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General Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2012
VFW Canteen – 8123 Harford Road
Parkville, Maryland 21234
Doors Open at 7 PM

Does your knee really hurt?



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Our guest speaker, Dr. Nathan Wei, who is a nationally known arthritis expert and consultant. His area of expertise is regenerative medicine for arthritis. Dr. Wei will deliver an entertaining and informative presentation on managing joint pain, regenerative medicine for osteoarthritis and arthritis education. He will discuss ten agonizing knee problems and surefire solutions to erase them!

A graduate of Swarthmore College and the Jefferson Medical College, he completed his residency at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and his arthritis training at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Wei is a former Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and a consultant to the National Institutes of Health.

www.arthritistreatmentcenter.com

Ugly 'Hon' Sweater Contest

Don't pack away [or give away] those Christmas sweaters yet! Dig out that old appliquéd sequin Christmas sweater hidden in your closet and pick out your ugliest, tackiest



sweater to wear to the 'inaugural' of the Baltimore Ski Club's "**Ugly 'Hon' Sweater Contest**" and get rewarded for keeping that ugly sweater around. Someone will be crowned King and Queen by the loudest applause.

Hot chili will be available to keep you warm on a cold January night. So, come hungry. Beer and soda for sale.

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President's Message

Mike Jones



Whew! Now that the Holidays are over I can finally catch a breath. Hopefully everyone was able to enjoy theirs. December passed by so quickly that I barely had time to get the tree decorated and holiday lights put up outside. At least I wasn't in bed with the flu as I was last Christmas and New Year.

Hey, if you didn't get that new ski jacket, skis, helmet, etc. don't forget to

check out one of our partners—The Ski Haus. They offer Baltimore Ski Club members a 10% discount on any non-sale item.

Now that the holidays are over, I can focus more of my attentions on running the club and working on my Copper trip. The first trips are still a couple of weeks away and the leaders are finalizing their plans. Last minute cancellations still occur so if the trip that you are looking for is "wait-listed", contact the trip leader to see if things have change. Some of the late trips still have vacancies and you need to contact the leaders if you are interested. I've seen members sign up for an early trip and enjoy themselves so much that they decided to look at a later trip to go on.

Although our ski season lasts less than 3 months, we work on these trips all year. We have been polling our members at our meetings to see where they would like to go in 2013. The trips committee is gathering this information to start planning trips for the following year. We hope that you can make it to our general meeting this January and give us your input as to where you would like to go in the future.

I'm back in the gym working out so I can hopefully keep up with my brother on the slopes in Snowmass and Copper. Ski safe and don't forget to wear your helmet. See you at the meeting. Mike

LIFT CONNECT FOR CANYONS AND SOLITUDE?

Talisker Mountain Incorporated, the owner of The Canyons, is considering options to connect the Snyderville Basin resort to Solitude Mountain Resort. Both a tramway and lift chair are under consideration. A spokesperson for Talisker said that more details would be made public later this year.

WISP FILES CHAPTER 11

The owners of Maryland's Wisp Ski Resort, DC Development LLC, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October after failing to refinance a \$28.5-million loan used to develop a golf community. However, the ski area is still set to open around Thanksgiving.

MEMBER PROFILE: Alan Leberknight

I joined the Baltimore Ski Club in August 2010 and had a fabulous first year – went to Sunday River, Sun Valley and Stowe on club trips and determined from the recently-received 2011 Membership Directory that I got to know, many quite well, approximately 50 different people. Virtually every aspect of this experience far exceeded my expectations and I'm already looking forward to the 2011-12 season and several more trips with great anticipation.

Skiing started for me almost accidentally. My wife Jean suggested we take our two sons, Scott and Jon, on a western trip so they could really enjoy their snowboarding expertise. I happily agreed and in early 1997 found myself alone in the parking lot at Kirkwood, CA. after dropping them off for the first day's runs. Soon thereafter while wandering around doing nothing I saw a sign that said 3 day's rentals, lift tickets, and one-hour lessons for \$125 (it was right after the Christmas holidays and no one was there). So, at 55 years old I said what the ... the worst I can do is drop \$125. It wasn't pretty but I got through the first day without getting hurt and the boys were willing to return to Kirkwood for days 2 and 3 before doing Heavenly and Squaw Valley later in the week.



