

The Good Times

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Happy New Year to all the Ski Club members,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now it's almost time to take down all the hard work you did with Christmas decorations.

I hope everyone enjoyed the **Christmas Party** at Anthony's and all the fantastic baskets and the two big prizes and also the 50/50's. Special thanks for all the donations from club members and businesses through out the area. Also thank you to all for the coat drive.

Don't forget the mixer at **T&C's on Thursday Jan. 18th at 6:00**. Keep an eye open for an invite to a **Tomahawk's game in Feb**.

Please keep reading your Newsletter so you don't miss out on upcoming events.

I hope all members have a great New Year and continued support for our great organization!

Randy



Club Mixer / Meeting at T N C's Lounge Thursday, January 18 at 6pm

We have our first 2024 Club Mixer/Meeting at TNC's on Thursday, January 18 at 6pm. This is a great time to finally relax after the busy holiday. Join club members for drinks or a bite to eat. TNC's is located at 640 Bedford Street in the Hornerstown/Dale section of Johnstown.

Please be *patient with the wait staff and service as the establishment is given an approximately attendance number*. For our monthly mixers, no need to call, just show up, and have a good time! Check out [page 2](#) for more info.



Dates to Remember....



Jan 1, 2024: **Happy New Year!**

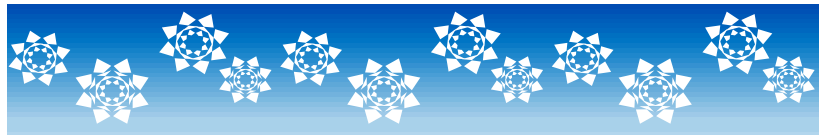
Jan 18 Thurs Club Mixer/Meeting
TnC's

Feb 2 Fri: Tomahawks Hockey Game
War Memorial
RSVP by Jan 26

July 21 Sun: **Annual Picnic**
Solomon Run Fire Hall

Nov 9 Sat: **46th Annual Kick-Off Party**
Ace's

SAVE THE
DATE!!



Thursday, January 18 at 6pm
Club Mixer / Meeting
at TNC's Lounge

Meet us at TNC's on Thursday, January 18 at 6pm for our first 2024 Club Mixer/Meeting. TNC's is located at 640 Bedford Street in the Hornerstown/Dale section of Johnstown. Our monthly mixers *are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm.* No need to call, just show up, relax, be patience with the wait staff, and enjoy the great hospitability of Terry and Chuck at their Lounge.

See you there!

Friday, February 2 at 6:30pm
Tomahawks Hockey Game
at War Memorial



RSVP on or before Friday, January 26

Help support your local hockey team! Join Club Officer Barbara Visnovsky on Friday, February 2 for a Hockey Night at the War Memorial in Johnstown. We will be attending the Tomahawk Hockey game vs Danbury (CT) Hat Tricks. The game will begin at 7:30pm. The price of the tickets (hopefully in Section 22) will be \$10 per person if we get 10 people or more.

It is Free Shirt Friday! *The first 500 people will get a free t-shirt (so come early).*

For this event, you must call Barbara at 814.244.8331 (her cell number) to reserve your seat. Leave a message with the number of tickets you want and your phone number. She will confirm your request within a day. You could also text her at the same number with your request.

Reservations with payment is due to Barb by no later than Friday, January 26. Cash or checks (checks can be payable to Barbara Visnovsky), and mail to: Barbara Visnovsky, 1612 Shelburne Drive, Johnstown, PA 15906.)

Then meet Barbara in the front lobby **at 6:30pm** (doors open at 6:30) at the night of the game. **It will be a lot of fun and enjoyment time for the whole family!** Come early for dinner at the many downtown restaurants such as Scott's by Dam, Balance, The Craft, Stone Bridge Brewery, or Stadium Pub. Some may need reservations.



Blue Knob Ski Resort –

www.blueknob.com – 1-800-458-3403

* **Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday** – **\$50 (approx \$10-\$23 savings)**, open to close on **Monday** or **Tuesday** (10am-7pm). On **Thursdays**, that rate will be good for a day session (10 am - 7pm) or twilight session (1pm-close).

Need to **show 2023-24 Ski Club Membership**
Card and ID at Ticket Sales.

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Did You Know ??



Hot Tip #1: Please be considerate on events with **RSVP dates**. Notify the Group leader (with the phone number provided only!) **before** the RSVP date if you will be attending. If you do not sign up before the rsvp date, the event may have to be cancelled due to lack of response or the event is already full, thus closed.

Hot Tip #2: Remember to call ahead (with the phone number listed in the newsletter) to your group leader if you are coming to his/her event. This allows the leader to notify you if plans need to be changed or cancelled.

Hot Tip #3: Our club is a member of the Western PA Ski Council which is comprised of 15 ski clubs (check out www.wpaskicouncil.com). Each year, Council offers ski trips (this year Banff, Canada and Killington, VT) opened to their members. Plus other ski clubs open their trips to the other ski clubs.

