## The Good Times

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# Annual Christmas Social at Anthony's Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm



Be sure to join club members as we celebrate the holiday season with our annual Christmas Social, which will be held at Anthony's (located at 725 Scalp Avenue in Richland) on Thursday December 14 at 7pm in the upstairs ballroom. It is semi-casual attire and FREE to members! Guests will be charged \$20. See page 2 for more info.

We will enjoy light fare, a cash bar, door prizes, basket raffles, and a great chance to get to know our new members. Once again, in the spirit of giving, we will be taking monetary donations for the Salvation Army, so please bring along some extra cash. Reservations are a MUST!! So call Vice-President Annette Kamzik at 814.536.7325 by Friday December 8!

#### **President's Message...**

Hi All,

I can't believe its December already. Hope everyone enjoyed the Kick-Off Party. If you did not make it, make sure you attend the **Christmas Social on Thursday December 14**<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's. Remember to RSVP to Annette by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a very good and well attended event. Seven Springs opened last week, so it's time to get the ski gear out and make sure you are ready to go. We have a few events planned this month. Hope to see you there. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season if I don't see you.

#### Harry

#### **Dates to Remember....**

Dec 1: Club Group Picture at

Christmas Tree

Central Park, Downtown

Dec 1: Happy Hour

**Press Bistro** 

Dec 2: Winter Volunteer Orientation

**Laurel Summit** 

Dec 14: Christmas Social

Anthony's

Note: Date is Thursday

RSVP by Dec 8

Dec 25: Merry Christmas!

Jan 1: Happy New Year

Jan 5: Happy Hour

The Garden Pub & Grill

Jan 7: Cross-Country / Snowshoeing Outing

Tentatively at Laurel Mountain

Jan 18: Club Mixer/Meeting

TnC's

Jan 19: Tomahawks Hockey Game

War Memorial RSVP by Jan 15

## Friday, December 1 at 5:30pm <u>Club Group Picture</u> at Christmas Tree in Central Park



Again this year, meet by the Christmas Tree in Central Park (Downtown) at 5:30pm for a club group picture. Club officer and professional Master Photographer Judy Crookston will take our picture. This beautiful tree with coordinating music is the highlight of Downtown Johnstown's Holiday season. Then walk over to The Press Bistro for our monthly Happy Hour (see below).

# Friday, December 1 at 6 pm (after Group Photo) Happy Hour at Press Bistro

After the club's Group Picture in Central Park, come to our first Happy Hour after the Kick-Off Party and reconnect with all the new friends you met at the Party. Our December Happy Hour will be held on Friday, December 1 at 6pm. The Press is located at 110 Franklin Street (Central Park Complex) and across from Central Park. Join fellow club members in the bar area and ease into the weekend at this Happy Hour. We should have the discount vouchers for ski resorts (Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, and Laurel Mt) available. No need to call ahead, just show up and enjoy the company of your fellow ski club members.

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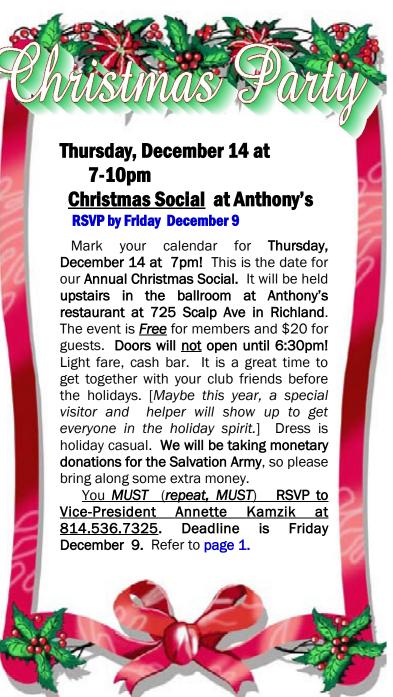
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johnstownskiclub@gmail.com



## Saturday, December 2 at 10am—Noon Winter Volunteer Orientation Session at Warming Hut at Laurel Summit

The Laurel Summit Nordic Ski Patrol is asking for volunteers to help them staff the Warming Hut at Laurel Summit. If you can help a minimum of 2-5 hours a month on weekends from Jan-March, come to the Winter Volunteer Orientation Session held at the Warming Hut on December 2 at 10am to meet the Ski Patrol. You do not need to be a skier or snowshoer to help. The Warming Hut is located on Summit Road, off RT 30 between Laughlintown and Jennerstown (near the Laurel Mt resort). For more information and/or RSVP, contact Peg Blough at ls\_warminghut@yahoo.com.



