

### President's Corner By Peter Porton



Towards the end of every calendar year, it starts to get more fun for your PSC Council, especially the trip leaders. By this time, most of our trips are sold out (but, as we always say, people do drop off of trips, so check with us periodically for the trip of your choice) and we are preparing to actually ski! Get the skis tuned, check the boots and clothing for wear and tear, make sure the passport is still good, and doublecheck the trip databases to ensure everything is correct, up-to-date and ready to roll.

The biggest driver for trips to sell out is that we have to firm up our airline seats, generally 90 or more days before a trip departs. That means we often have to give up or get more seats. After that, we have to check with the tour operator to see if seats are still obtainable. Thus, our end-of-the-year trips still have options while our early season trips are basically locked in.

But remember that we formulate our schedule so that our late March trips go to areas known for late season snow. I've skied a lot at the end of the season (I've even skied the Rockies in June!), and it's a lot of fun – big snow bases, blue bird days and cold temperatures at night to keep it in good shape; hopefully a dump or two of snow, preferably at night, and you may end up with the best of everything. Plus, when you get home, all the snow here is gone and the flowers and trees are blooming!

Our Council elections are in April; if you are interested in running, please send me a resume (up to 400 words) to: [prespsc@comcast.net](mailto:prespsc@comcast.net). The PSC always needs new people on council and if you're interested, please let me know shortly..



## December's Annual Bread for the City's Holiday Helpings

By Joel Gardner

For the past seventeen years, at our December meetings, the Pentagon Ski Club has contributed generously to helping the poorest people of Washington, DC through the auspices of *Bread for the City*, a nonprofit organization that provides social, medical and legal services to the indigent (see [www.breadforthecity.org](http://www.breadforthecity.org)). Through the use of volunteers, donors and pro bono work, Bread for the City consistently ranks among the highest in the percent of contributionns that actually get to the needy. *The Washington Post* consistently awards them for their excellence in nonprofit management.

Annually *Bread for the City* conducts their *Holiday Helpings* campaign to provide all the food and trimmings for families/households to make a holiday meal. Last year more than 8,000 households received the ingredients for a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal. It costs *Bread for the City* only \$28.25 to provide a full meal for a family of four. At this time of year you should see the amount of staples that pour into their two centers (on 7th St. NW and Good Hope Rd. in SE DC).

Hunger is a very real problem affecting some 60,000 people in the District, and B.C. helps more than 5,000 families each month with food, clothing and social/legal services—it isn't just a holiday effort! Our club has given generously not only to the *Holiday Helpings* campaign, but also to ongoing efforts throughout the year.

I am sure that many of you have been affected by the economic downturns of late and it is hard to ask people of good will (but finite resources) to give yet again, but let's not forget those close to home who continue their hardscrabble fight to make it from day-

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## PSC MEMBERSHIP FEES

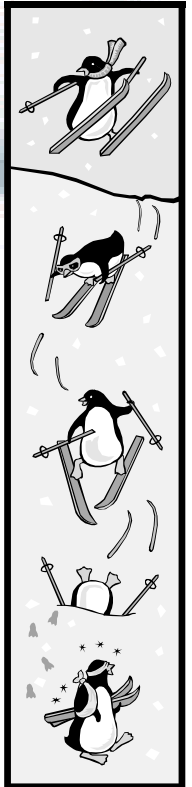
	1-YEAR	2-YEARS	3-YEARS
SINGLE	\$30	\$55	\$75
FAMILY	\$40	\$75	\$100

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## PSC MEETING SCHEDULE

Our meetings are held on the second or third Tuesday of the month as listed below at the Officers Club at Fort Myer, VA, at 7 PM

- Picnic, Saturday, July 16
- Tuesday, September 13
- Tuesday, October 11
- Tuesday, November 8
- Tuesday, December 13
- Tuesday, January 17
- Tuesday, March 13
- Tuesday, April 17



## Membership Benefits

To access the *Membership Benefits* area in the National Ski Council Federation website at [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) (all PSCers are automatically members), use the following:

**userid = skiclub; password = member**

## Membership Updates

Please take a moment to check the date on your newsletter label—it indicates the month your membership expires. If you need to renew or change your address, please see Cheree Peirce at our meetings, contact her at [cheree2be@yahoo.com](mailto:cheree2be@yahoo.com) or send her a check (see membership fees up above).

