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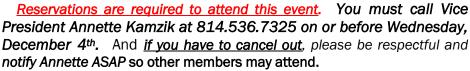






Thursday, December 12 at 7:00pm

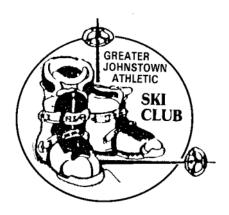
Reservations on or before Wednesday Dec 4! No exceptions!



For those that have reservations, 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 12 at 7pm (the upstairs banquet room). Since Anthony's will be busy that night and parking might be tight, it is suggested to try to car pool that evening.

Doors will not open until 6:30pm (REPEAT: 6:30PM) !!! Dress is holiday casual attire, but get in the holiday festive spirit and wear your best Pretty or Ugly X-mas /Ski /Sport sweater and/or Tie. FREE to members! \$20 for Guests. We will enjoy light fare, a cash bar, door prizes, basket

raffles, and a great chance to mingle with our new members. Once again, in the spirit of giving, we will be taking donations for the Salvation Army, so please bring along some extra cash. Refer to page 2 for more info.





President's Message...

Hi All,

WOW! What a great Kick-Off-Party!!! I hope everyone who attended had a good time. I sure did. I would like to welcome all the new members that joined the club at the event. I would like to especially thank Molly and her crew at Ace's for accommodating the extra 20+ people who came that evening. The board did not estimate that high of a count when giving her the final number prior to the event. She did a great job whipping up some extra food.

Now on to the Christmas Social. We have worked with Anthony's to increase the seating and moved the RSVP date to December 4^{th.} (see above and page 2 for more info).

Now for the outside activities. The slopes have opened, so get ready for a great ski season. Watch the newsletter for cross country/snowshoe events as well as downhill ski discounts.

See ya on the slopes.

Harry

Dates to Remember....



Dec 6: Club Group Picture at Christmas Tree

Central Park, Downtown

Dec 6: Happy Hour — **NOTE**: New location change

Stone Bridge Brewing (near Press Bistro)

Dec 7: Winter Volunteer Orientation

Laurel Summit

Dec 12: **Christmas Social**

Anthony's

RSVP on or before Dec 4



Dec 25: Merry Christmas

Jan 1, 2020: Happy New Year

Jan 3: **Happy Hour**

Franklin Street Bar & Grill

Jan 16: Club Mixer/Meeting

TNC's Lounge

Jan 19: Cross-Country/Snowshoeing Outing

Laurel Summit

Friday, December 6 at 5:30pm **Club Group Picture**

at Christmas Tree in Central Park

Downtown Johnstown is the place to be on Friday! Since it is the holiday season, please be mindful that the town will be bustling with plenty of people. Again this year, meet by the Christmas Tree in Central Park (Downtown, Johnstown) at 5:30pm for our annual 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 one block to the Stone Bridge Brewery and join us for our monthly Happy Hour (see below).

Friday, December 6 at 6pm (after Group Photo) **Happy Hour** (NOTE: change of location) at Stone Bridge Brewery

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 Happy Hours are usually held on the first Friday of each month at 6pm. Our December Happy Hour will be held on Friday, December 6 at 6pm.

Since we are expecting a big crowd, Jeremy (owner of the Press) has offered us his Stone Bridge Brewery for our event. So we are moving our December Happy Hour from The Press over to the Stone Bridge Brewery (on the corner of Franklin and Washington Street). You can still order the Press food including their PA beers and craft beers.

Join fellow club members and ease into the weekend at this Happy Hour. No need to call ahead. just show up and enjoy the company of your fellow ski club members. We hope to have a very nice crowd that evening. So please be patient with wait staff and service as the establishment is given an approximate attendance number.

Saturday, December 7 at noon Winter Volunteer Orientation Session at Warming Hut at Laurel Summit

At our Kick-Off Party, club members Ski Patroller Sue Lee and Winter Volunteer Paul Balint spoke about the Laurel Summit Nordic Ski Patrol is recruiting Winter Volunteers to help them staff the Warming Hut at Laurel Summit this winter. If you are interested, contact club member Sue Lee by email at sueleebear@yahoo.com or call her at 814.242.1388 for more info and to sign up for their orientation meeting on December 7.