Meanwhile, having done some shopping and walking around S. Lake Tahoe during this time, Jean said let's try X – Country skiing. We did a day of that but unfortunately she never took up any kind of skiing, so it's just me trying to catch up to our sons (which I never will but at least it's closer now).

Scott and Jon now have 4 kids between them and therefore can't go boarding as much as their now-retired dad goes skiing. Hence, I've been going alone (mostly to Snowshoe, W. Va., where we had a condo for 8 years while I learned how to ski), or a few times with others. When combined with annual family trips out west and get-togethers at Snowshoe that got me about 20-25 days per season for several years.

After my "last" retirement at the end of 2009 Jean encouraged me to look into the BSC (which I learned about through Sun articles and searching the club's website). So, even though Jean doesn't ski, she got me into it through the Lake Tahoe trip, helped me improve by agreeing to buy the condo at Snowshoe for all of us to enjoy together, and encouraged me to join the BSC to benefit from all it has to offer. I am so glad she did and thank her for the joy I get from skiing.

Although I didn't know anyone and was somewhat apprehensive, I began feeling comfortable at my first club meeting in September 2010. Eileen Karczmarek and Mike Jones helped me sign-up for the Sunday River and Sun Valley trips, and Don Brock immediately introduced himself – all made me feel very welcome. I then had so much fun on the Sunday River trip that I signed up for Stowe, even before going to Sun Valley. In addition to fun, I couldn't believe the value – the lodging, meals and skiing were all great and, including bus transportation, the total cost was less than \$1,000.

Sun Valley and Stowe were more of the same – everything was wonderful! In addition to continually meeting new people, I got about two weeks of ski lessons from some of the club's best skiers (I

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started listing names but decided there are too many and didn't want to slight anyone; I was just made to feel welcome, happy and comfortable). If there's anyone reading this on the BSC website and you're not sure about joining, I'd highly recommend you do. And, if you're already a member but don't take full advantage of the trips, I'd highly recommend you do so if possible – they're a great bargain and lots of fun.

And that doesn't even count the "side trips" that members line up with each other. John Landon and I decided to take "one last trip" at the end of March and had a great time together until I slipped on the snow-covered deck at the Wildcat Mountain (NH) ski lodge on April Fools Day and broke 4 ribs. We had to cancel Saddleback and Sugarloaf Maine as a result, but hopefully will get them next year – I owe John "big-time" for giving up the rest of his/our trip and driving me home.

Hopefully this shows my enthusiasm for skiing and the BSC – there's probably a lot to be said for starting at 55. I know I've improved every year and hope I can continue to do so until at least 80 or so! As my Park City tee-shirt says, "You don't stop skiing because you get old, you get old because you stop skiing."

Before the part of my life described above, and during a good bit of it as well, I spent 4 years as a teacher and football and baseball coach at Overlea HS in Baltimore County, 24 years in commercial lending and executive management at Commercial Credit, Union Trust/Signet Bank, and The Bank of Baltimore, 2 years leading Port Discovery – The Baltimore Children's Museum, and 10 years at Towson University, mostly as an administrator in the College of Business & Economics, where I remain on the CBE advisory board to this day. I also had the good fortune to coach competitive soccer teams for my sons for 11 years and served on several boards in the Baltimore metro area over the years, including the Baltimore County School Board.

<http://www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org/win/bring-a-friend>

Any current skier or snowboarder who brings a friend or family member to ANY resort during January and helps them sign up for a beginner lesson is eligible. The newcomer just gets a receipt, uploads it on www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org along with a short statement about the experience. By doing so, both the newcomer and the current skier/snowboarder can win a four-day trip to Utah - including airfare and lodging - and can ski/SB at Deer Valley (ski only there), Park City and the Canyons. Lessons and a day with an editor from SKI magazine are included. It's a \$4,000 value.