**Cheree Peirce**  
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## Two Top Mountain 100,000 Vertical Foot Challenge

**T**om Irving, Pentagon Ski Club member for about four years, is taking part in a fundraising event for Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed in 2007. Two Top is a chapter of Disabled Sports USA and runs a Warfighter Sports Program (formerly Wounded Warrior Project) at Whitetail Resort and had 220 Wounded Warrior ski visits last year. Two Top also helped to stage the Maryland Winter Special Olympics last year that was held at Whitetail, where it will be held again this year. Their primary objective is to bring more fun and meaning to the lives of disabled children and wounded warriors.

Briefly about Tom, whom we hope you will find it in your hearts to sponsor. Tom began his love for skiing as an intercollegiate racer in the 50's. He was a groomer at St Anton, Austria before there were snow cats in the early 60's. He raced NASTAR most of the 80's and was a USSA race official throughout the 90's. He became certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) in 2003. He finally decided to start teaching last year when he met the folks at Two Top Adaptive. He will be attending the "Hartford Ski Spectacular" at Breckenridge, Colorado December 4-11. This is a week long adaptive ski clinic and it will help Tom work toward his adaptive certification.

The Two Top Mountain 100,000 Vertical Foot Challenge will be held on January 9, 2011 at Whitetail Resort. The results will be published in a later *Lifeline* issue. Tom will be the oldest participant and being "a mere shadow of his former self," he knows that 100,000 vertical feet in one day is ridiculous at best. He's never skied 50,000 vertical feet in one day in his life, but that will be his goal. Let's show him we also care.

To learn more about Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation, log on to [www.twotopadaptive.org](http://www.twotopadaptive.org) or call Two Top's Executive Director at 717-507-7668. Two Top is a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.



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to-day. This year as in years past we will be collecting food (staples) and money for *Holiday Helpings* and clothing for their year-round efforts. So many of us have a surfeit of warm clothing that is in high demand this time of year, so get rid of last year's ski outfit!

If you can't be at the December meeting but would like to contribute, please send a check made out to *Bread for the City* to Joel Gardner, 40 Christopher Ln., Potomac Falls, VA 20165-6209. Joel will deliver our contributions of food, money and clothing after the December 13 meeting.



*From the Staff at The Lifeline*



*By Maggie Fitzgerald*

**T**he Deal: 7 nights in the Aspen Street Inn with welcome reception & daily deluxe breakfast. 5-day lift tickets. Fly reasonable times on American from Reagan National Airport to Montrose through Dallas. NASTAR is available for racing enthusiasts.

Listen, spring skiing in Colorado in late March is the best skiing you'll ever have! Last year I stayed in DC during those last two weeks of March figuring I'd get a head start on golf. What a waste! Do you remember it? It rained and rained and was cold and damp and just so ugly outside. Meanwhile, Colorado had dumps of powder through mid-April and even opened the slopes on the 4th of July. So, join me as we work on our tans and enjoy the wonders of Telluride. Believe me, your tulips will bloom whether you are home or not. You can expect 300 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine in Telluride. Hey, Oprah and Ralph Lauren can't be wrong; they could ski anywhere, but Telluride is the best around. Come see for yourself.

We'll be staying in a boutique hotel called the Aspen Street Inn which includes a hot breakfast buffet. The rooms have oval soaking tubs or, if you prefer, a large outdoor hot tub. You'll be welcomed with a nice wine and cheese party, too. The chair lift #8 is only a block away from our hotel. There are 1700 skiable acres with seven high speed lifts. Lots of trails for all levels. We'll make this the best Spring Ski Trip we've ever had. Don't miss it!