## Wishing all our members Happy Holidays:









#### Friday, January 5, 2018 at 6pm **Happy Hour** at The Gardens Pub & Grill

The first event of the New Year of 2018 will be a Happy Hour held at The Gardens Pub & Grill (formerly the Westwood Gardens) on Friday, January 5 at 6pm. Now that the holiday festivities are over, join club members for drinks or try something from their menu. The Gardens Pub & Grill is located on 1733 Lyter Drive (Westmont Shopping Center, beside the old liquor store). They are known for their good food and large menu. While you are there, make plans with club friends to ski or to attend some of our January activities. We will have the discount vouchers for ski resorts available. As always for our Happy Hours, no need to call ahead, just show up, relax, be patience with the wait staff, don't forget to tip your wait staff, and just enjoy the evening!

#### **Sunday, January 7 Cross-Country / Snowshoeing Outing** on Laurel Mt (tentatively) **RSVP by Saturday, January 6**

Once again this winter, join group leader AJ Stumpo on Sunday, January 7 for our first cross country Meet tentatively at the warming hut on Laurel Summit Road (which is near the Laurel Mt Ski Resort). [Place will be confirmed in next month's newsletter.] It will be a 3-4 mile loop. If the weather does not cooperate, he will lead a short hike on the hiking trail. Bring your two-way radio and set it to 6.0. Call AJ by Saturday, January 6 at 814.255.7079 to let him know you will be coming and for directions. For those that want to snowshoe instead, come and join us.

If you need cross-country or snowshoe rentals, contact Ski Den Sports (814.266.7669) on 1231 Scalp Ave (Richland).

#### Thursday, January 18 at 7pm **Club Mixer / Meeting** at TNC's Lounge

Meet us at TNC's on Thursday, January 18 at 7pm for our first 2018 Club Mixer/Meeting. TNC's is located at 640 Bedford Street in the Hornerstown/Dale section of Johnstown. For our monthly mixers, no need to call, just show up and enjoy the great hospitability of Terry and Chuck at their Lounge.

As always with our Club Mixers, no need to call ahead. just show up, relax, be patience with the wait staff and don't forget to tip them, and just enjoy the evening! See you there!

#### Friday, January 19 at 7pm **Tomahawk Hockey Game** at War Memorial



**RSVP / Payment by Monday, January 15** 

Help support your local hockey team! Join VP Annette Kamzik on Friday, January 19 for a Hockey Game Night at War Memorial in Johnstown. We will be attending the Tomahawk Hockey game between Johnstown and Philadelphia Rebels for "Hawkey Fights Cancer" Night with a Rally Towel Giveaway (for the first 500 fans ). The game will begin at 7:30pm. The price of the tickets (Section 16) will be \$8 per person, \$6 per children  $\leq$  12. Section 16 is right near Rayne's Backyard BBQ. Buy and enjoy delicious BBQ and fresh cut fries while watching the game. For this event, you must call Annette at 814.536-7325 to reserve your seat. Payment is due to her by no later than Monday, Jan 15. It will be a lot of fun and enjoyment for whole family while supporting the cancer initiative presented by Joyce Murtha Cancer Center and your local hockey team!

#### GJASC Communications...

- 1). **GJASC is on Facebook!** Check us out on Facebook. You can communicate with other members, check out upcoming events, up-to-date news, and view photos. Let GJASC "friend" you!
- 2). Via emails. Club member Terry Mikula sends out "e -blasts" thru our emails. Make sure we have your email address. Our monthly newsletter is sent via email. Printed copies will be available at our Happy Hours and at our Club Mixers.



#### Congrats...

To Club members Kathy Tercek ... on being elected as Richland Township Tax Collector.

#### Planning ahead in 2018:

With so many activities and events planned for the next few months, there is not enough space for this newsletter. More details will be in the upcoming newsletters.

Keep your Calendar of Events handy for all the listing!

Jan 28: "Cross Country Ski & Dinner" lead

by President Harry

Jan 28-Feb 2: WPSC's Mt. Snow VT ski trip

Feb 2: Happy Hour at The Boulevard Grill Feb 3: "Cross Country Ski & Fire" with chili/

potluck dinner at Paul Balint's home

at Indian Lake

Feb 15: Club Mixer at the Haven

Feb 18: Club Dinner at Fuji Steakhouse Feb 22: Ladies' Night Out at B&L Winery

Feb 22: Men's Night Out

Feb 24-Mar 3: WPSC's Banff, Alberta ski trip

\*Events subject to change\*

#### Deepest Sympathy...

To Club member **Connie Katawcik** ... on the passing of her father.