WIN! Great Products Drawing

<http://www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org/win>

You may be a first time skier or snowboarder or a dedicated enthusiast who knows what it's like to glide down a snow covered mountain. You could win some great products offered for Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month by our product supplier sponsors. The entry deadline is midnight PST on January 31, 2012. Winners will be notified by mid-February. There is only one entry per person please and you must be at least 18 years old to enter.

Most products will be sent directly from suppliers who reserve the right to substitute a comparable product should the featured item not be available at the time of the drawing.



Not over the hill, but skiing down it

Randallstown's Sheldon Hyman, 70, gets his kicks with Baltimore Ski Club

By Chris Eckard, The Baltimore Sun, December 10, 2011

As a student at West Virginia University, Sheldon Hyman decided to test out the ski slopes for the first time in his life. It cost him only \$2. With pocket change, Hyman rented all the equipment he needed — boots, skis and poles — from a van nearby the slope outside of Morgantown, W.Va. that offered skiers three or four trails to venture down. Nearly a half-century later, skiing isn't the same cheap hobby it used to be for Hyman, but he's just as passionate about it. Hyman, 70, annually travels to the West Coast to test the top slopes in the country alongside his friends in the Baltimore Ski Club. "I always wanted to learn," the **Randallstown** resident said. "I just got hooked." Hyman serves as the communications director and policy chair for the ski club but has held nearly every major post with the organization since he joined decades ago. It has given him an outlet to keep skiing, build friendships and keep up to date with the skiing world. The Baltimore Ski Club is one of 26 organizations that make up the Blue Ridge Ski Council — which spans Maryland, Virginia and Washington. They meet on the first Wednesday of every month from September to April at the VFW post on **Harford Road** in **Parkville**. Hyman has been a part of the club, established in 1947, since he started skiing consistently in the early 1980s. He saw the organization grow from "a small group of people that banded together for the camaraderie of the ski slopes" to more than 1,000 members. With the introduction of various ski clubs across the state, including ones in Harford and Columbia, the Baltimore Ski Club's membership has decreased to about 300. Still, it's a hub of friendships for Hyman. "I found the ski club gave me a way to find other snow-sport enthusiasts," Hyman said. "It's a good way to meet a lot of other like-minded enthusiasts and to take advantage of the different types of ski trips." The club offers about 10 trips a year, split between the East and the West coasts. The club has trips planned from January through March to places such as Breckenridge and Snowmass in Colorado, Park City in Utah, Jay Peak in Vermont and Lake Tahoe. Those trips range from an estimated \$800 to \$1,700, depending on location. The trips include transportation, lodging and lift tickets, along with some special meals such as a pizza party or a dinner with the rest of the members. Hyman said the club usually takes 20 to 50 or more people on the trip. "You're out there with doctors, lawyers, garbage collectors, newspaper reporters, but you're none of those when you're on the ski slope," Hyman said, "You're a skier. You're bonding because you enjoy being outdoors, the exhilaration of the winter weather and the mountain slope." For the club's monthly meetings, officers will usually bring in a guest speaker to talk about the sport — on anything from equipment to safety. They've also wel-



comed a man who was a member of the 10th Mountain Division, an infantry unit that fought in the mountains of Italy during **World War II**, and a woman who trained rescue dogs for the ski slopes. Every year, they host a fashion show, to which ski vendors bring equipment and clothing for members to model and ask questions about. But it's Hyman's love of hitting the slopes that keeps him going. He's a part-time ski instructor at Liberty Mountain Resort, 60 miles outside of Baltimore in Pennsylvania and a favorite of local ski enthusiasts'. And he doesn't plan to hang up his poles anytime soon. In less than two months, he'll lead a group trip to Taos, N.M. "It's just a passion," Hyman said. "There's something about going down the mountain as fast as you can."