Wishing all our members

Happy Holidays:







Friday, January 3, 2020 at 6pm <u>Happy Hour</u> at Franklin Street Bar & Grill

The first event of the New Year of 2020 will be a Happy Hour held at Franklin Street bar & Grill. Now that the holiday festivities are over, join members for drinks or try something from their menu. Franklin Street Bar & Grill is located at 751 Franklin Street in Kernville. While you are there, make plans with club friends to ski or to attend some of our January activities.

Please be patient with the wait staff and service as the establishment is given an approximate attendance number. So relax, don't forget to tip your wait staff, and just enjoy the evening!

Thursday, January 16 at 6pm Club Mixer / Meeting at TNC's Lounge

Meet at TNC's on Thursday, January 16 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 (which are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm) no need to call, just show up and enjoy the great hospitability of Terry and Chuck at their Lounge.

With this Club Mixer, 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. Please be patient with the wait staff and service as the establishment is given an approximate attendance number. See you there!

Sunday, January 19 at 1pm Cross-Country/Snowshoeing Outing at Laurel Summit



Once again this winter, join group leader AJ Stumpo on Sunday, January 19 for our first cross country outing of the winter season. Meet at 1pm at the Warming Hut on Laurel Summit Road (which is near the Laurel Mt Ski Resort). It will be a 3-4 mile loop. Bring your two-way radio and set it to 6.0. Call AJ at 814.255.7079 for directions/questions. 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).

Did You Know ??

Ski Discounts



Our local area ski resorts (Blue Knob, Hidden Valley, Laurel Mt, and Seven Springs) again this season were able to give ski discounts for our members!! To use the ski discounts for Seven Springs, Hidden Valley and Laurel Mt, you must get their vouchers and take it along with your club membership card and ID to their ticket sale windows. 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).

FYI...

President Harry Graham again this year is inviting our club to ski with his **Ski Den Ski Club** at Blue Knob on the following *tentatively* Sundays:



Jan 12th, Jan 26th, Feb 9th and Feb 23th.

<u>Plans are still being finalized at press time</u>. The cost is approximately \$90 for all four Sundays with skiing from 1-6pm. Kids under 12 are \$50. Everyone is welcome to join them! For more info, stop in at Ski Den at 1231 Scalp Avenue in Richland or call Ski Den at 814.266.7669.

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Did You Know??



Have you renewed your membership for 2019-2020?

If you did not renew your membership for the 2019 -20 club season, this will be your last email newsletter unless you mail in your membership application <u>ASAP</u>. You can print out the two-page application on our web site (www.johnstownskiclub.com). Remember we have many ski discounts for members and their families <u>only</u>. Plus we have many year-round activities planned for skiers/boarders and non-skiers including the Christmas Social, the Spring Fling, and the Summer Picnic.

Keep in mind as a 2018-19 member, there were savings over \$450 (plus many <u>priceless</u> items). Membership fee is still \$30 with age requirement of 21 years or older. Tell your friends to come and join us!

What a deal for only \$30 membership fee!!

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! It is a closed Facebook page for member only.
- 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 at the beginning of the month.
- 3). **Via our web site**. We also post our newsletters monthly on our web site (<u>www.johnstownskiclub.com</u>) along with club photos.

Refer three new members:

Tell your friends who may be interested in joining the club, now is the time! If you refer three new people to join the club, your membership is FREE. They *must write your name* on their application in the "Referred by" section.



CO2 Beer Tap System –
"gently used" CO2 Beer Tap System
\$80 OBO – If interested
Call Bob Snoby (814.539.3490).

Belated Get Well wishes:

...To club member **Joe Skidel.**Hope you are feeling better each day.



Congrats:



... To club member **Dave Mercik** who just finished his Stone Mill <u>50-Miler</u> race in 14 hours and 6 minutes!

