

President's Message...

Hello ALL,

As we begin our 38th year as the one and only official ski club in Johnstown, Pa and my umpteenth time as President, I would like to reflect back to our humble beginnings. This organization was formed as an offshoot of the YMCA ski club. At that time we were a small group of friends who thought we liked to have and manage our own ski club. Our first kickoff party was at a small bar in the Westwood Plaza and our annual dues was \$12.00. We had a great turn out of about 25 people, the beer was not free and the menu was chips and pretzels. Over the next year the word spread throughout the community about this great little ski club. Our next kickoff party had free food and beer and that's when things really started to take off. Over the next three and a half decades the club expanded and I can truly say I have never had a bad time as a member of this organization.

In closing I will not bore you with all the fine details it takes to operate and maintain this organization. What I want you to do is focus in on the fun, the friendships you have developed over the years and the new friendships you make over the coming years. This is the main formula as to why the club has survived and will continue to thrive. Always remember our tradition "A Good Time Will Be Had By All".

I'll see you around!!

Bob



Club Mixer/Meeting at the Elks Country Club Thursday, June 16 at 7 pm

Who said we are only a Winter Ski Club?? We have a great line-up of Summer activities for you. Be sure to join us **at the Elks Country Club on Thursday, June 16** for our monthly 7pm Mixer/Meeting. Elk's member **Cindy Formica** has invited us to have our monthly club meeting at their establishment.

Meet your newly elected officers, and make plans with other club members for all of our summer events. Please note they have a limited menu. **Elks Country Club (formerly the Geistown Country Club) is located on 330 Teaberry Street off, near the top of Ohio Street in Geistown/Stoney Creek Township. See you there! Check out page 2 for more information.**

Dates to Remember....



- June 3: Happy Hour
Tailgatez (Somerset)
- June 16: Mixer/Meeting
Elks Country Club
- June 19: Summer Concert with Flood City Brass
Roxbury Bandshell
- June 24: Golf Outing
Richland Greens
RSVP by June 20
- June 26: Outing/Biking/Picnic Day
Shawnee State Park
- July 1: Happy Hour
Jim & Jimmies
- July 4: **Have a Safe & Happy Fourth of July!**
- July 9: Bus Trip to Pittsburgh
- July 21: Mixer/Meeting
Nyko's
- July 31: Annual Family Picnic
Solomon Run
Fire Hall Pavilion
RSVP by July 24





*Spend a fun and safe summer
with us! Check out our
upcoming activities.*

**Friday, June 3 at 6pm [*note: later time*]
Happy Hour
at Tailgatez, Somerset**

After a great time and turn-out last year, we are returning to Tailgatez for our June Happy Hour. Meet us on June 3, at 6pm at Tailgatez Bar and Grill in Somerset, located at 1640 N Center Ave. We are starting one hour later so members can travel there after work. Come and celebrate **Trustee Gil Demos's** birthday! No need to call, just show up.

Directions: Go south on Rt 219 towards Somerset, take the Turnpike exit, turn left on Rt 601 south and go approximately 1.1 mile. Tailgatez is on the left just before the Giant Eagle.

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**Thursday, June 16 at 7pm
Club Mixer/Meeting
at Elks Country Club**

The June meeting/mixer will be at the Elks Country Club, come and have a bite to eat — they will have a limited menu — so sit back, chat with your fellow members, and meet the newly elected officers. [*Remember to tip your wait staff.*]

The club is located on Teaberry Lane in Stoneycreek Township. Teaberry Lane is located off of Ohio Street between Moxham and Geistown sections of town. Make a left turn at the Elks Lodge sign at the corner of Wise and Ohio Streets. See page 1 for more information.

**Sunday, June 19 at 4:45pm
Flood City Brass Concert
at Roxbury Bandshell**

What could be better on a summer Sunday afternoon than a free outdoor concert?? This *informal club event* is on Sunday, June 19 at 4:45pm. Come, bring your lawn chair or blanket, and meet up with your ski club friends to enjoy the sounds of Flood City Brass Band at Roxbury Bandshell. This free summer concert is from 5-7. You can bring your own picnic-style food or purchase food from the concessions.