BALTIMORE SKI CLUB PRESENTS 2012 TRIPS SCHEDULE

**Please note all pricing is approximate. Final trip price may vary
Baggage Fees NOT included in Estimate Prices**

Destination	Date	Leader	Assistant	EST.
Round Top Day Trip Car Pool	TBD: Dec Jan : Sat or Sun. Conditions Permitting	Informal: Meet at Mountain, E-mail notification	Dave: 443.243.8540 Mark : 410..284.6264	
Okemo, VT Stratton, VT Sunapee, NH	MLK Week Sunday January 15 Friday January 20	Dave Karczmarek (H) 410-612-9918 bscdavek@gmail.com	Dale Deger (H) 717-359-9911 (W) 443-610-3287	\$875
Breckenridge, CO	Saturday January 21 Saturday January 28	Chris Rose (H) 410-252-7839 (W) 410-821-7766 chrisrose20@gmail.com	Joe Herbert (H) 410-252-1895 (W) 410-649-7171 jherbert@bccenter.org	\$1367
Taos, NM Special \$99 les- sons week	Saturday January 28 Saturday February 4	Sheldon Hyman (H) 410-655-6168 (W) 443-695-0187 sheldony@gmail.com	Luann Snyder (H) 717-741-0085 (W) 410-716-7079 Luann.snyder@bdk.com	\$1445
Multi-Mountain New Hampshire	Sunday February 5 Friday February 10	John Landon (H) 410-848-3011 (W) 410-876-6638 john@landongraphics.com	Bill Makowy (H) 410-409-2217 (W) 443-980-5442 wmakowy1@jhu.edu	\$895
Snowmass, CO Top Of Village BRSC Trip	Saturday February 11 Saturday February 18	Mark Jones (H) 410-284-6264 (W) schusseditor1@verizon.net	Beth Muscedere (H) 410-296-8270 (W) 410-468-2136 bethskis@comcast.net	\$1670
Deer Valley, UT	Saturday February 25 Saturday March 3	Christopher Pukalski (H) 410-292-6656 (W) 410-712-0770 Christopher.pukalski@hotmail.com	Bruce Eichen (H) 410-729-8697 (W) 888-227-6294 btoysarefun@aol.com	\$1640
Jay Peak, VT	Sunday March 4 Friday March 9	Eileen Karczmarek (H) 410-612-9918 (W) 443-997-8746 ekarczmarek@jhu.edu	Joe Remsky (H) 410-335-5266 (W) 410-327-4500	\$930
Copper Mt, CO Winter Park, CO	Saturday March 10 Friday March 16	Mike Jones (H) 410-282-6695 (W) 410-388-6048 skidobeedo@aol.com	TBD	\$1260
North Lake Tahoe Staying @ Squaw	Saturday March 17 Saturday March 24	Maxine Cohen (H) 410-653-9034 (W) 410-484-8763 copybymax@comcast.net	Joe Mihalovich H) 410-592-9193 (W) 410-698-8921 Uncle_mal@comcast.net	\$1700

Okemo, Stratton & Sunapee

January 15 – January 20, 2012

Sunday – Friday

Approx cost: \$ 875.00 pp double

Final Price may vary - Baggage fees N/A

Trip Includes

- * Lodging at the Point Hotel, Ludlow Vt.
- * Hotel rooms – 2 double beds per room
- * In room coffee maker, refrigerator & hairdryer
- * 5 Breakfasts, 3 dinners
- * Indoor Pool, Hot tub, and Exercise room
- * Planned 2.5 days Skiing at Okemo, 1 day at Stratton, 1at Sunapee
- * Lift tickets valid at all 3 resorts
- * Welcome & Orientation
- * Group get togethers
- * Round trip Motor Coach transportation

Send your deposit of \$ 150.00 to Dave now to secure your spot.
Make checks payable to: Baltimore Ski Club

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Breckenridge, Colorado

Jan 21st thru Jan 28th 2012

\$ 1,367 (Final Price may vary - Baggage fees NOT included)