To Club member **Janet Chulick** ... on the passing of her sister.

#### Condolences to ...

Joyce McGiboney's family and friends on her passing last month. Joyce had been a ski club member for a few years. The ski club could always count on Joyce's kindness and her help at the Sandyvale Winefest. She will be missed by all her ski club friends.

### Welcome....



The club would like to welcome all our new and returning members. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events especially the Christmas Social on Thursday, December 14. Don't forget to introduce yourself to our new members. Check out the list below.

#### Thanks for joining our club!



## We would like to welcome our new members:

Ken Bailey Ryan Polites Jeffrey Eash Janet Popich Linda Eash Tim Shaner Jonathan Flower Fran Sivi Brian Graham Mark Smith Randy Havener Bill Stanko Rodney Hershberger Kim Stanko Karen Hogue Lisa Swart Anne McGrath Karen Taranto John McGrath Lou Taranto Georgette Polites

We would also like to welcome back our returning members:



Helen Dugan Joyce Freidhoff Randy Horbal Brenda Lawhead Tim Seitz Kim Spangler Kathy Tercek

#### Get Well Wishes...

To Club members Ryan Polites

Hope you are feeling better and on the mend!



#### Cool Information:



Hot Tip #1: Please be considerate on events with RSVP dates. Notify the Group leader before the RSVP date if you will be attending. If you do not sign up before the rsvp date, the event may have to be cancelled due to lack of response.



Hot Tip #2: While skiing at Seven Springs this ski season, tune your two-way radio to 13.5 to make connections with other club members skiing there that day.

Hot Tip #3: Remember to call ahead to your group leader if you are coming to his/her event. This allows the leader to notify you if plans need to be changed or cancelled.

Hot Tip #4: Our club is a member of the Western PA Ski Council (check out <a href="https://www.wpsc.net">www.wpsc.net</a>). WPSC is a member of National Ski Council Federation (<a href="https://www.skifederation.org">www.skifederation.org</a>). Check out the great discounts you can get by going to NSCF website, click on "Members Only" box , enter "skiclub" as the user, and "member" as the password.

Hot Tip #5: GJASC is on Facebook!. Check us out on Facebook. You can communicate with other members, check out upcoming events, and view photos.

Hot Tip #6: Don't misplace your membership card — you need it for your club ski discounts at Blue Knob, Hidden Valley, and Laurel Mountain.

Hot Tip #7: Please support the fine establishments that generously gave us an ad or donated door prizes. Check out pages 9 and 10 for the complete listing. They helped us make the Kick-Off Party successful!

Hot Tip #8: Check out this season's club ski discounts on page 7 for all the updated information. One or two times using the discount pays for your membership!



Being a club member, you have access to great group ski trips. Since we are member of the **Western Pa Ski Council (WPSC)**, check out <u>www.wpsc.net</u> for and updates on Council events and other ski club's ski trips and activities. Some clubs such as Beaver Valley and Der Sitzmark clubs open their trips to WPSC members.

Council has two ski trips for 2018:

- 1. **Mt Snow, VT** (1/28/2018—02/2/2018) by bus: Call group leader Chuck [724-225-6445] for availability. Great deal for the price!
- 2. **Banff, Alberta (Canada)** (2/24/2018-3/3/2018): filling up fast with very limited air space! Email group leader Mike Dziubkowski at n3gcy4004@gmailcom.

Since the deposits are already due, check out page 8 for more info and check out their web site <a href="https://www.wpsc.net">www.wpsc.net</a> for both flyers and more info <a href="https://www.wpsc.net">ASAP!</a>

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#### CHARITY BALL - TUES. DEC. 26 FROM 8-11 PM

It's back – an oldie but goodie!

#### Let's Dance at the Dance Works Charity Ball



Tues. Dec. 26 from 8-11 pm at the Bottleworks, 413 Third Ave. Cambria City.

\$25/person. Purchase Tickets online at <a href="www.johnstownconcertballet.org">www.johnstownconcertballet.org</a> - (814) 536-7599.

Dance music for all ages by Brian Wolfe. Reservations recommended.

Gather your family and friends; bring your table décor, food, and beverages.

Come celebrate a Tradition, a Homecoming,
and the opportunity to grow Dance Works — a Center for Dance & Movement.