**Friday, June 24 at 5:15pm
Golf Outing
at Richland Greens
RSVP by Monday, June 20**



Fore! It's time for our first golf outing for 2016. Join President Bob Snoby on Friday, June 24 at 5:15pm at the Richland Greens, located at 350 Luray Ave in Richland (tee time at 5:30pm sharp!) We plan to play 9 holes of golf using the "best ball" format. Cost is TBD. Call Bob at 814.539.3490 by Monday, June 20 to reserve your space for this golf outing and/or for more info.

Sunday, June 26 at Noon
Outing/ Biking/Picnic
at Shawnee State Park

Join our LHORBA bike club friends for a day at Shawnee State Park. Bring your family for a picnic, biking, walking, and/or swimming. Bring your own food for the picnic and your lawn chair.

First, meet group leader Gil Demos at noon at the big parking lot near the picnic/beach area (call Gil for directions) for a walk/jog/bike ride around the lake (3 1/4 miles). Shawnee State Park's main entrance is just east of Schellsburg along US Route 30.

Since this is a state park, no alcohol is permitted. The swimming area does have a modern bathhouse. For more info, directions, or to let him know you are coming, contact Trustee Gill Demos at 814.241.8570.

Friday, July 1 at 5pm
Happy Hour
at Jim and Jimmies



What a better way to enjoy your long Fourth of July holiday weekend by starting it at Jim & Jimmies for our July Happy Hour. We will be in their open "garage-style" bar. It is a cool place to hang out on a summer evening with a drink. Reminder - if you order food, they have a small kitchen, so sit back and relax until your food is served. Jim and Jimmies is located on Somerset Pike (left side), south of North Fork Golf Course. See you there!



Saturday, July 9 at 7:30am
Bus Trip to Pittsburgh for
PNC Tour & Pirate Baseball Game

Our bus trip to Pittsburgh for a tour of PNC Park and a Pirate Baseball Game on Saturday, July 9 is sold-out! We will leave at Home Depot in Richland at 7:30am and return after midnight. Looking forward to a fun day in the 'Burgh. *Please note:* this trip is rain or shine!

Thursday, July 21 at 7pm.
Club Mixer/Meeting
at Nyko's

This month's meeting/mixer will be at Nyko's, always a popular spot for our club. Come and socialize with club members on the patio and enjoy the great view of the Conemaugh Gap. Nyko's is located at 935 Scalp Avenue in Richland. Great way to celebrate the middle of summer. [Remember to tip your wait staff.] No need to call anyone. See you there!

Sunday, July 31 at 1pm
Annual Family Picnic
at Solomon Run Fire Hall Pavillion
RSVP by Sunday, July 24



Save this Date! This year we moved our Annual Family Picnic to the summer for hopefully better weather and so more members can attend. Our Picnic will be on Sunday, July 31 starting at 1pm at the Solomon Run Fire Hall Pavillion.

The cost for members is FREE, with a \$15 charge for guests. Members can renew their membership (dues are still only \$30!) for next year which officially begins on Saturday, November 19, at the Kick-Off Party. Any guest who wishes to join the club that day of the Picnic may do so for just an additional \$15 and be part of the club for over three extra months!

Food will be served at 2pm with the club providing main course and beverages. All those who attend are asked to bring a large, family style covered dish (please bring with serving utensils and pre-cut your desserts) to share with members. Feel free to bring any yard games, card games, or board games.

Remember this is a Rain or Shine event (don't worry, the Pavillion is huge!).

We need to know how much food to order so sign up is REQUIRED (repeat: REQUIRED) by Sunday, July 24 by calling Club Officer Darlene Dilla at 814.479.4403.

Friday, August 5 at 5pm
Happy Hour at Harrigan's
Holiday Inn (Downtown)

Our August monthly Happy Hour has been planned to coincide with the Flood City Music Festival which begins on Thursday, August 4, at Peoples Natural Gas Park. Join club members for Happy Hour on Friday August 5 at 5pm at Harrigan's Café and Wine Deck inside the downtown Holiday Inn on 250 Market Street.