Trip Includes

- * 5 out of 6 Day Lift pass good at Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail & Arapaho Basin
- * 6th Day lift ticket available at an addl. cost of \$ 47.
- * Pizza Party / Fatty's on Tuesday Night. Fine Dining Wednesday at Hearthstone !
- * Slopeside Accommodations at the " Great Divide Lodge " 50 yards away from the Peak 9 chairlift. www.greatdividelodge.com
- * Roundtrip Air from BWI direct to Denver, on Southwest Airlines & Transfers
- * Jimmy Buffett Party / Happy Hour on Monday
Deposit \$ 250 (Must be a BSC Member)

Important Note: Make Checks payable to the Baltimore Ski Club / BSC & mail to leader ALONG WITH a copy of the picture / name page from a valid I.D. i.e. Drivers License (Valid thru Feb 1st 2012)

Our trip payment plan is due at or before our regular meeting date which is held on the first Tuesday of the month: initial payment (\$250); September 4th (\$280); October 2nd (\$270); November 6th (\$290); December 4th (\$277)

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Taos, New Mexico

January 28 - February 4, 2012

Saturday to Saturday

Trip Cost: \$1,445

Final Price may vary - Baggage fees NOT included

Package Includes:

Roundtrip Air from BWI to Albuquerque
All Ground transfers w/stop in Historic Santa Fe
7 Nights slope-side lodging @ The Inn At Snake Dance
5 of 6 Day Lift Tickets (6th day additional)
Welcome Party
Snakedance custom fleece vest
Daily AM coffee & pastries in lobby
Two Dinners:
Special Group Dinner by The Inn at Snake Dance
Group Dinner get-together
Option: \$99 for 5-days lessons [BSC Lessons Rebate
\$80 = \$19 your out of pocket cost]

\$250 Deposit payable to: Baltimore Ski Club

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Loon Mountain and Waterville Valley February 5-10, 2012

Approx cost: \$ 875.00 pp double

Final Price may vary - Baggage fees N/A

TRIP INCLUDES

- * Round-trip motor coach transportation
- * Five nights lodging (dbl. occ.) at The Mountain Club
- * on Loon (ski in/ ski out)
- * Five days of skiing/riding (4 @ Loon, 1 @ Waterville)
- * Three group dinners, five buffet breakfasts
- * Refreshments, camaraderie and more!!!

Loon: 56 trails, 7 glades, 12 lifts, 2100 ft. vertical drop
www.loonmtn.com

Waterville: 52 trails, 5 glades, 12 lifts, 2020 ft. vertical drop
www.waterville.com

Please reserve your place with a deposit of \$150, check payable to: Baltimore Ski Club, and mail to Trip Leader

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Snowmass/Aspen

Blue Ridge Ski Council Trip

Sat. Feb. 11 – Sat. Feb. 18

\$1670 Approx. Cost

Final Price may vary - Baggage fees NOT included

- Round Trip air (Delta) and all ground transfers
- Staying at Top of the Village, Snowmass
- Ski in – Ski out Condos
- 5 of 6 day lift ticket
- B S C Group Event

WAIT LISTED

Minimum Deposit: \$250.00
Checks payable to: BSC

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Sunday March 4 –
 Friday March 9

Approx cost:
\$ 930.00 pp double

Final price may vary - Baggage fees N/A

- Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation
- 5 Day Lift Ticket
- 5 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners
- Slope Side Lodging at The New Hotel Jay
- Monday Night Welcome Party
- Complimentary 2 Hr Adult Group Lesson Per Day
- Indoor Waterpark 5-Day Pass With Indoor and Outdoor Hot Tubs (connected to hotel)
- New Ice Rink Access

Minimum Deposit: \$150.00
Checks payable to: BSC

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Deer Valley

Saturday to Saturday
 February 25 - March 3, 2012

Total Cost: \$1640

Final Price may vary - Baggage fees NOT included

Includes:

- ❖ Roundtrip Air on Delta Airlines from BWI to Salt Lake City
- ❖ All Transfers – 45 minute ride from the Airport to Deer Valley
- ❖ Seven (7) Nights lodging at “Greyhawk Condos at Deer Valley”: Most are 2-Bedroom/2 Bath condos with fireplace, private hot tub for each unit, and washer/dryer conveniently located ½ mile to the resort
- ❖ 3 out of 7 day lift ticket for Deer Valley
- ❖ 2 out of 7 day lift ticket for Park City (6th day additional \$65)
- ❖ Pre-Trip Gathering to meet everyone prior to departure
- ❖ Group Dinner in Deer Valley

Minimum Deposit: \$250.00
Checks payable to: BSC

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COPPER MOUNTAIN & WINTER PARK CO.

