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SKI NEWS

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PSC Ski News is Web-posted. Sept – May. Two newsletters are also mailed to members, one in September with new ski season's trip offerings in detail, and one in the Spring. Please submit items to Editor by the 20th for publication in the following month's newsletter. Word documents are preferred, with separate photos in JPEG. Up-to-date info is also provided on PSC website and via email updates.



President's Message

Happy Holidays! Come to our Dec 11th Holiday Party – the biggest non-ski activity of the season... pretty décor, great food, good prizes! Not a formal meeting – a great party!

Free for current members. \$15 for non-members (including those who have not renewed for 2009 ski season) – just \$25 to join (or renew) AND attend (\$40 for a family).

Melva, PSC President

The November Ski Meeting was a real treat

At the November meeting of the Peninsula Ski Club, the Yard Sale was good. I saw some money change hands and that is what a yard sale is all about. There was an antique pair of Skis, that while they did not sell, I am sure they would make a great conversation piece in any skier's family room.

The ski trips to Steamboat, Co; Big White, BC, Canada; Mount Snow, VT; and Sun Valley, Idaho are filling up nicely. The night's program was very interesting seeing all of the new clothing that is out there for the 2008-2009 ski season. Making everyone rethink what they will be wearing for this ski season.

Lynn DeGregorio

PSC SKI TRIPS FOR 2009

Here are the PSC scheduled ski trips and dates that are holding firm for the 09 season. Ski trip flyers are included in this Newsletter or may be found on the PSC website. At our regular club meetings Ski Trip Captains make presentations and accept trip money. If you have further questions about any trip, please contact that trip's captain for details.

<u>DATES</u> 2009	<u>Ski</u> <u>DESTINATION</u> and status	<u>PRICE</u> Per Person, Double - Estimated	<u>Base</u> <u>ELEVATION</u> (ft)	<u>VERTICAL</u> (ft)	<u>TRIP CAPTAIN</u> Phone (757) & E-mail
Jan 24-31	Steamboat, CO Waiting list applications for possible cancellation	\$1,500	6,900	3,668	Sonny Short 886-1385 cshort@earthlink.net
Feb 8-14	Mount Snow, VT Space still available on bus or by own transport	\$785	1,900	1,700	Jim Colbert 258-3011 colbertj@widomaker.com
Feb 21-28	Big White, Canada Room possible for another couple & one man.	New, Even Lower Price →\$1,760←	4,950	2,556	Bill Bryan 851-0748 Billb-1111@cox.net
Mar 7-14	Sun Valley, ID Waiting list applications for possible cancellation	\$1,540	5,750	3,400	Jim Colbert 258-3011 colbertj@widomaker.com

For those of you who can't make one of the above PSC trips, you are eligible to go on Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) sanctioned trips at the same price as the club sponsoring the trip. We are a member club of the BRSC and have a link on our website to the council.

UN-SCHEDULED SKI OPPORTUNITIES: 'Last minute' additional ski trips may be arranged when "local" Blue Ridge skiing conditions are good. These will generally be one or two day trips to near-by resorts, for people with the flexibility to go on short notice. Contact Agnes Evans (867-8072) if you want to be on the list to be contacted for those opportunity trips.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN A TRIP: We are always looking for people that would like to captain a trip to a favorite area. See the Trip Captain's Manual, posted on the PSC website, for details on running a trip. If you are at all interested in enriching next year's PSC trip selection call Ski Trip Chairman Leonard Credeur at (757) 868-7347 or email him at karencred@aol.com.

PSC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2nd Thursday Evening of the month, September through May
AT WARWICK YACHT CLUB

400 Maxwell Lane, Newport News VA (directions below)

7 PM SOCIAL with light snacks and beverages

8 PM – Ski Club Meeting, followed by program, ending with door prize drawing.

New Club STICKER \$2
See Publicity Chairperson

December 11, 2008



7:00 to 9:00

Holiday Party (Flyer See Page 9)

Free for Members

\$15 for non-members

(or pay \$25 for membership on-the-spot)

People are always welcome to bring packaged dessert items to the meetings (including the December meeting/party.) As always there is a cash bar.