Afterwards, walk or ride over to the People's Natural Gas Park across from the Point Stadium to kick off the three-day celebration of American roots music. Early Bird prices effective until June 8. For more information on the Flood City Music Festival, check out www.floodcitymusic.com.

Saturday, Aug 6 at 8pm
"Odd Couple" Play
at St. Vincent Theater
RSVP by Saturday July 23



This will be our sixth year traveling to Latrobe to enjoy St. Vincent Summer Theater. President Terry Mikula is again making plans for Saturday, August 6 at 8pm. Join Terry and wife Ida for a lovely evening as we see Neil Simon's comedic masterpiece, "Odd Couple". Tickets will be approximately \$22. Members can carpool for this event and make plans to eat dinner at DiSalvo's Station in Latrobe prior to the play.

After the play, plan on staying for the after-the-show cabaret on the terrace for complimentary drinks and snacks. Call Terry at 814.266.1446 by Saturday, July 23 for more details.

Saturday, August 13 at 5:30pm
Gateway Clipper Cruise
In Pittsburgh
RSVP by Friday July 22

Join Trustee Gil Demos for a dinner cruise on the Gateway Clipper in Pittsburgh on Saturday, August 13. The cost is \$76.50 per person. Must be paid when signing up. The cruise leaves Station Square (downtown Pittsburgh) at 6:30pm (boarding at 5:30pm) for Captain's buffet dinner, live music, cruise and see the city skyline as the sun sets on the three rivers, and returning at 9pm. If interested, please call Gil at 814.241.8570 by Friday July 22 to sign up and for more information.

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***Our Sympathy:***

...to **Beverly Poole** on the passing of her father.



**Ski Club Election Results:**

Here are the results from the Election for 2016-2017 Officers held on Thursday May 19 at The Homestead Inn:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>President:</b>           | <b>Bob Snoby</b>         |
| <b>Vice-President:</b>      | <b>Annette Kamzik</b>    |
| <b>Secretary:</b>           | <b>Ida Mikula</b>        |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>           | <b>Judy Adams</b>        |
| <b>Financial Director:</b>  | <b>Cindy Formica</b>     |
| <b>Communication Dir:</b>   | <b>Darlene Dilla</b>     |
| <b>Newsletter Director:</b> | <b>Barbara Visnovsky</b> |
| <b>Trustees:</b>            | <b>Lenore Beck</b>       |
|                             | <b>Gil Demos</b>         |
|                             | <b>Harry Graham</b>      |
|                             | <b>Kathy Stumpo</b>      |

**Terry Mikula stays on as Past President.**

Congratulations to all and a special welcome to our new officers! If you have any questions or new ideas for the club, please feel free to contact any officer.

**Upcoming Events :**



Plans are underway for future events:

**Summer - Thursday Bike Ride at**  
**The Que**  
**- Golfing**

**Aug 18: - Mixer/Meeting**

**Sep 10: - Volunteering at Sandyvale**  
**Wine Festival**

**Nov 19: - Kick-Off Party at Ace's**

**Dec 15: - Christmas Party at Anthony's**

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Belated Get Well Wishes:

...to **Mike Buchan**. Hope you are already on the mend.

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

Happy Hour at Windber Hotel on Friday, May 6:

We had 25 members spending their TGIF evening at the Windber Hotel. Nominations for officers were taken. Everyone had a nice time preparing for the weekend

Glades Pike Winery Spring Open House on Saturday, May 7

At least 30 people attended the Glades Pike Winery Open House. It was a beautiful day even for being outside on their wrap-around deck. Besides their great wines, Glades Pike had plenty of delicious hors d'oeuvre along with music again this year. Since they had it on a Saturday, the club had a good showing for this Open House.

...Thanks to club member **Susan Eget** for leading this event again this Spring.



Evening of Comedy at Ace's Lounge on Friday, May 13:

We had not two but three tables this year enjoying an evening of comedy. The show had three comedians keeping people laughing with their funny monologues.