Saturday March 10th – Friday March 16th

TWO GREAT MOUNTAINS AT ONE LOW PRICE!

Approximate Cost \$ 1,260
Final Price may vary - Baggage fees NOT included

Trip Includes:

- ✈ Round-trip air from BWI to Denver
- ✈ All ground transfers
- ✈ 6 nights lodging
- ✈ 5 day lift pass (4 days at Copper 1 day at Winter Park)
- ✈ Group Dinner & pre-trip gathering

Contact Mike Jones at 410.282.6695 or
 email at skidobeedo@aol.com

Minimum Deposit: \$250.00
Checks payable to: BSC



SQUAW VALLEY USA

March 17 –
March 24, 2012
Saturday—Saturday

SKI 5 DAYS at (your choice) SQUAW or ALPINE MEADOWS plus, 1 optional day at NorthStar

STAY: THE LUXURIOUS RESORT AT SQUAW CREEK

TRIP INCLUDES:

Ski-In, Lift- Out. You can't get much closer than that!

7 Nights Lodging at the Resort at Squaw Creek...

Includes Interchangeable 5-Day Lift Ticket good at Squaw Valley USA and Alpine Meadows

Roundtrip Air on Southwest ...BWI—Reno (Subject to change). Then, just a 45-minute ride to Squaw.

All Ground Transportation included.

A Small Group! Just 32 seats available on this trip! Don't delay.

Approximate Cost \$ 1,700

Mail check, payable to **Baltimore Ski Club**, to:

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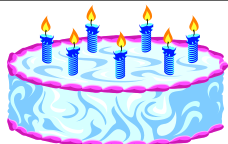
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Be sure to pick up your *FREE* copy of the December issue of SNOW EAST Magazine at the meeting

See Dave or Eileen Karczmarek



January Birthdays

DAVID H	GILBERT	1/4
MARTIN	SCHNUIT	1/6
JO ANN W	LANDON	1/10
STEVE	BAKER	1/14
CHRISTINA	PARR	1/14
GEORGE	MOJZISEK	1/15
SUZANNE	MORAN	1/15
CHRISTINE	HILFERTY	1/15
OTIS	SPROW	1/18
FRANK	WILLIAMS	1/19
STAN	STONE	1/19
TAMMY	DAIKER	1/20
STEVEN	KOLARZ	1/20
JAMES	GRASMICK	1/22
LEWIS M	GLAESER	1/26
CHRISTINE	JONES	1/30
GLORIA	JONES	1/31
MYRON M	OPPENHEIMER	1/31

Greetings Maryland School for the Blind,

Are there any Alpine skiers or wanna be Alpine skiers waiting for an opportunity to have some fun?

Maine Handicapped Skiing is Hosting New England's, Blind and Visually Impaired Ski Festival the week of February, 12 - 16, 2012, at SugarLoaf Mountain Resort, Carrabassett Valley, Maine.

For all the details about this event check out:

<http://nevifest.org/index.htm>

Maine Handicapped Skiing is a non profit organization and the lessons for both Ski Guides and Vi skiers are Free during this event.

Kind Regards,
Scott Anderson
(603) 479-3668

Welcome to the Baltimore Ski Club! We encourage you to check out our exciting lineup of trips for Winter 2012... soon! They are filling fast!

Plus, you're invited to attend our Winter Holiday Party --Wednesday evening, December 7 starting at 7pm. Free admission for BSC members and guests. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other club members, find out about trips, and kickoff your holiday season!

For the latest BSC news and activities, you'll receive 'very occasional' emails. Plus, you can follow us on MeetUp.com and Facebook.com.