January 8, 2009
Ski Exercises & Wintergreen
Feb 12,
Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14

DIRECTIONS: Take Oyster Point Exit (Exit 256 A) from Route I-64; cross over Jefferson Avenue; make a left onto Warwick Boulevard. Go one mile to next light and turn right onto Maxwell Lane. Follow to the WYCC – Entrance to the Right.

PSC POLICY ON TRIP CANCELLATION FEE

Any individual who cancels a trip after some payment will be assessed a cancellation fee. The standard cancellation fees for PSC are:

- For trips priced at \$100 or less, if no trip refund cut-off date is specified, fee is \$5 at any time before the trip. For other trips:
- \$50 if after the September Meeting, but before the Trip Refund Cut Off Date.
- After the Trip Refund Cutoff Date, No club cancellation fee is collected as all expenses are borne by the canceling party.

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Ski Boot Buying Guidance

For those of you considering buying ski boots, you would be well advised to read Section Four of the Ski Lessons on the PSC website. Boots are not only a significant investment but proper fit will affect your skiing like nothing else. The discussion will help you be a smarter shopper, and thus a better and happier skier.

2009	Peninsula Ski Club NON-SKI ACTIVITIES Note: Please email announcements to the Non-ski Activity Chair Ulku Nouri and the Newsletter Editor Lynn DeGregorio & Web Master	TRIP CAPTAIN
Friday January 16, 2009	<u>INDOOR TENNIS</u> Will be played at Centre Court Racquet Club in the Hidenwood section of Newport News. Gather at 7:15 PM. Play Doubles and Mixed Doubles from 8 to Midnight. Bring finger food to share. Drinks, balls, and Match-Ups provided. Members pay \$10 to play, \$3.50 to spectate. NonMembers pay \$12 to play, \$4.50 to spectate. No-Shows and Cancellations after noon on the day of party may incur a penalty. Reservations required.	Agnes Evans 867-8072
Friday February 20, 2009	<u>INDOOR TENNIS</u> See above for information	Agnes Evans 867-8072
Friday March 20, 2009	<u>INDOOR TENNIS</u> See above for information	Agnes Evans 867-8072
September/ October 2009	<u>Turkey</u> Is being planned for September/ October for two weeks.	Ulku Nouri 564-3417
To host a non-ski event, contact Non-Ski Activities Chairperson		

Cruise to Alaska

May 16 thru 23, 2009

Aboard the beautiful Norwegian Star, the trip starts in Seattle, with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Prince Rupert
See Ulku Nouri for al of the details.

Rates from 559.90

Per person, based on double occupancy. Rates for 3rd/ 4th person sharing a cabin on request. Port charges are an additional \$368.00 per person. Airfare and transfers may be transfers may be purchased at additional cost.

Payment schedule:

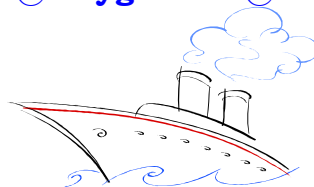
\$75 per person Non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking.

Second payment of \$250 due **January 2, 2009**

Final balance is due **March 10, 2009**

Ulku can be contacted at (757)564-3417, Cell: (757) 870-0865

E-mail @ Taygamoon@aol.com



A note from the Membership Chair:

Our club currently has 111 memberships (59 singles and 52 families). At this time last year we had 128 memberships (60 singles and 68 families) and we ended last year with a total of 147 memberships. Membership fluctuates from year to year, but our current membership is the lowest it has been since 2001 and less than half the total of 273 that was achieved in 2003. I would encourage all of you to recruit new members, especially younger members. The continued vitality of your club depends on it.

Please bring your membership card to the December meeting or pick it up from me if you have not already done so. Also, the user name and password for the online roster will be available from me at the meeting.

Rick Irby, PSC Membership Chair

PSC BOARD May 2008 – April 2009			
President	Melva Mallison	(757) 596-5536	melvamaj@cox.net
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Web Master	Edie Colbert	(757) 258-3011	colbertj@widomaker.com
Past President	Sonny Short	(757) 886-1385	cshort@earthlink.net
NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, December 18, 2008 @ 6:30 PM hosted by Membership Chair Rick Irby			

Decorate with Ski Club Sticker only \$2

The stickers are on sale at the Ski Club meetings

Or contact Butch Bolden the Publicity Chair



Show off your ski club affiliation. Use the sticker on your car, ski case, or in your scrapbook. Contact PSC Publicity Chair, Butch Bolden, for your stickers!