.... To club member **Cindy Cummings** (who finished the Pittsburgh Marathon a few years back) recently finished the Ghost Town Trail 50k <u>Challenge</u> and The End of the <u>Road Half Marathon</u> on the old PA turnpike.



WAY TO GO!!!

Special Thanks ...

To Club members who gave clothing Items at the Kick Off Party for the Cold Weather Clothing Drive for the **Franklin Street United Methodist Church.** These items are greatly appreciated.



If you did not get a chance to donate, you can still drop off your items at **Ski Den** (on Scalp Ave, Richland).

Special Thanks:



To club members who donated Raffle baskets for the Kick-Off Party or for our Christmas Social. We really appreciate your help!! Check out page 8.



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 page 8 for the list of all our sponsors.

Did You Know??

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 12. Don't forget to introduce yourself to our new members. Check out the list below.

Thanks for joining our club!



Andy Byer Troy Keeley
Kristie Byer Mary Koval
Beth Colvin Douglas Kurtz
Linda Grados Steve Kutchman
Mike Grados Claudia Miller

Mindy Greer Christopher Sheppard
Chip George Emma Sheppard

Loraine George Joe Silvestri

Cathy Hauser Jacqueline Williams

Kellie Anne Hoffman

We would also like to welcome back our returning members:

Ray Gaydos Chris Gossard Lary Koval

(who was a member back in the early years of the club)

Matthew Perkosky Ryan Spangler Althea Stephenson Dan Swincinski Howard Walker



Planning ahead in 2020:

More details on future events will be in the upcoming newsletters:



Jan 26-31: WPSC's annual Mt. Snow/

Berkshire East, MA bus trip (see above)

Mar 19: Second Annual Trivia Night Mar 28: Tomahawks Hockey Game

Apr 18: Spring (Après) Party



Being a club member, you have access to great group ski trips. Since we are members of the **Western Pa Ski Council (WPSC)**, check out <u>wpaskicouncil.com</u> for info and

updates on Council events and other ski club's ski trips and activities. Some clubs such as Pittsburgh club (i.e. Big Sky, MT; Winter Park, CO) and Der Sitzmark club (Aspen, CO) open their trips to WPSC members.

Also we are members of **National Ski Council Federation** (**NSCF**). The WPSC is one of 29 ski councils that make up the NSCF. Check out their web site (<u>www.skifederation.org</u>) or their Facebook page. It lists great discount benefits on travel, ski shops, soft goods, and more.

WPSC 2019 Ski Trips:

Jan 26-31, 2020: WPSC's annual Mt. Snow/
Berkshire East, MA
bus trip.

Great value! Includes breakfasts, dinners, and lift tickets.

Feb7-15/2020 Cortina, Italy.

March Whitefish, MT.

The Mt. Snow trip still have openings as of press time. **Since the deposits are already due,** check out their web site <u>wpaskicouncil.com</u> for the flyer and more info **ASAP!**



Skipa.com

Check out the web site <u>www.SkiPA.com</u> for discounts, resort info, and deals at PA ski resorts including our local resorts. Some of the deals are:

- 1. 4th & 5th Grader Snowpass Program. 4th and 5th graders can ski free.
- 2. First Time Ski/Snowboard Program Offers.
- 3. \$5 off midweek lift ticket.
- 4. Discounts at PA ski resorts.

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

Happy Hour at Morris' Tavern on Friday, November 1:

We had a great turn-out with thirty-one people at Morris' Tavern that evening. We had the whole upstairs room enjoying their good food and good atmosphere. We are glad that Joe Skidel, who recently had hip surgery, was able to climb the stairs to join us. Vicki Snoby was lucky that night.

41st Annual Kick-Off Party at Aces on Saturday, November 16:

The Kick-Party was a HUGE success!! A good time was definitely had by all!!! In fact, it was an "overflowing" crowd—with 161 members and one guest, including new members, having a super time at our 41st annual Kick-Off Party at Ace's. It was a special night filled with terrific food, great live music (provided by That's What She Said), guest speakers, door prizes, and those cool raffle baskets. And we even got to celebrate Sue Eget's birthday!



