSVP w/ your cell phone #. Michele Grant ntlmichele@juno.com



MORE FUN EVENTS WITH BVSA

Brandywine Tubing Trip Sunday July 12 11:30 at Northbrook Canoe Co. (Located near West Chester) Rain Date Sun. Aug 30th

When the weather is HOT! Tubing hits the SPOT!!!

Float down the Brandywine River in an Inner Tube. They are specially designed seamless 10-20 standard tubes, just perfect to relax in as the current takes you down the waterway.

Sign up with our group and get a discount. Participants must be over the age of 10 and over 4 foot tall. Cost is \$17.00 per person for a 2 + hour trip that includes tube and transportation to the starting spot. We will end back at our cars so you can leave a towel and a change of clothes in your car for after our trip. There is a convenient changing area for our use prior and/or after the trip.

Wearing a hat for sun protection is a very good idea.

Have your own tubes? They are happy to provide the transportation for our group trip. Transportation Fee: \$5 per person with own tube.

Send your \$17.00 check made out to "Northbrook Canoe Co." to Michele Grant 44 Rossiter Ave. Phoenixville, PA 19460

contact information Phone: 610-905-2666 or ntlmichele@juno.com

KAYAKING

This group paddles on Marsh Creek Lake every Wednesday evening in the summer (weather permitting) and 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.



JULY POOL PARTY at Alan and Susan's, Sat. July 25th, 1 PM, 795 W Strasburg Rd, WC
More details from BVSA on line.
Information to follow.

BICYCLING

If you are interested in participating in weekday bike rides starting early May, contact Carole Hamill at cvhclay@verizon.net and she will add your name to distribution e-mail list.

CONOWINGO RETREAT 8/14-8/16

Our members Ray and Rhett's have once again offered up their Conowingo Retreat to our club for a weekend of Camping, Kayaking, Hiking, Biking, Cooking, Cavorting and just about anything else you can think you would like to do on 20 wilderness acres within spitting distance of the Susquehanna River. You might think you are out in the wilderness given the maze of hiking trails, waterfalls, and views of the river; but you are really at Ray's house, so we have a nice covered deck, hot tub, and real life appliances for cooking 'n stuff. Arrive Friday night August 14th or on Saturday if you need to and join the group for some water adventures along the Susquehanna River. We'll be heading to the Susquehanna State Park which offers lots of alternative activities for those who don't like to get wet. Saturday evening usually involves a group meal and a bon fire. Sunday is for more of the same or chillin' out taking it all in. Just a short ride down Route 1 to 63 Desire Drive gets to the retreat. Come for the weekend, come for the day, just come on down. To reserve a camping spot get in touch with Ray. rdion@ccps.org More details to follow.

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 484-680-8435
T_Noonan@comcast.net



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, and 75 mile tours take you along flat country roads thru some of the most beautiful wildlife, harbors, and marshlands on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This is a great event which has had strong support from BVSA. Last year had more than a dozen BVSA riders. This is a well organized event with SAG wagons, rest and refreshment stops, and a whole lot of friendly folks. Make it a weekend and camp at a members house, stay in a nearby hotel, or check out an area rental. Bring your crab eatin tools and kayaks for additional fun throughout the weekend. Skipjack rides on Tangier Sound available. Contact Tim Noonan for registration forms. Visit <http://www.dealilandmaryland.com/> for more info

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 T_Noonan@comcast.net



HOLD THE DATES



Winter Ski trips details to follow:

Steamboat CO 1/16—1/23/2010

Whitefish MT 2/20-2/27/2010

Sunday River ME Tentative late March (4 days)

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 4, 2009

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Details to follow

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THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS ON AC-
TIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE IN
2009/2010**

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!! Email to memiller1208@juno.com or pjaneterry@comcast.net.