Trip leaders are anxious to tell you about their trips! Meet them at our monthly meetings, happy hours, and social events. Or, check out the 2012 Trip Schedule online at BaltimoreSkiClub.com. Any questions about a specific trip, call the trip leader listed. And, remember our money-saving member benefits, too-- Go on a BSC trip this season and you are eligible for helmet, race, and lesson rebates (--more details at the website)... because we encourage both safe skiing (helmets) and lifetime learning (lessons)-- locally and throughout the world.

For general questions about the BSC, call Christopher at 410-292-6656 or Myron at 410-653-9034--before 10pm, please! Welcome again... and, we look forward to meeting you soon!

Until then... Think snow!
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NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS

Champéry and Chatel on the French and Swiss sides of the giant Portes du Soleil region straddles the two country's borders.



Photo of Champéry-Les Crosets: Courtesy of Swissimages.

NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS

Montana's Teton Pass Ski Resort will not open for the 2011-12 season due to insurance issues. However, the owners of the little resort said that they hope to for the 2012-2013 ski season.

The Club at Spanish Peaks, the 5,700-acre housing development with ski-in, ski-out access to Big Sky Resort, filed for bankruptcy in October, citing debts of \$500 million and assets of \$50 million.

CNL Lifestyle Properties, Inc., of Orlando, Florida, has acquired Stevens Pass ski resort in Washington for \$20.5 million from Stevens Pass Mountain Resort, LLC, an affiliate of Mountain High Resort Associates, who will operate the area under a long-term lease agreement. No changes in operations are expected as a result of the change of ownership according to CNL Lifestyle Properties, which now owns and leases back 23 ski resorts throughout North America.

Peak Resorts, which operates 12 ski areas in the midwest and northeastern U.S. is offering 5 million common shares somewhere between \$16 and \$18 per share in the expectations of raising \$80-\$85 million in the IPO to purchase the land underneath Pennsylvania's Jack Frost and Big Boulder Resorts as well as build a new high speed chairlift at Mt. Snow, Vermont.

Vermont's roads and bridges this past spring took a heavy toll on the state's snowmobile trails. but due to mostly volunteer labor, almost all of Vermont's 5,000-mile trail system will be ready for action when the season starts next month.

California's Mt. Baldy has announced a different way to pay for it's season pass. After paying \$40 to \$150 (varying with when you sign up), skiers are sold "lifetime memberships" to the area for both summer and winter use for \$19.97 per month with no contracts or commitments and it's good for as long as the skier keeps paying. It would seem to beat the \$64 cost of a single day's lift ticket if you ski there regularly.

Both **British Columbia's Panorama** and **Colorado's Purgatory** will have new zip line tours this ski season. Panorama has both a 2,100-foot advanced and an 800-foot intermediate line and Purgatory's zip line speeds along at 35 miles per hour for 420 feet.

LEARN TO SKI PROGRAMS OF NOTE:

Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month in January will see more than 300 ski and snowboard areas and more than 600 retailers throughout the U.S. participate in the national initiative that encourages people to learn how to ski and/or snowboard with lessons from professional instructors. Some of the more significant programs are:

Ski New Hampshire's "free week", January 7 – 14. First timers receive a free lesson, rentals and beginner's terrain lift ticket by downloading the Ski and Ride Free coupon from the Ski New Hampshire website (skinh.com) and making a reservation at one of the state's alpine areas participating in the program. A comparable program is available for several cross country areas in New Hampshire.

Ski Vermont's \$29 "Learn To package" is available at most locations in the state for the month of January. The package includes a lesson, equipment rental, and lift ticket. Sign up at participating resorts at skivermont.com.

In Colorado, **Arapaho Basin** offers newcomers the Super Sunday deal. On January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 adults and children can get a half day first-time ski or snowboard lesson for \$65, including a beginner hill lift ticket and rentals. Call 888.ARAPAHOE or visit their website at Arapahoebasin.com for details of the program.

Breckenridge's First-Timers Discovery Series include beginner lifts, lessons and rentals. The cost is \$300 and registration is non-refundable. Reservations are required. Check breckenridge.com for details.