## Racing by Dave Olsen

### 2011-2012 Race Rules – Now Online

**T**he PSC has had a recreational racing program for decades and we encourage our members to participate. Recreational racing helps improve your skiing and adds another dimension of fun. Our program is based on the results that our members earn in Nastar races at participating resorts. We present a number of awards at the end of each season, with the competition based on a set of rules that establish the eligibility criteria and define the various award categories. The program has evolved over the years as we tailor it to our skiers. You can find a link to the program rules on the Racing Information page under News and Events. The only noteworthy change from last-winter's rules is the addition of a Special Race Validity Exception. This was added to allow the results of a Blue Ridge Ski Council Western Carnival race, which may occasionally be conducted at a non-Nastar resort, to count towards PSC awards, if the results are deemed equitable.

Any club member who races Nastar three times or more will be eligible for the awards that we'll present at our April 17 club meeting. You'll need to complete your races by Saturday, March 31, 2012 for your results to be considered for the awards.

### News from Nastar.com

Nature Valley NASTAR ambassador Ted Ligety won his 9th World Cup GS event at the season opening Audi FIS World Cup in Soelden, Austria. It was a strong start to the defense of his World Cup GS title position.

Ligety told press, "I was skiing fast in training, but that really doesn't count for anything until you actually do it in a race. So to finally get to prove how fast you are skiing is an added bonus that goes along with winning the first race of the year. Any race win is a good win. I don't really care where it is. I've been on the podium a bunch of times here, but it's always good for your confidence to start off the year with a victory."

Ligety recently joined Nature Valley NASTAR as the 2011-12 official ambassador & pacesetter. Ligety played an integral role in the 2011-12 NASTAR re-branding campaign, "The Next Generation of Ski Racing". Throughout the season, Ligety's fans can follow his GS World Cup schedule and tune in for photos and race videos on NASTAR.COM. On each GS World Cup race

day, NASTAR.COM will release “behind the scenes” videos of Ligety as he talks about training, nutrition, competition, and growing up training on the Park City Mountain Resort NASTAR course, and more.

### **Nastar Handicap Chart**

Nastar updated their handicap chart several years in a row based on the statistics from the previous seasons. Their goal is that 5% of the racers in each age group will get platinum medals, 20% will get gold (or better), 40% will get silver (or better), and 70% will get bronze (or better). The chart hasn't been changed in a couple years now.

Nastar coordinator Bill Madsen told us recently that the numbers are tracking correctly and no changes will be made to the chart for the coming season.

### **Register Online for Nastar**

Before you race Nastar for the first time you need to provide basic information such as your date of birth (because the medals are handicapped by age) and your home address (so they can rank the racers in each state). You can register by filling out a form at the top of the racecourse, but it's easy to pre-register online. This is a one-time process that you won't need to repeat every winter. As it says on the Nastar website, “If you have raced NASTAR since 1997 there's no need to register again – we know who you are! However, you should quickly verify that you're in our database by searching for your last name in the field indicated at the top of the page.”

It's also a good idea to verify that the personal information on your race record is complete and accurate prior to the start of the season. It's especially important that you verify the e-mail address that's stored in your record. You can not only choose to receive the several newsletters that Nastar sends each winter, but – more importantly – with a current e-mail address stored in the system, you can retrieve your password if the need should arise.

If you've forgotten your password, you may be in luck if your current e-mail address is in the system. From the race results page, scroll down to Forgot NASTAR Password. There's a space to “Enter e-mail address.” Type in the e-mail address you used when you registered for Nastar and hit the “go” button. The system will respond immediately with the message, “E-Mail sent – You should have the information in a few moments.” The system will send you an e-mail message with your password.



*Ted Ligety*

You might instead get the response, “Sorry, no registrations were found with an E-Mail address of ... please try again.” Two possibilities: Either you entered a different e-mail address than is stored with your Nastar record, or there's no e-mail address stored with your record. If you're in this situation, get in touch with me and I'll work with my contacts at Nastar, if necessary, to either reset your password or enter your current e-mail address into your record.

### **2011-2012 Club Racing Venues**

Here's a repeat from the Fall *Lifeline* of the anticipated

Nastar opportunities for this-year's trips. Included are the days that Nastar is normally operated based on last-winter's information posted at Nastar.com:

■ **O u r** holiday trip to Steamboat. Nastar is available daily.