Steamboat, Colorado

January 24 – 31, 2009 (Saturday to Saturday)

\$1500* Est.

Join the Peninsula Ski Club for our trip to ski “Champagne Powder” at Steamboat, Colorado. We will be skiing slopes that are the home of Olympic Medalist Billy Kidd and the NASTAR National Finals. With 56% green/blue terrain and the famous black diamond “steeps & deeps”, the mountain has trails to challenge all levels of ability. Our spacious condo lodging will offer warmth & welcome at the end of each day. To sign up, send your name, address, phone number and email with your deposit check (written to the PSC) to the address at the bottom of this page.

Price Includes: Round trip air to Steamboat Springs (see Airline below), transfers between airport and Steamboat (about 20 miles), 7 nights condominium lodging (2 per bedroom, see Lodging below), 5 days of lift tickets (see Lift Tickets below), wine & cheese reception, Western BBQ, 2 group dinners and pre-trip party.

Airline: Delta Airlines Norfolk to Steamboat Springs (Hayden) via Atlanta. Please note that the airline is only allowing 1 free checked bag. A \$25 charge (each way) for a second checked bag will be collected by the airline at airport check in. A ski bag (one pair of skis only) and boot bag will be considered one bag if total weight is less than 50 lbs. Any bag that is over the weight limit will be subject to a substantial overweight charge.

Lift Tickets: A 5 of 6 day lift ticket is included. Upgrade to a 6 day ticket is available for an additional \$30. (Seniors (70+) may get a discount by purchasing tickets at the mountain.)

www.steamboat.com

Lodging: LaCasa Condominiums 2 & 4 bedroom units (2 people per bedroom) located 100 yards from gondola square. Amenities: bath for each bedroom with extra guest bath in each unit, large kitchen and living room, gas fireplace, washer & dryer, daily housekeeping, internet access, two outdoor hot tubs and shuttle service. <http://www.steamboatresorts.com/lodging/lodging.lacasa.asp>

Mountain Stats:	Base Elevation, Ft	6900
	Peak Elevation, Ft	10,568
	Skiable Area, Acres	2965
	Green/Blue/Black, %	14/42/44
	Number of Lifts	18
	Number of Trails	165

WAITING LIST!

Price: \$1500 (est). Trip members responsible for any air/fuel surcharges that may be imposed.

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is available for an additional charge.

Payment Schedule: \$250 deposit at sign-up, \$450 due Sep. 11 & Oct. 9. **Balance** due Nov. 13, 2008

REFUND CUT-OFF DATE: Oct 1, 2008. Cancellation after cut-off date may incur substantial financial liability.

Trip Capacity: 36 members (You must be a PSC member to sign up for this trip. Please send membership application & dues separately to the PSC Membership Chairman at P.O. Box 12114, Newport News, VA 23612.)

Trip Captain: Sonny Short, 12738 Daybreak Circle, Newport News, VA 23602
cshort@earthlink.net 757-886-1385

Mount Snow, Vermont

Feb. 8—14, 2009 (Sunday-Saturday)

New: 150 additional snowmaking fan guns for 2008/2009 for a total of 251

Trip includes

Transportation to/from Mount Snow (refreshments on motor coach)

5 Nights lodging

6 Dinners (Sunday-Friday)

5 Breakfasts (Monday-Friday)

5 Days Lifts & Lessons

2 Races, parties & video

First come/first choice on bus seating & rooms

MountainStats Top Lift Elevation: 3600 ft, Vert Drop: 1700 ft, Trails: 135 Lifts: 26 (20 chair lifts 6 surface lifts) Half Pipes: 2 Terrain parks: 4 Snowmaking: 138% (including parking lots & access roads.