... Thanks to **Judy Crookston** for planning again this event.

Adopt-a-Highway on Eisenhower Blvd on Saturday, May 14:

Annette Kamzik, Bruce McPherson, Barbara Visnovsky, and Frank Znidarsic joined group leader **Dan Gaydos** for the start of our 24th year of our Adopt-a-Highway project. We concentrated on the lower part of our 3-mile section of Eisenhower Blvd. The highway looked really good by the time we were finished. We did enjoy a pizza lunch at Pappy's afterward with simulating conversation. **Hopefully more people will join us in the Fall.** [Great way to get service hours] **See you in the Fall!** ...Thanks to **Dan Gaydos** for being our chairperson this year for this **very important club community service project.**



Club Mixer/Elections at The Homestead Inn on Thursday, May 19:

We had over 30 people attending this Mixer and Election Night at The Homestead Inn. This is a great meeting place to hold our elections. Along with absentee ballots, members were able to vote for our 2016-17 club officers. See **page 4** for the results.

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## ***PLANNING AHEAD — 2017 Ski Trips...***

Yes, Western PA Ski Council is already busy planning ski trips for 2017 !



**Jan 26-Feb 3, 2017: WPSC's Lake Placid, NY / Mt.Snow, VT bus trip**

**Jan 29-Feb 3, 2017: WPSC's Mt. Snow, VT bus trip**

This trip always sells out fast! This year there will be 2 buses — tentatively, the first bus will be an **earlier optional add-on bus trip to Lake Placid, NY.** Then they will meet up with the annual WPSC Mt. Snow bus trip at Mt Snow on Jan 29. Just the Mt Snow trip is \$725 double including 4 days skiing at Mt. Snow, 1 day skiing at Okemo Mountain, 5 breakfast, and 5 dinners. The Lake Placid add-on (including breakfast and 2 day skiing) including the Mt. Snow is \$1215. Flyer should be ready in mid June.

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**February 26 (Sunday)- March 5 (Sunday), 2017: WPSC's Steamboat, CO**

**Steamboat, CO trip** is tentatively \$1399 with air from Pittsburgh to Denver, CO, round-trip motorcoach from airport to the resort, 4 (or 5 days optional \$50 add-on) lift pass at Steamboat Ski Area, lodging at The Lodges at Steamboat (condos), \$50 On-Mountain food voucher. **The flyer will be on page 6-7.**

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**Fall 2017: WPSC's Ski trip to Chile** is in planning stage.



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## TRIP SPONSORED BY - Western PA Ski Council

Sunday, February 26th – Sunday, March 5th, 2017

### COST \$1399:

Lodge Condos, 200 yards from lift and free shuttles, 4-day lift ticket,

Air currently is UNITED NON-STOP to Pittsburgh to Denver

Times TBA announced later, as they sometimes change.

If you choose to get your own air, deduct \$440, You can use our coach if you can meet the times.

Participants will enjoy a 4 or (5 day optional) lift ticket of skiing, at Steamboat (Vert. Drop – 3668 ft., Base at Village – 6900 ft., Summit – 10568 ft.) Discount for Non-skier is \$250. Price for 5-Day ticket additional \$50.

#### Accommodations:

The Lodge at Steamboat in Colorado offers condos at the base of Mt. Werner only 200 yards from the Gondola, shops and restaurants. Units feature fully equipped kitchens, fireplaces, color cable TVs, private balconies and bathrooms adjoining each bedroom. Property amenities include outdoor hot tubs and heated pool, and complimentary on-site ski valet service and storage. The Lodge at Steamboat also features a private guest shuttle during the winter to skiing, shopping, dining & entertainment. Also enjoy complimentary high speed Internet and morning coffee with doughnuts.

So come and join the fun at The Lodge at Steamboat.