■ **O u r** early January trip to Vail. Nastar is available Wednesday through Sunday, and daily at nearby Beaver Creek where our lift tickets are also good.

■ **O u r** mid-January MLK

Weekend trip to Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. Nastar is usually available weekends and holidays at Snowbasin.

■ **O u r** mid-February trip to Snowmass. Nastar is available Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at Snowmass and Wednesday through Sunday at both Aspen and Aspen Highlands, where our lift tickets are also good. The Blue Ridge Ski Council Nastar race against all the other clubs will be on Tuesday at Snowmass.

■ **O u r** late-February trip to Jackson Hole. Nastar is available daily.

■ **O u r** mid-March trip to Mt. Bachelor. Nastar is available weekends, so we might be able to race on Sunday.

■ **O u r** late March trip to Telluride. Nastar is available Wednesday through Sunday.



# Update On Ski Helmets

By John Pratt

*(From Martin Forstenzer, contributor, Ski magazine)*

*The death of actress Natasha Richardson revived the debate about making helmets mandatory on the slopes. Should there even be a debate?*

*The long-running helmet debate has expanded into serious discussions of requiring helmets for everyone on the snow. Vail Resorts, the largest ski operator in the country, recently mandated that all employees wear helmets while skiing or riding on the job, becoming the first company to do so.*

*Richardson remains the lightning rod for helmet proponents. She wasn't wearing a helmet when she fell in soft snow on a beginner slope. She seemed fine afterward, joking about the mishap, but her condition quickly worsened, and she died the next day from internal bleeding caused by a "blunt impact to the head," according to the New York City medical examiner's office. As it happens, the Association of Quebec Emergency Room Doctors had called for ski helmets to be made mandatory about a month before. After the highly publicized accident, the Quebec legislature began debating a law to make helmets mandatory for all skiers.*

*Two months before Richardson's death, the helmet debate had been stirred in Europe by another high-profile skiing fatality. Dieter Althaus, a prominent ally of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, collided with a 41-year-old woman at the Riesneralm resort in Austria. The woman, who was not wearing a helmet, died while being transported to medical care, while the helmeted Althaus was hospitalized with severe brain trauma. He recovered and was later convicted of manslaughter and fined approximately \$50,000.*

*Some industry officials view helmets as the seatbelts of our time: A generation ago few people used seatbelts; now they are universally accepted as standard safety gear, and to not use them while driving is considered reckless. For now, helmets remain a personal decision.*

*Colorado resident Shawn Carlson, 44, is a lifelong skier and has been wearing a helmet for more than a decade, a decision partly prompted by his love of skiing fast. "Any other sport in which you're going 30 miles per hour, you would wear a helmet," Carlson says. "So it seems logical I should wear one."*

Now with all that said, how much is your brain worth? Or put another way, how much is it worth to you to be able to control all your body functions? That's a question from one of my Masters of Science in Safety professors at USC. There is an excellent article on the subject of ski helmets at <http://www.telemarktips.com/Helmets.html>. After you read it, you'll realize that through PSC you no longer have an excuse to ski without wearing a helmet. On the subject of safety it dawned on me one day that I would never think of driving my car without the seat belts fastened. That same epiphany also occurred to me on the subject of helmets. As a helicopter pilot, I would never dream of starting a helicopter without a helmet on, even if I wasn't flying it anywhere. Nor would the Arlington County Chief of Police ever think of riding his bike again without wear-

ing a helmet. But the thought of spending \$100+ for a helmet kind of held me back for a while, (God knows why, considering the price of skiing).

Now for the price of a lunch on the slopes you can have your own personal "Brain Bucket." The PSC is offering ASTM 2040 certified ski helmets. The ASTM certification process for ski helmets is explained in the above link. I will also have a copy of it with me at club meetings. For those of you who are really fashion conscious, at \$23 each, you can have one that matches all your ski outfits. That is the price for ordering and delivery a helmet at the next club meeting. If you want it delivered to your home, the price goes up to \$41.45 regardless of where you order it. They come in Black (as pictured here), Red, Blue, Silver, and Hot Pink. You can order them at club meetings and have them by the next meeting at \$23 each. If you can't make the meetings, but want me to order one for you, send me an e-mail and I'll send you back the size charts and the website to choose you color(s) along with an order form. As soon as I get your check, I'll order the helmet(s) and when they come in I will let you know so we can make arrangements to get you your helmet, unless you want it delivered direct to your home at \$41.45 ea. (Note: the above has changed somewhat. See John for details, -Ed.)