The Lodge at Mount Snow, West Dover, VT Double Room w/private bath, color cable TV, phone, hair dryer, refrigerator, coffee pot, Dining Room, Lounge/Bar, indoor pool, indoor & outdoor hot tubs, exercise room, guest laundry

Price - Tentative

\$785-Ages 13-64

\$780-Ages 65+

\$240 - Ages 12 and below (staying in room w/2 adults)

Departure-----8 Feb--Sunday morning

Kmart Parking Lot (Victory Blvd) -Bus loads 4:30am/departs 5am

Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Parking -Bus loads 5:45am/Departs 6am

Return----- 14 Feb--Saturday approx 7am

Deposit \$160 Due Now - Checks payable to PSC

Payments: Sep10-\$200 Oct10-\$200 Nov10-\$200 Dec10-Balance

Refund Cutoff: Dec 10 Cancellations after Dec 10th may incur financial liability in addition to cancellation fee.

Jim Colbert - 757-258-3011, colbertj@widomaker.com

5 Higginson Ct, Williamsburg, Va. 23188-6433



**Price
Further
Reduced!!!**

**SKI THE MONASHEE MOUNTAINS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
BIG WHITE & SILVER STAR, BC, CANADA • 21 - 28 FEB 09**

**Passport
Required**

Plans as of Dec 2008 – Price (est.): **\$1760 +/-** [Dependent on final trip size.] Subject to possible additional fuel surcharge/exchange rate adjustments *

*****→Strong Dollar Reduces Price for Big White, BC, Canada←*****

Twenty-nine spots are filled on the Big White trip...three more may be available. Since first announced, the US – Canadian **exchange rate has improved over 20%**. Don't miss what may be the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The trip is a go and open to all, but could really use another couple and one "unpaired" male. **Availability of these spots is possible, but cannot be guaranteed after December 8th. Reserve immediately!**



BIG WHITE Ski Resort is Canada's largest totally ski-in/ski-out resort village, located in British Columbia's Okanogan

Valley near Kelowna. Offering skiers and boarders 16 lifts to access 2,765 acres of 100% natural champagne powder. Big White is a modern picturesque village with a true Canadian alpine architecture theme. Awarded as North America's number one Family Resort, Big White has something for everyone. The Village's main street is actually a ski run, where you can ski through to your lodging, or stop off in the charming and colorful village to grab something to eat, shop, or just wander around. On average, 24 feet of Mother Nature's finest, dry, champagne powder falls annually creating the world famous snow ghosts and blanketing the long cruising slopes. With over 118 runs, five powder bowls and plenty of sunshine you'll soon realize why Big White has consistently been voted one of the top ski resorts in the world.

SILVER STAR is a mountain with a stunning 3,065 acres of ski slopes blanketed annually by 23 feet of the world's best powder. Experience 2,500 vertical feet of descent from the top of the mountain. The Vance Creek area has immaculately groomed runs with wide-open spaces, uncrowded slopes, and great views of the Monashee Mountains. Serviced by two quad chairs and one of the largest six-passenger chairlifts in Canada, skiers and riders can quickly access Silver Star's award winning terrain on the mountain's front side. And Silver Star definitely has a backside. With over 60 runs, the Putnam Creek area is renowned for black diamond runs and deep powder snow that will test even the most fervent skier or snowboarder. Winch-cat grooming nightly creates steep fall line cruising that will leave you breathless.



LODGING: We will be staying **surrounded by the ski runs** in the **luxurious Stonebridge Lodge**. Walk out the door and ski away from (and later back to) your quad occupancy **premier, 2-bedroom/2-bath executive condo with personal hot tub**. Located beside the Bullet Express chairlift, the *Stonebridge Lodge* in the Big White village provides guests with incomparable ski-in/ski-out access. These 1,100 sq ft, quad occupancy condos include two bedrooms (multiple queen beds), two full bathrooms, a full kitchen (refrigerator, stove and oven, dishwasher, microwave, dishes, cookware, and utensils), washer/dryer, television, telephone, wireless Internet access (fee), gas fireplace, and hot tub on the deck. Coming home, we will spend Friday night in the AAA 4-diamond **Fairmont Vancouver International Airport Hotel** (two per room).