#### Trip includes:

- ◆ Round trip air transportation Pittsburgh Denver, CO Non-stop, via United Air
- ◆ Round trip motorcoach transfer from airport to resort
- ◆ 7 nights accommodation at Lodge Condos
- ◆ 4 or (5 day optional \$50 add-on) lift pass to Steamboat Ski Area
- ◆ Welcome Wine and Cheese Party.
- ◆ \$50 On-Mountain food voucher.
- ◆ All Taxes

#### Payments due as follows:

1. Initial deposit of \$300 person to reserve space.
2. Second payment of \$500 per person due September 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Third payment of Balance per person due November 15<sup>th</sup>

Checks to be made payable to: Western Pennsylvania Ski Council. Send to: Mike Dziubkowski, PO Box 53, Corry, PA 16407, Email: WPSC.2017.steamboat@gmail.com

#### REFUNDS:

All deposits are fully refundable until Sept 15 2016, \$25 Fee until Nov 15, No Refunds after final Payment. All refund requests must be made in writing to: Mike Dziubkowski, PO Box 53, Corry, PA 16407 or email at WPSC.2017.steamboat@gmail.com Allow 3 - 4 weeks for refund. No credit or refund shall be granted for meals, services or lift tickets not taken or used. The Western PA Ski Council will not charge cancellation fees above or beyond charges assessed to the council.

**TRIP INSURANCE:**

We suggest using the optional trip insurance plan that is available through Travel Protectors LLC, Contact Myra at Phone 703-443-9055, Toll Free Phone 1-877-515-9055, [myra@travelprotectors.com](mailto:myra@travelprotectors.com), payable within 15 days of deposit.

**STEAMBOAT 2017 RESERVATION FORM**

(Please one form per person)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name on passport or government issued ID \_\_\_\_\_

Requested room mate \_\_\_\_\_ Ski club membership \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Required for Airline) \_\_\_\_\_

Lift ticket: ( ) 4-day included ( ) 5-day add \$50

Air: ( ) Pittsburgh

Please include with your reservation one of the following: a copy of your Driver's License, Passport or other government issued ID to be used to verify information & spelling for airline tickets. Copies will be returned on the trip.

**Western Pennsylvania Ski Council Release Form**

**Statement of Purpose:** The Western PA Ski Council provides services such as ski trips and activities as a benefit to member clubs through the participation of volunteer leaders who receive no discounts or compensation for their service. Said leaders are not professionally trained, but undertake the trip/activity leadership to the best of their knowledge and ability and spend many hours during and off-season, organizing, arranging and leading trips and events.

**Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement to the Western PA Ski Council**

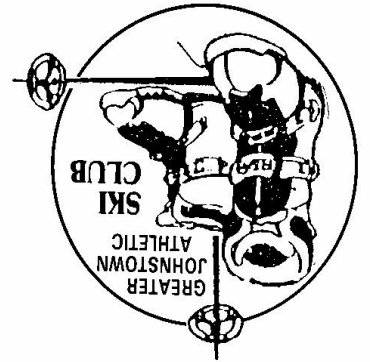
I, the below named individual, being 21 years of age or older, in consideration of services which have been or will be performed by the Western PA Ski Council, in providing travel arrangements and activities and of being permitted to participate in the Council trips, activities, events and other functions which I recognize as being hazardous, do for myself, my personal representatives, and next of kin:

1. hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue or hold liable the Western PA Ski Council, its officers, directors, event leaders and trustees, all for the purposes herein, referred to as Releases, from all loss or damage and any claims or demands therefore, on account of injury to the person or property, or resulting in death, whether caused by the negligence of Releases or otherwise, while for any purpose participating in any event or activity; and
2. hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Release from any loss, liability, damage, or the cost they may incur due to my presence and or participating during any activity, and whether caused by the negligence of the Release or otherwise; and
3. hereby assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily damage, death or property damage due to negligence of Release or otherwise while traveling, participating or for any purpose while engaged in such activities. I expressly agree that the foregoing Release, Waiver and Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted in the state, states, and countries in which the activity is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance of the agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect.

I have read and voluntarily signed the Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, which shall remain in full legal force and effect until such time that I notify the Western PA Ski Council in writing that this agreement is voided.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address correction requested



**Next Event:**  
**Meeting/Mixer at**  
**Elks Country Club**  
**Thursday, June 16**  
**at 7pm**