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## PSC Logo Items

**W**ant to get extra Ski Lotto tickets or just some great clothing? At all ski club meetings except the picnic we have Ski Lotto, and if you are wearing something with the PSC logo on it, you are entitled to an extra ticket. Even if you don't attend the meetings or play Ski Lotto, the logo items are a great way to show off your club while you are on the slopes. We have all of the following in stock: automobile license plate holders, baseball caps, and cloisonné ski pins.

For clothing and others item such as tote bags, our supplier is Jill Lee of *Jill's Designs*. Jill has set up a web site at [www.jillsembroidery.com](http://www.jillsembroidery.com).

It's also on the PSC website as a link. At the website you can pick the item you want from the pictures shown there, but if you don't see it listed don't hesitate to contact Jill directly. Just pick out what you want, print out the order form, mail it to Jill, and she'll get back to you when it's ready.

In addition to picking out the basic color of the item you want, you also get to pick out the colors on the logo: the skier; the pentagon diagram; and the words can be all the same color or whatever colors you want them to be.

# The Scepter'd Isle

By Peter Porton

England is an anomaly. We surely take it for granted, but often we forget that, despite our history, it is the country that set the stage for ours. Why not see what it's all about?

We'll be staying at only three hotels, so you won't have to live out of your suitcase: two nights at the Premier Inn York City, six nights at the Premier Inn Aylesbury, in Aylesbury Vale, and the final two nights at the Millennium Bailey's Hotel in London. All the hotels will have a full English breakfast. Lunches and dinners will be on our own. Hmm – fish and chips! Or curry. Or kidney pie; beef Wellington; Wimpy's...whatever you fancy, English cuisine has improved enormously. And don't forget their great beers and ales!

Each day (except for the last day in London), we will have our own dedicated bus, with a family-operated luxury bus company and a husband/wife combination of driver and guide. This will also allow us to make slight deviations along the way (bathrooms, photo-ops, etc.) with no problems. Our daily schedule will be our own.

The sites we will see are numerous (see the itinerary) and one of the great things about this trip is that all the entrance fees for the sites we are seeing (except some in London) are included in the cost, as is the tip for the driver and guide. Medical and repatriation insurance is also included. Cancellation insurance is optional.

If you tried to do this trip on your own (renting a car, for example, or using the train), you'd go nuts and broke. Aside from driving on the wrong side of the road, England is known for narrow lanes. It's best to leave the driving to the professionals. In addition, we'll have the opportunity to mix with the locals. We can drive back from, say, Bath and have dinner in a nice village on the way to the hotel Aylesbury. This will be an easy trip without many travel deadlines. Even the flights are at a moderate hour. Suffice it to say, we'll be in the most beautiful area of England and we'll be able to see and enjoy it at our leisure.

We'll be departing Dulles on Wednesday, May 9 at 10:05 PM and arrive at Heathrow the following morning at 10:15 AM. The return will be on Sunday, May 20 at 4:20 PM and we'll arrive home at 7:40 PM. Both flights are on United.

Deposits are \$500/person with \$750 due October 11 and January 5 and the final payment of \$800 is due March 1. Single supplements are \$790. Please send the checks, made out to the PSC, to me at 11918 Moss Point Lane, Reston, VA 20194.

## Itinerary

**Wed May 9:** Arrive at Dulles Airport by 7:00 PM for flight at 10:05 PM. Fly United Airlines nonstop to London Heathrow.