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ❖ Round-trip airfare Norfolk – Vancouver, BC (Delta: Leave Norfolk 2/21, 0550; return 2/28, 1646)
- ❖ Ground transportation: Vancouver – Big White and Big White – Silver Star
- ❖ 6 nights lodging: *Stonebridge Lodge* - 4 per 2 bedroom/2 bath Executive Condos with hot tub
- ❖ 4 days of skiing at Big White
- ❖ 1 day of skiing at Silver Star
- ❖ One or two group dinners
- ❖ One night lodging at *Fairmont Vancouver International Airport* – AAA 4 diamond hotel

THE MOUNTAIN STATS:

- ❖ Patrolled Ski terrain:
- ❖ Top elevation:
- ❖ Village elevation:
- ❖ Base elevation:
- ❖ Vertical drop:
- ❖ Average Annual snowfall:
- ❖ Difficulty % (Green/Blue/Black)

BIG WHITE

2,765 acres
7,606 ft
5,757 ft
4,950 ft
2,550 ft
294 inches
18/54/28

SILVER STAR

3,065 acres
6,280 ft
5,280 ft
3,780 ft
2,500 ft
276 inches
20/50/30

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Cross country trails (BW - 15.5 mi, SS – 37 mi), Tubing Park, Snowshoeing, Snow mobiling, Dog sledding, Ice skating, etc.

TRIP CAPTAIN:

Bill Bryan
45 Apollo Dr., Hampton, 23669
851-0748 billb-1111@cox.net

CHECK OUT...

Big White at: www.bigwhite.com & Silver Star at: www.skisilverstar.com

Ask about trip insurance.

* Possible fuel surcharge and/or currency exchange rate fluctuations may affect final price.

Cost: \$1760; Senior discount expected. **Refund Cutoff Date:** 15 Oct 08
Payments: \$350 at signup, \$500 Sep 11, \$500 Oct 9, balance Dec 11.

CANCELLATIONS AFTER CUTOFF DATE MAY INCUR FINANCIAL LIABILITY in addition to cancellation fee.

Sun Valley, Idaho

March 7-14, 2009 (Saturday-Saturday)

Trip Includes: Transportation to/from Sun Valley
7 Nights lodging
5 Days Lifts
Welcome Party w/Door prizes
Ski Race w/race awards party

Sun Valley Village - Two Bedroom Condo with one king bed and two twin beds, two bathrooms, living room, dining area and kitchen.

BALD MOUNTAIN STATISTICS: Top Elevation 9,150 ft Bottom Elevation 5,750 ft
Vertical Rise 3,400 ft Lift Capacity 26,780 persons/hour Area Size 21 lifts | 80 trails | 2,054 acres Sun Valley Nordic and Snowshoe Center has 25 miles of groomed trails.
Dollar Mountain- 10 runs and 628 feet vertical rise for beginners. Short walk South from Sun Valley Lodge.

***Price Tentative: \$1,540**

(does not include \$15 first bag \$50 second bag fee each way)
Norfolk to Boise, Charter Bus to Sun Valley

Deposit \$300 Due Now - Checks payable to 'PSC'

Payment schedule: Sep 10- \$375 Oct 10- \$375 Nov 10 - Balance

Refund Cutoff: Nov 10 Cancellations after Nov 10th may incur financial liability in addition to cancellation fee.

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Checkout the Website 'Celebrations' Tab for photos of events in our members' lives. Members are welcome to send photos to the webmaster to be included in the Celebrations, History, or PSC activities section of the website"

Peninsula Ski Club of Virginia

HOLIDAY MEETING

DEC 11, 2008

**7:00 to 9:00 PM SOCIAL PARTY WITH
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES & HOLIDAY PUNCH.**

You may bring packaged deserts to share.

FULL CASH BAR with extra bar tender.

NO FORMAL MEETING - Just a few **SHORT
announcements around 8 PM, followed
by more socializing & DOOR PRIZES.**



LOCATION: WARWICK YACHT CLUB
(where all of our meetings are currently held).
400 Maxwell Lane, Newport News, Virginia.
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED!



FREE FOR MEMBERS: No charge for PSC members
(including family memberships) who are **paid-up for 2009**
season (which began May 1st 2008). You may join or renew
your membership upon arrival at the meeting.

Party Cost for guests who do not join is \$15 per person.
It's a great time to join the club for 2009 Ski Season **and**
enjoy the party for free. Membership is \$25 for an individual
or \$40 for a family

BRING MEMBERSHIP CARD

So Rick can place the secret password on the back
(to access the 2009 member directory on website)

Website: peninsulaskiclub.com