## And a Good Time was had by All.....

#### **Happy Hour at The Homestead Inn** on Friday, November 3:

Over two dozen members started their weekend off at The Homestead. With the restaurant very busy that evening, we overflowed from the bar to the dining room. Afterwards, people stayed to listen to Tom Katz.

#### **Kick-Off Party** at Ace's on Saturday, November 19:

The Kick-Party was a HUGE success!! A good time was definitely had by all!!! Over 120 members including new members had a super time at our 39th annual Kick-Off Party at Ace's. It was a special night filled with terrific food, great live music (provided by Three of Hearts), guest speakers, door prizes, and those cool raffle baskets!



Congrats to some of our door prize /basket winners: Joyce Spangler (free membership), Matt Bodziak and Greg Wyar (Holiday Valley lift tickets), Kevin Clark [a Dinner tree better than a Lottery Tree this year], Ann Franze, Annette Kamzik, Denise Layton, Larry Dudash, Terry Mikula, Jackie Klanchar, Kathy Tercek, and Lori Huska. Jay Balint [it was worth the trip to Johnstown!] and Kim Stanko were very lucky that night.

We want to thank our ski resort reps from **Blue Knob**, and **Holiday Valley (NY)** for attending and letting us know what is happening at their resorts for the upcoming ski season along with their respective door prizes. A special thanks to club member **Sue Lee** who represented **Laurel Mountain's Laurel Nordic Patrol**.

#### **SPECIAL Thanks to:**

- 1. Everyone for another outstanding job of gathering ads and door prizes! We were able to sell all the ad spaces for our Calendar of Events. This is our <u>major</u> fundraiser for the club. It is not easy to go around the area and ask for an ad or for a door prize. The officers appreciate all the members who took the time and obtained the ads and prizes. It was wonderful to have a lot of prizes for the Party this year (and also for the Christmas mixer).
- 2. **Club officer Judy Crookston** for her great job (as usual) creating the Calendar of Events. Once again Judy did a fantastic job of doing the lay-out for the calendar which helps the club keep the cost of the printing down.
- 3. **Members who helped at the Party.** Thanks to **Denny Crookston, Dave Dorn, Karen Hogue, Beth Layton and George Tarrazi** who helped at the Party. Also thanks to everyone who stayed afterwards and helped clean -up. The officers appreciate <u>all who volunteered</u> in *any* way to make this special event so successful!

This is our biggest party of the year! There is a great deal of planning and organizing needed to make this Party a very enjoyable evening for our members. Anyone attending could see why this club continues to thrive into its 39th year — we have really great people in this organization!



Please <u>support</u> the fine establishments that generously gave us an ad or donated door prizes. They help us make the Kick-Off Party and the club successful!

Check pages 9-10 for the list of all our sponsors.

#### Ski Discounts....

Area ski resorts, again this season, were able to give ski discounts for our members!!

The resort are **Blue Knob**, **Hidden Valley**, **Laurel Mountain**, **and Seven Springs**. All Skiers and Boarders, check out the attached flyer on **page 7** for all the updated information on our ski discounts. (Discounts are subject to change).







### LIFT TICKET & SKI DISCOUNTS FOR 2017-2018 JOHNSTOWN SKI CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Blue Knob Ski Resort – www.blueknob.com – 1 800-458-3403

❖ Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday – \$25 Open to Close Lift Ticket Need to show 2017-18 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales.



Hidden Valley Ski Resort – www.hiddenvalleyresort.com – 814-443-8000

❖ WEDNESDAY - \$26 Open to Close Lift ticket – NEED VOUCHER Voucher needed for each Wednesday

<u>Please Note</u>: For Vouchers contact, Harry Graham 814 242-2722, Bob Snoby 814 539-3490, or Annette Kamzik 814 536-7325

Need to show 2017-18 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales Window



Laurel Mt. Ski Resort – www.laurelmountainski.com – 888-547-3388

❖ THURSDAY \$26 Session 10 AM – 9 PM – NEED VOUCHER Voucher needed for each Thursday

<u>Please Note</u>: For Vouchers contact Harry 814 242-2722, Bob 814 539-3490, or Annette 536-7325 Need to show 2017-18 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales Window



Seven Springs Mt. Resort - www.7springs.com - 800-452-2223

❖ MONDAY TWILIGHT - \$30 Session 1 pm - 9 pm. - Holiday Mondays \$42 (1pm - 10pm)
NEED VOUCHER - Present voucher at Ticket Sales.

Voucher needed for each Monday Twilight Session.