**Thu May 10:** Arrive in London at 10:15 AM and be met by our guide with our private bus for the trip. We will head north to York where we will spend two nights. We will stop in Nottingham on the way. **Hotel: Premier Inn York City**

**Fri May 11:** Group visit to York Minster (whose largest bell is known as...Great Peter!), admission included. The York Minster has more medieval stained glass than all other cathedrals in England...combined! The rest of the day will be at leisure in York to see other sights. We will have our own bus to see those sights. **Hotel: Premier Inn York City**

**Sat May 12:** Depart York at 8:30 am. Arrive Warwick Castle at 11:00 am, admission included. Late afternoon depart Warwick and arrive at our location for the next 6 nights in Aylesbury. **Hotel: Premier Inn Aylesbury**

**Sun May 13:** Depart hotel at 9:00 am and arrive at the Hampton Court Palace and Gardens at 10:15 AM, admission included. Return to hotel in the evening. **Hotel: Premier Inn Aylesbury**

**Mon May 14:** Depart our hotel at 8:30 AM for Stonehenge and then on to Bath. Return to hotel in the evening. **Hotel: Premier Inn Aylesbury**

**Tue May 15:** Depart our hotel at 10:00 am. Arrive at Oxford at 10:30 am for a day-long visit to Oxford. Return to hotel in the evening. **Hotel: Premier Inn Aylesbury**

**Wed May 16:** Depart hotel at 9:00 AM. Visit Winston Churchill's birthplace, Blenheim Palace, at 10:00 AM, admission included. Afterwards we will continue on to the villages of the Cotswolds, stopping at Bourton-on-the-Water. **Hotel: Premier Inn Aylesbury**

**Thu May 17:** Depart our hotel at 9:00 am and begin our tour in Cambridge at 10:00 AM at the King's Chapel, admission included. There are optional ways to spend the afternoon in Cambridge (the "Venice" of England), including going on a bike tour of the town. **Hotel: Premier Inn Aylesbury**

**Fri May 18:** Depart Aylesbury at 8:00 AM for London. Upon arrival, we will have the bus for the day for a hop-on hop-off tour of the city. Admission is free for the stops at the British Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum, Harrod's and the sights of Westminster, including Houses of Parliament. There will be plenty of opportunities for photos along the way. Any other admission fees are on our own. **Hotel: Millennium Bailey's Hotel**

**Sat May 19:** Day at leisure in London. Perhaps an evening out at a West End theatre. **Hotel: Millennium Bailey's Hotel**

**Sun May 20:** Morning is on our own in London. Sleep or tour. Load bus at noon for the airport for flight at 4:20 PM. Fly United Airlines nonstop to Dulles, arriving at 7:40 PM on the same day.

This royal throne of kings, this scepter'd isle,  
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,  
This other Eden, demi-paradise,  
This fortress built by Nature for herself  
Against infection and the hand of war,  
This happy breed of men, this little world,  
This precious stone set in the silver sea,  
Which serves it in the office of a wall,  
Or as a moat defensive to a house,  
Against the envy of less happier lands,  
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England

From Richard II, Act 2 (Shakespeare)

December 27  
- January 2  
\$1625



Tue - Mon. 6 nights at ski-in, ski-out Ptarmigan Inn (Hotel). 4 day lifts. RT, non-stop from Dulles to Denver. Optional Breakfast \$78 for the week. Discounts available for kids if rooms are shared. Contact Peter Porton at 703-471-7791 or prespsc@comcast.net.



January 7-14  
\$1590

Sat - Sat. 7 nights in Evergreen Lodge (Hotel) w. daily hot breakfast. 5 day lift tickets also good at Beaver Creek, Breck., Keystone, and A-Basin. RT non-stop on Frontier from Reagan - Denver. Contact Steve Peirce at 301-924-5173 or scepierce@verizon.net.

January 12-17  
\$1140



Thu - Tue. MLK Weekend Leave Saver. 5 nights in historic Ben Lomond Hotel in Ogden w. daily buffet breakfast. RT on Continental from Reagan to SLC via Houston. 2-day lifts at each resort. Contact Jim McDonough at 703-619-0020 or jmc dono683@aol.com.