Hot Tip #4: GJASC is on **Facebook!**. You can request to be our club friend. Then check us out on Facebook (which is for club members only). You can communicate with other members, check out upcoming events and last minute notices, and view photos.

Hot Tip #5: Don't misplace your membership card — you need it for your club ski discounts at **Blue Knob**.

Hot Tip #6: Please **support the fine establishments** that generously gave us a donation or donated door prizes. Check out [page 5](#) for the complete listing. They helped us make the Kick-Off Party and our Christmas Social successful!



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Check out the web site www.SkiPA.com for discounts and deals at PA ski resorts including our local resorts. On their web site, sign up to receive their emails, learn what is new at the resorts, resort current conditions and much more. Check back often to see what offers their ski area have put together for the upcoming winter. Or check out Ski PA's facebook page.

Women's Winter Diva's:

...are starting **Wednesday January 10, 2024**. Meet at Polar Bear Express Lift (6-pack lift) at Seven Springs at 10am.

Winter Diva's is a women focus group for the winter sports industry. The group started in 2009. They get together every Wednesday to ski/board at Seven Springs Ski Resort. Ladies need their own lift tickets.

Afterwards, different topics or equipment are featured each week. Each season the ladies participate in Demo Day which features the next year's ski products. They get to review the equipments they ski on that day.

The Diva's is organized by Kjerstin Klein of Willi's Ski Shop. Follow them on Facebook for more info.

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

Winter Volunteer Orientation at Warming Hut at Laurel Summit on Saturday, December 2:

We had several club members (**Marie Kline, Mary Ponchione-Gruca, Karen Walker**) along with club member volunteers **Paul Balint, Mike Burk, Sue Lee, and AJ Stumpo** attending this year's Laurel Summit Nordic Ski Patrol Volunteer Orientation. Their volunteer program is a great opportunity to help the Nordic Ski Patrol on the Laurel Summit.

Hike at Laurel Trail & Gas Line on Friday, December 8:

Due to very warm weather in December, we had our first spur-of-the moment e-blast sent out to our members via email and on Facebook for a hike. **Kevin and Tina Clark, Gloria Goller, Garry Miller, AJ Stumpo**, and his friend Tom Sanna did a **5 1/2 mile round trip hike** on the Laurel Trail (on top of Ligonier Mt) and returned via the pipeline. ... Thanks to Trustee **AJ Stumpo** for leading this outing.

Christmas Social at Anthony's on Thursday, December 14:

Our Annual Christmas Social was a huge success at Anthony's this year with 132 members attending! Everyone was in the holiday mood sharing good times with their club friends! The buffet was delicious and plentiful, as usual. Thanks to everyone for your generous donation to the Salvation Army with **\$290** collected! Thanks to VP **Annette Kamzik** for taking care of the Salvation Army Kettle. Thanks to everyone who brought items for our cold weather clothing drive for Franklin Street Church. We had boxes of clothing! It was appreciated!



We continued a Christmas Ski Club tradition — “12 days of Christmas” song! Again this time by doing the “12 Days of Christmas” by tables with the tables acted out their “Day”. It was also great to see so many members wearing their Holiday sweaters. Again this year, we had the most festive (or was it the ugliest??) sweater contests. It was a hard decision picking the best overall female/male Holiday Sweater winners. Congrats to the team of **Laura Mikesic** and **Karen Anderson** on winning the best female “Festive” Holiday outfits. (Laura then went home and made delicious looking “ugly sweater” cookies from her winning cookie box prize). **Harry Rager** won the best overall male “Festive” Holiday outfit.

Congrats to all those who won one of the many door prizes (including the poinsettias centerpieces). Congrats to our two big ticket item winners: **Kim Spangler**: Overnight stay at Holiday Valley NY ski resort, and **Linda Howard**: Golfing at Champion Lakes Golf Resort.

The 50/25/25 Winners were **Paul Balint** and **Sam Uzela**. A special thanks to **Gil Demos** for his generous 45% (*in celebration of our 45th year!*) off C. Gil's Shoes coupons.

Our very nice basket winners were:

Lenore Beck (Let's have Drink)
Don Hillegas (Snow Fun)
David Nelson (Let's Fiesta)
Mary Koval (Winter Party)
Andrea Policicchio (Decorate the Tree)
Karen Taranto (Ladies Day Out)
Kathy Tercek (Snowflake Basket)
Stacey Wyandt (Winter Beauty Essential)
Suzie Brett (Made in Somerset)



Mary Koval (Santa Paws)
Diane Rymarczyk (Duca's basket)
Larry Dudash (Hockey Chiefs)
Mike Burk (Ready for Skiing)
Ann Franze (Feeding the Birds)
Amy Rosenbaum (McIlwain's)
Shelby Miller (First Summit)
Annette Kamzik (Tea Break)

...Thanks to **President Randy and the officers** for planning this fun holiday evening and to those who volunteered helping out during the evening (**Vicki Snoby** -for set-up, and **Mary Koval** -for giving the blessing). Our Christmas Social is always a fun and enjoyable time! A good time was definitely had by all!



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