We want to thank our ski resort reps - Gary from Blue Knob and Sarah from Seven Springs/ Hidden Valley/ Laurel Mt 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 (cross-country skiing) Patrol and talked about her organization along with club member Paul Balint who volunteers at the Warming Hut at Laurel Summit.

Congrats to our 50/25/25 winners: Phil Sutton and Don Mishler.

Congrats to the Priceless Johnstown Ski Club license plate holder winner: Troy Keeley.

Congrats to **basket winners**:

1."We Gather Together" - Linda Grados

- 2. "Visit Johnstown" [courtesy of Visit Johnston PA] Don Mishler
- 3. "Make your Own Beverages" Nick Ballow
- 4. "Candles" Jackie Klanchar
- 5. "Snowman Hat" [courtesy of First National Bank] Cindy Formica
- 6. "A Toasty Evening" Jim Drazenovich
- 7. "Plaid Christmas" [courtesy of Frank Duca Funeral Home] Shelby Miller
- 8. "Movie Night" Linda Eash

Congrats to our lift ticket winners: Paul Balint, Christina Flower, Mike Grados, Doug Kurtz, Bob Rauch, and,



Holiday Valley lift tickets winner: Holly Mishler and,

Seven Springs/ Hidden Valley/ Laurel Mt lift ticket winners: Tina Clark,

Barry Critchfield, Marsha Flower, and Barb Visnovsky.

SPECIAL Thanks to:

- 1. Everyone for another outstanding job of gathering door prizes and getting sponsor! This year we did "Special Commemorative Calendar of Events." The officers appreciate all the members who took the time and obtained the prizes. Also thanks to those who made or gave items for our great baskets. 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, Mike Dilla, Vicki Snoby and Cindy **Stewart.** Also thanks to everyone who stayed afterwards and helped clean-up. The officers appreciate all who volunteered 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 (especially by the club's Executive Board) to make this Party a very enjoyable evening for our members. Anyone attending could see why this club continues to thrive into its 41st year — we have really great people in this organization!







LIFT TICKET & SKI DISCOUNTS FOR 2019-2020 JOHNSTOWN SKI CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

❖ Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday – \$30 Open to Close Lift Ticket Need to show 2019-20 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales.



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

WEDNESDAY - \$28 Open to Close Lift ticket – NEED VOUCHER.
Voucher needed for each Wednesday.

<u>Please Note</u>: For Vouchers contact, Ski Den 814 266-7669, Bob Snoby 814 539-3490, or Annette Kamzik 814 536-7325

Need to show 2019-20 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales Window



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

❖ THURSDAY \$28 Session 10 AM – 9 PM – NEED VOUCHER. Voucher needed for each Thursday.

<u>Please Note</u>: For Vouchers contact Ski Den 814 266-7669, Bob 814 539-3490, or Annette 814 536-7325

Need to show 2019-20 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales Window



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

❖ MONDAY TWILIGHT - \$32 Session 1 pm - 9 pm. - Holiday Mondays \$44 (1pm-10pm)
Voucher needed for each Monday Twilight Session. Does not include 6% Amusement Tax
Please Note: For Vouchers contact Ski Den 814 266-7669, Bob 814 539-3490, or Annette 536-7325
Need to show 2019-20 Ski Club Membership Card and ID at Ticket Sales Window



<u>Like2Ski Sunday Twilight Session</u> (12:30pm – 9pm) Additional discounts available Christmas Week & Holiday Mondays. Holiday discount rates will apply. *Prices include amusement tax.*

- Lift Ticket: \$50 Rentals: Skis \$30 Snowboards \$30 Lessons: \$22 (1.5 hr. lesson)
- * Contact Colleen Ley <u>Email</u>: <u>crley4ski@gmail.com</u> <u>All payments cash or check only.</u>

 Note: Meet in the Seven Springs <u>ski lodge</u> 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 <u>free ski/board check.</u>

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







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