SKI INDUSTRY ANNIVERSARIES

Vancouver's Grouse Mountain celebrates 85 years of operation this season. The Tye Ski Club, one of Canada's oldest ski clubs, built the first rope tow on Grouse Mountain in the 1930s. But Grouse's big claim to fame was the installation of the world's first double chairlift in 1949.

Crested Butte Mountain Resort culminated its year-long 50th anniversary celebration on November 23 with free lift tickets.

Breckenridge Ski Resort celebrated its 50th anniversary on opening day, November 11 (11/11/11) and again on December 16. The Peak 8 Ski Area (as it was initially known) opened on December 16, 1961.

Idaho's **Brundage Mountain** resort celebrated its 50th anniversary in November, 2011 and **Homewood Ski Resort** on the west shore of Lake Tahoe is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Powder Magazine turns 40 and the **National Ski Club Newsletter** turns 25 in 2012.



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Baltimore Ski Club presents: **Istanbul and Tour of Ancient Turkey**

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Discover the best of Turkey with this packed nine-day tour exploring Turkey's famous sites in Selcuk, Pamukkale (Hierapolis), and Istanbul. In Selcuk, tour the famous Ephesus ancient site, the Terrace Houses, Sirince Village, Basilica of St. John, and the House of the Virgin Mary. See the best of the Turkish countryside in Pamukkale, a popular settlement with hot springs believed to have healing powers. There will be plenty of time in Istanbul for excellent shopping or if you care to try a Turkish bath. Sightsee with your licensed tour guide in the Old City visiting the ancient Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern, the Grand Bazaar, the Topkapi Palace Complex with its Harem section and treasury, the Spice Bazaar, and conclude by cruising the Bosphorus navigating the strait between Europe and Asia.

YOUR HOTELS

Four nights at the at the family- run Kalehan Hotel in Selcuk below a 6th century castle 3 km from Ephesus and 6 km from Pamucak beach. Wireless Internet access, air conditioning, and a swimming pool. Breakfast and dinner are included daily and one day lunch at a beach front hotel will be included.

Four nights at the Prince Hotel in Istanbul located on the historical peninsula also known as the Old City. Equipped with LCD TV, Satellite, Free service of tea and coffee, direct dial phone & 24 hour room service. Breakfast is included daily.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 0-1 – Depart US to Istanbul, continue to Selcuk

Day 2 – Ephesus ancient site, the Terrace Houses, and Sirince Village

Day 3 – Basilica of St. John, the House of the Virgin Mary, afternoon at the beach

Day 4 – Pamukkale: Visit the springs

Day 5 – Selcuk/Izmir/Istanbul : Explore Istanbul

Day 6 – Istanbul: The Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern and the Grand Bazaar

Day 7 – Istanbul: Topkapi Palace Complex, The Spice Bazaar, and boat ride on the Bosphorus.

Day 8 – Istanbul: Explore Istanbul on your own

Day 9 – Istanbul/home

On Friday night September 28 load bus in Baltimore for a drop off at Dulles. Depart Dulles and arrive in Istanbul on Saturday to continue to an afternoon flight to Izmir. Four nights at the Kalehan Hotel in Selcuk. On October 3 take a one hour flight from Izmir to Istanbul in the morning. Four nights at the Prince Hotel in Istanbul. On Sunday October 7 depart Istanbul and arrive at Dulles in the afternoon. Load bus to Baltimore.

BSC/BRSC members: \$2380 (PPDO)
Non BSC/BRSC members: \$2395 (ppdo)

Single Supplement: \$ 595

Prices are subject to change with regard to currency exchange rates. Taxes and fuel surcharges are always subject to change.

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Round trip charter bus from the Baltimore area to Dulles airport

Round trip airline service from Dulles to Izmir, from Izmir to Istanbul and from Istanbul nonstop back to Dulles via Turkish Airlines.

All current taxes and fuel surcharges are included. Taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change.

Complete escorted guided tour of Turkey as described above. All admission is included as described in tour.

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