January 20-28  
\$2800

Fri - Sat. 7 nights in ski-in/ski-out Hotel Ormelune w. all breakfasts & 4 dinners. RT non-stop on United from Dulles to Geneva. Opt. post-trip to Vienna (\$760) returns Feb 1. Emergency medical/repatriation (not cancellation) insurance included. Lift tickets not included. Contact Dave Olsen at (H) 301-579-2749(W) 202-385-7207 or dolsen@pentagonskiclub.org; or Steve Thompson at 703-435-5170 or stevethompsonva@verizon.net.

January 28 -  
February 4  
\$1630



Sat - Sat. 7 nights in ski-in/ski-out Cliff Lodge (Hotel). 6 day lift tickets good at both resorts. RT non-stop on SW, BWI to SLC. Deduct \$102 for snowboarders (no boarding at Alta). Contact Lucy Gruenther at 703-727-9287 or Lmandwx@hotmail.com



February 4-11  
\$1400

Sat - Sat. 7 nights slopeside Kandahar Lodge (Hotel) w. welcome reception & daily continental breakfast. 4-day lift tickets at Whitefish; 1 day at Fernie, Canada (passport required). RT on United, Dulles to Kalispell via Denver. Contact Maggie Fitzgerald at 703-461-3027 or magsfitzgerald@comcast.net

February  
11-18  
\$1750



Sat - Sat. BRSC Western Carnival. 7 nights at slopeside Wildwood Lodge (Hotel) w. daily buffet breakfast. 5 day lift tickets also good at Aspen, A. Highlands, & Buttermilk. Nastar Race, welcome & apres-ski party & Farewell dinner/dance. RT non-stop on SW from Dulles to Denver. Contact Christina Anderson at 703-719-6714 or gerakisparta@yahoo.com.



February  
18-25  
\$1490

Sat - Sat. Presidents Week. 7 nights at 49er Inn & Suites w. one elk bbq dinner and daily continental breakfasts. 4-day lift tickets at JH; 1-day ticket for Grand Targhee. RT on United from Dulles to JH via Chicago. Contact Steve Thompson at 703-435-5170 or stevethompsonva@verizon.net or Fred Gardinier at 301-739-5097 or fgardinier@hotmail.com

March 3-11  
\$2025



Sat - Sun. BRSC Eurofest, includes 2 parties & dinner/dance. 7 nights in Hotel Crowne Plaza w. breakfasts and 5 dinners. RT to Barcelona on Air France from Dulles via Paris. Emergency medical/repatriation (not cancellation) insurance included. Lift tickets not included. Opt. 3 night trip to Madrid + 1 extra day in Barcelona (\$800). Contact Peter Porton at 703-471-7791 or prespsc@comcast.net; or Christina Anderson at 703-719-6714 or gerakisparta@yahoo.com.



March 10-17  
\$1640



Sat - Sat. 6 nights at Powder Springs Inn (Hotel) w. daily hot breakfasts. Last night at the Sandman Hotel in Kelowna. 5-day lift tickets. RT on Air Canada, Reagan to Kelowna via Toronto out/via Vancouver & Montreal back. Contact Steve Peirce at 301-924-5173 or sspeirce@verizon.net.

March 17-24  
\$1470



Sat - Sat. 7 nights at Riverhouse Hotel & Resort w. daily hot breakfast buffets. 5-day lift tickets. RT on United, Dulles to Redmond, OR, via SF. Contact Jim McDonough at 703-619-0020 or jmcdono683@aol.com.



March 24-31  
\$1720

Sat - Sat. 7 nights at Aspen Street Inn w. welcome reception and daily deluxe breakfast. 5 day lift tickets. RT on American from Reagan to Montrose via Dallas. Contact Maggie Fitzgerald at 703-461-3027 or magsfitzgerald@comcast.net

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**T**he next three membership meetings of this ski season are on December 13, January 17 and March 13. Check Page 2 for our full season meeting schedule.

Our trips are selling very well so be sure to call your tripleaders to check if any space is left. The schedule is listed inside.

We have information on the first of next year's non-ski trips, the English countryside; our next issue will have information on a trip to Spain next fall.

Our meetings start at 7 PM, or earlier for some of the old-timers. But remember, don't drink and drive!

