

Snow Searcher's Ski Club

SKI BLAST

NOVEMBER 2009

Message from the Prez...

We are marching to the home stretch.....next month, right before Christmas, will be the kick off of the ski season with our annual first day-trip to Seven Springs. I hope to see you all on the bus heading to the slopes! I hope other members enjoyed the October membership meeting as much as I did. With free food, drink, desserts, door prizes, and that enticing presentation by Barbara of Canadian Mountain Holidays, I believe it reawakened everyone's desire to get back out on the slopes. In fact, we picked up 3 new members to join SSSC, and this is always a #1 goal for our membership meetings. I've written more about the evening inside this Ski Blast.

Fellow skiers--Please make your decisions about our upcoming week long trips for the 2010 season. We are in

serious need for additional participants for the Sunday River trip. I was mistaken when I said November was our deadline for signing up. It is actually mid-December. Big Sky has enough participants to make the trip a go, however, we really do need more participants to make our dollars stretch on the trip. Originally, our deadline was October 20 for the lodging spaces. The lodge has agreed to hold our rooms a little longer, but they would not give us a date. They will hold the rooms as long as they do not have other customers reserving the rooms. In other words, it's a gamble....the rooms could be pulled back suddenly from SSSC if they fill with reservations by other parties. Winter Park still has a couple of spaces available. Specifically, we need a female roommate for Tiffany Deliberto, and folks, I've



had her for a roommate in

the past, and I'll guarantee you'll have fun as her roomie. There is also one more room for 2 people. So get busy, pull out your wallets and make your plans!

One more item: we finally have published the one-day ski trip schedule in this issue, but as usual, we need trip leaders. Please consider volunteering to help!

See you on the slopes!

*Dawn Brown
President*

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Special points of interest:

- **General Meetings:** Open to current and potential members - **Win Door Prizes!** Usually held at 5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during ski season. Bldg 72, training room (next to the Post Office).
- **Board Meetings:** Usually held the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 5pm

General Meeting November 17th



Club Information

Email: sssc-board@nrl.navy.mil

Member of the Blue Ridge Ski Council

Address: Snow Searchers Ski Club
Code 5731
Naval Research Laboratory
4555 Overlook Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20375



Hotline: 202.404.8376

Web Site: <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc>

<http://www.skicouncil.com/>

Newsletter Deadline:

Third Tuesday of each month. Send info to Chris Vonk, Code 7102, chris.vonk@nrl.navy.mil



The NRL Snow Searchers Ski Club (SSSC) is a group dedicated to having a good time both on and off the slopes. The Club is open to employees of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), their spouses, friends, and other fun-loving people.

The Club specializes in one day ski and snowboard trips to nearby resorts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia—all reachable within four hours by bus. The Club also sponsors several off season activities.



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Odds & Ends

Ski Chalet Hosts Ski Swaps

Ski Chalet hosts Swaps as a community service for local skiers & snowboarders who want to sell, buy, or recycle used gear. A portion of the sales are donated to local non-profit volunteer Ski Patrol organizations.

Chantilly
14130 Sullyfield Circle
Chantilly, Virginia 20151
703-631-7880

Saturday & Sunday, November 14th - 15th
Run by Canaan Valley Ski Patrol

Got old skis that you can't swap? Recycle them!

Green Mountain Ski Furniture recycles old skis and snowboards into ski furniture and usable ski art. Specializing in ski Adirondack chairs, ski benches, tables, racks, outdoor furniture, and custom designed and build products with your old gear or ours. Each piece a unique work of art - hand-crafted in Vermont, USA.

<http://www.recycledskis.com>



SSSC Wear

SSSC BASEBALL CAPS. Need a cap to ward off the sun's rays? There are a limited number of these great baseball caps left. Once they are gone there will be no more. \$20 each. Contact Mike Asbery (202) 404-3014 for more info, or see them at the next general meeting.



SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS! - SSSC has great polo shirts for sale with the club logo. The polo shirts are 50/50 poly-cotton knit with chest pockets sporting the SSSC logo, welt knit collars and two pearl buttons. Colors are white with a black logo, and royal blue with a white logo. Sizes small to 2XL, \$15. There is a limited supply left so come to the next General Meeting to inspect the shirts and try them on for size. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538.