<u>Please Note</u>: For Vouchers contact Harry 814 242-2722, Bob 814 539-3490, or Annette 536-7325 Does not include 3% Amusement Tax



- Like2Ski Sunday Twilight Session (1pm − 9pm) & Holiday Monday Day Session:
   Lift Ticket: \$50 Rentals: Skis \$30 Snowboards \$30 Lessons: \$20
- \* Contact Colleen Ley. Email: crley4ski@gmail.com

or last minute ONLY text 724 683-1683

Note: Meet in the Seven Springs ski lodge to the right of the cafeteria by the guest service area between 12 & 12:30. Look for the "Like2Sk" i sign. FYI - with your group lift ticket you get free ski/board check. All payments cash or check only. Prices include amusement tax.

**Check out www.SKIPA.COM** for discounts and deals at PA ski resorts including local resorts.

## Western PA Ski Council's (WPSC) 2018 Ski Trips



### 1) Mount Snow / Bromley, Vermont - Bus trip

January 28th to February 2nd, 2018 (Mt Snow/Bromley VT only)

#### Trip Includes: Mt. Snow / Bromley

- Round trip <u>bus</u> transportation from Sewickley, with additional stops in Meadville and Erie.
- Welcome party at Monday night at Mt. Snow.
- 5 nights lodging at The Lodge at Mt. Snow.
- Meals at Mt. Snow 5 breakfasts and dinners with choice of entree, including a Thursday night choice of fresh New England whole boiled lobster or steak. Special diets are always available.

Monday skiing at Bromley Mountain.

Bus driver gratuities are also included. A collection will be taken for wait and kitchen staff on Thursday evening.

#### Cost:

#### Mt. Snow: <u>Single - \$1,025</u>; <u>Double - \$725</u>; <u>Triple - \$705</u>; <u>Quad - \$685</u>

If request a double and do not have a roommate, one will be assigned. Should second person not be available, you will receive a single room, but will be charged at the lower double rate. Triples and Quad are available upon request – not assigned.

#### **Discounts:**

- ♦ Non-Skier; Deduct Mt. Snow \$175.00
- ♦ Senior Skier/ Boarder; Deduct \$15.00 from listed cost.
- ♦ Bus transportation not required; Mt. Snow deduct \$135

Mt. Snow - Limited to 40 bus reservations, drivers to fill any remaining rooms, any additional drivers will be lodged at Snow Lake Lodge.

<u>For more info</u>, go <u>ASAP now</u> to Western PA Ski Council's web site at <u>www.WPSC.net.</u> Questions: Call Charles at: 724-225-6445 or email at: crsanti@comcast.net.



### 2) **BANFF, ALBERTA (Canada)**



#### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 3<sup>th</sup>, 2018

COST \$1396 (Toronto air), \$1696 (Pittsburgh air), NO AIR: \$1006.

Ptarmigan Hotel 4-day lift ticket for 3 areas, Park Entrance Fee, Full Hot Breakfast. Air currently non-stop Toronto to Calgary, or Pittsburgh via Toronto to Calgary. If you choose to get your own air, you can use our coach if you can meet the times.

Participants will enjoy a 4 or (5 day optional) lift ticket of skiing, each day at one of the Big 3 (Vert. Drop – around 3500 ft., Base elevation at Banff – 5000 ft., Summit – 9000 ft.) Discount for Non-skier is \$250. Price for 5 or 6-Day ticket additional \$42 each day.

#### **Accommodations:**

<u>PTARMIGAN</u>, Banff, AB The Banff Ptarmigan Inn is centrally located in Banff National Park only steps away from the downtown area. This mountain hotel is a great escape to the Canadian Rockies. Indoor hot pools, sauna, and steam room. Complimentary Wi-Fi in rooms and public spaces.

#### **Trip includes:**

◆ Round trip non-stop air TORONTO, <u>or</u> one-stop air PITTSBURGH via Toronto, on Air Canada ◆ Round trip motorcoach transfer from airport to resort ◆ 7 nights accommodation at Ptarmigan ◆ 4 or (5 or 6-day optional \$42 add-on each day) lift pass to 3 areas ◆ Senior Discount \$15 4-day, \$30 5-day, \$45 6-day ◆ All Taxes

<u>For more info</u>, go <u>ASAP now</u> to Western Pennsylvania Ski Council's web site at <u>www.WPSC.net</u>. Questions to: Mike Dziubkowski, PO Box 10831, Erie, PA 16514, email: n3gcy4004@gmail.com.

## <u>AD SPONSORS</u>

#### A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THESE BUSINESSES FOR PLACING AN AD IN OUR 2017-18 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PROGRAM



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