POLE FLAGS and NECK WALLETS - Although ski season is over why not plan ahead and get your pole flags and/or neck wallets while they last? \$5 each. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538 or e-mail skiermjs@verizon.net





2009—2010 Trip Schedule

Resort	Date	Bus	Lift	Rental	Lesson	Trip Leader
Seven Springs, PA	Friday Dec 18		28	15/25 Ski/Brd	12	Dave Pettit C=240-678-7833 H=301-622-5051
Wisp, MD	Friday Jan 8 (Hero Day)					Contact a board member if you would like to lead this trip Free Lift for a Hero (Military/Rescue)
Blue Mountain, PA	Monday Jan 18 (MLK Day)		42	20	13	Dave Pettit C=240-678-7833 H=301-622-5051
Winter Park, CO	Sat-Sat Jan 24-30	\$950 pp (dbl occ) One single female slot, and one dbl occ				Brad Kuhn W=202-279-5081
Seven Springs, PA	Friday Feb 5		28	15/25 Ski/Brd	12	Mike Asbery W=202-404-3014
Blue Mountain, PA	Friday Feb 19		27	19	14	Contact a board member if you would like to lead this trip
Sunday River, ME	Sun-Fri Feb 21-26	\$725 pp (dbl occ)				Mike Asbery W=202-404-3014
Wild Card Best Snow	Tuesday Mar 5		TBD	TBD	TBD	Dawn Brown W=202-767-2957 H=410-535-6102
Big Sky, MT	Sat-Sat Mar 13-20	\$1,560 pp (dbl occ)				Dave Roberts W=202-767-2629 H=703-508-2664 Susan Piatt H=443-607-8201 C=410-903-5425

For Applications and Trip Flyers go to <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc>

Bus Pickup Times

Naval Research Lab (Main Gate)	5:00am	**Blue Mtn—Reverse Pickup 5:00am
Springfield Commuter Parking Lot	5:15am	**Blue Mtn—Reverse Pickup 4:30am
Urbana Park and Ride	6:00am	Seven Springs, Wisp

Kick Off Meeting Highlights

SSSC's October membership meeting was a fun event with quite a few members attending. We had pizza, chicken Caesar salad, some mighty fine desserts, and the usual beverages. As door prizes, we gave away a free bus/lift pass for a day trip, SSSC flags, a neck wallet, and a \$50 Ski Chalet gift certificate to the lucky skier of the evening--Mark Bush!



We presented Marcia Shepherd with an impressive case of wine to say thank you for 20 years editorship service, churning out the Ski Blast month after month, always with flare. I just talked to her the other day and apparently she has had a fun time sharing the bounty with Gene and her other friends because she says it is nearly gone. Hey, I didn't get in on that!

As we had advertised, Canadian Mountain Holidays came to the meeting to give us a great presentation on Heli-Skiing. I believe most of us should have had bibs around our necks with all the drooling going on. One thing we all learned, as it was stated over and over.....**YOU DO NOT JUMP OUT OF THE HELICOPTER!!!** It lands very nicely on the mountain and you climb out. All the skiing areas are **NOT** cliffs, and they have appropriate slopes for every level of skier. We also watched a video of neophyte members of the Columbia Ski Club learning how to maneuver in powder. So there. Even I was convinced, with my worn out knees, that I would be able to survive a week heli-skiing. All I need now is a rich sponsor. However, Tiffany Deliberto is going this winter for the second time, another member is definitely signed up, and 2 or 3 more are positively serious about making the trip.



Having an industry representative at the meeting was a lot of fun. We'll have to make this a new annual event. Please give the Board members an idea what other kinds of demonstrations you would like to see--a specific boot, ski, or binding manufacturer representative perhaps?

Dawn

Winter Park, Colorado

January 24-30, 2010

\$950

- RT from BWI to Denver—Bus transfer to Winter Park
- 6 Nights lodging at Winter Park Mountain Lodge
- 5 Day lift ticket
- 24 hour front desk
- Non-smoking rooms
- Indoor Pool
- Website: www.winterparkhotel.com
- Trip limited to 22 participants

Deposit \$150

Brad Kuhn, Leader

H: 703-971-8569

W: 571-721-2266

frederick.kuhn@nrl.navy.mil

5906 Bond Court

Alexandria, VA 22315

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

February 21–26, 2010

\$725

- RT transportation (air and bus)
- 5 Nights lodging at 5 star Grand Summit Hotel (ski-in/ski-out)
- 5 Day lift ticket
- Health club, Jacuzzi, and sauna
- Kitchenette rooms available (sign up early!)
- Heated outdoor pool
- Website: www.sundayriver.com
- Group rate discounts for rentals

Deposit \$100

Mike Asbery, Co-Leader

W: 202-404-3014

michael.asbery@nrl.navy.mil

Dave Pettit, Co-Leader

H: 301-622-5051

pettitd@comcast.net

Big Sky, Montana

March 13–20, 2010

\$1560

- RT transportation (Dulles/Bozeman, MT)
- Bus transfer to Big Sky (approx 50 min)
- 7 Nights lodging at Huntley Lodge (ski-in/ski-out)
- 7 Breakfasts
- 5 of 6 day lift ticket *
- Welcome reception
- Group dinner
- Yellowstone tour available
- Website: www.bigsky.com

Deposit \$100

Dave Roberts, Co-Leader

W: 202-767-2629

H: 703-508-2664

dave.roberts@nrl.navy.mil

Susan Piatt, Co-Leader

H: 443-607-8201

C: 410-903-5425

susan.piatt@comcast.net

* 6th day is additional \$50

Sign Up Early!

The week long trips fill
quickly.

For additional trip
details visit

www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc





SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Winter Park, CO DATE(S) Jan 24-30, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

Roommate: _____

Payment Schedule: (No refunds after Nov 1, 2009)

\$100 / Person – With Application
 \$400 / Person – Due – Sept 1, 2009
 \$400 / Person – Balance Due – Nov 1, 2009

Prices:
 Base - \$900 / Person Double Occupancy
 Trip Insurance – not included - recommended

Non-refundable Costs:

\$50 – Deposit (Paid with Application)

Return application to: Brad Kuhn, 5906 Bond Court, Alexandria, VA

Participants	Base Price					Sub Total
<u>Self</u>	.950	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Cost _____

Emergency Contact (Name) _____ **Deposit** _____

Emergency Phone Number _____ **Balance Due** _____

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_____ Member Signature _____ Date

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SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Big Sky, Montana DATE(S) Mar 13-20, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

Payment Schedule:

\$100 / Person – With Application
 \$500 / Person – Due – Sept 1, 2009
 \$500 / Person – Due – Nov 1, 2009
 \$460 / Person – Balance Due – Jan 1, 2010

Non-refundable Costs:

\$50 – Deposit (prior to Nov 1, 2009)

Prices:

Base - \$1560 / Person Double Occupancy
 Trip Insurance – not included – recommended

Return application to: Dave Roberts
 18216 Brenbridge Dr, Brandy Station, VA 22714
 Phone: 202-767-2629(w) 703-508-2664(c)

Roommate: _____

Participants	Base Price	Trip Ins.(Y/N)	Extra Lift (Y/N)	Sub Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Cost _____

Emergency Contact (Name) _____ **Deposit** _____

Emergency Phone Number _____ **Balance Due** _____

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TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Sunday River DATE(S) Feb 21 - 26, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____

Home Work Cell

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

Payment Schedule:

- \$100 / Person – With Application
- \$210 / Person – Due – Oct 1, 2009
- \$210 / Person – Due – Nov 1, 2009
- \$205 / Person – Balance Due – Dec 1, 2009

- Refundable Costs: \$50 – Deposit
- Prices:
- Base - \$725 / Person Double Occupancy
- Non-Skier – Deduct \$125 / Person

Roommates: _____

Participants	Base Price					Sub Total
<u>Self</u>	<u>725</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Total Cost						_____

Emergency Contact (Name) _____ Deposit _____

Emergency Phone Number _____ Balance Due _____

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NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Oct 1, 2009 thru Sept 30, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip*

PHONE: _____ *Home* _____ *Work* _____ *Cell*

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ **BLDG/ROOM** _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$20)

Send My Mailings to:

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

EMAIL Address

REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

NRL Address

Home Address

ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21. List names of family members below and their email addresses if they would like club mailings

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 PAYABLE TO SSSC AND MAIL TO:

MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5731.50 or

Mike Asbery 7753 Lowmoor Rd Springfield, VA 22513

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Member

Date

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29	30					