



The *Easy Glider*

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Up-coming Events

November 12, 2024 – Social at Centre Street Grille

5:00 pm – Meet at the Centre Street Grille, 4 Centre Street, Enola, PA (717-732-6900). RSVP to Jamie Hackman at 717-471-0969 or xcski1927@gmail.com.

November 21, 2024 – Executive Board Meeting

6:30 pm – This meeting will be held via ZOOM. The meeting is open to all members.

December 18, 2024 – Holiday Party

Details will be sent in the future.

Trip Openings

We still have numerous openings on several trips, if you are still considering joining us to ski this winter. Trips with openings include: Craftsbury #1, Inlet, Lake Placid, Sylvan Beach, and Craftsbury #2. Send deposits for any of these trips to the club address. **(If you are interested in Craftsbury #1, decide and submit your deposit before November 10. Any unclaimed rooms will be released by November 13.)**

The skiers on the lottery waitlist for the Laurentians and Gatineau trips have made other lodging accommodations. However, two skiers on the original Laurentians trip have had to cancel, so there is still a chance to participate on that trip; if interested, contact trip leader, Bill Stine, and submit a deposit.

Three trips are not being financed through the club. If you are interested in the Methow Valley (WA), Boonville – Headwaters, or Susquehannock Lodge trips, contact the respective trip leader.



Appeal for Donations

The Pennsylvania Cross Country Skiers' Association (PACCSA) participates in trail maintenance at ski areas including Laurel Mountain and Laurel Ridge. A number of our members have enjoyed skiing the Laurel Mountain area several times in the past 3-4 years. It is one of the few viable XC ski areas left in PA that has at least intermittent snow and grooming. It is a happy place! They are trying to raise money to purchase a new snowmobile for grooming, as described in this recent appeal, below:

The PACCSA board is delighted to announce that we have secured a grant of \$14,000 from the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation towards the purchase of a new snowmobile to replace the one that we have been using since 2014, grooming the cross-country ski trails at Laurel Mountain (Forbes State Forest) for the public to enjoy free of charge. During recent years our snowmobile has been showing signs of its age, its maintenance needs are increasing and it is becoming less reliable.

We have a new snowmobile on order already, as the order and delivery process takes months, and we do not want to find ourselves unable to groom the trails due to machinery issues. We plan to keep our original snowmobile in use until its maintenance and repair costs become unmanageable.

We need to find another \$5,000 to finance the purchase. One very generous PACCSA member has kindly pledged to provide \$1,000 as a matching incentive if we can raise \$4,000 before the end of 2024. Please consider making a donation to PACCSA and the Laurel Mountain Grooming Project today, when you renew your membership before the start of the next ski season, and when you make end-of-year donations. As PACCSA is a 501(c)(3) organization, your donation to PACCSA can be included in your tax deductions.

We are most grateful to the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation, and to the dedicated individual who will provide the donor incentive funds.

If you'd like to donate, check out their website at PACCSA.org.



Ski Gear for Sale

Cross Country Skis:

- Madshus Trysil Multigrip 200 cm long x 45 mm wide classic, no-wax touring skis rated for skiers weighing 110-200 pounds but probably best for someone about 130 pounds or more. They are red in color and equipped with Rottefella NNN step-in bindings and Swix Velcro straps.

Two Pairs of Poles Included:

- 145 cm Leki poles with powder baskets and
- 145 cm Alpina poles with regular baskets.

Boots:

- Alpina XT351 with Thinsulate size 44 EU (11.5 US).

All the gear is in very good condition and belonged to Steve Schwalb, who died last spring. \$75 or make an offer. Contact Bill Stine if interested and he will connect you to Laurie Schwalb.

Event Reports

September 20, 2024 – Breakfast, Bike Ride and Lunch in Mt. Gretna

Nine Kick ‘n Gliders went bicycling on the Conewago Trail from Mt. Gretna and then stayed for lunch at Tom Hooper’s cottage. It was reported that everyone had a nice time.



October 12, 2024 - Ox Roast in Perry County

Before the sun rose, at 6:00 am, my sister, Kathy, and I walked out in unseasonably warm, dry weather to start a fire. Kathy has more skill building a fire than I do and, with the many branches gleaned from the woods and plenty of split logs to fuel the fire, the large piece of beef was searing soon after 7:00. Kathy's tending of the fire led to the beef being ready a bit before the advertised serving pm. Thirty-nine the club provided a



time of 2:00 members of variety of dishes to accompany



the beef and chicken sausages (grilled by Mick Marhevka), enough to fill the two large "door" tables set

up for that purpose. All attendees enjoyed the sunshine, eating at various picnic tables set up around the yard and on the driveway.



Thanks so much for the many members who helped to make the Ox Roast a success. A crew came

the Tuesday before to help retrieve doors, sawhorses, chairs and tables from the basement, and set them up around the yard. A lot of those who enjoyed their fill of delicious food then helped to clean up, washing dishes; wiping down tablecloths; dismantling tables; carrying tables, chairs, and doors to the





basement; stacking sawhorses near the shed; and leaving the yard as though nothing had happened! I appreciated being able to relax and enjoy an afternoon surrounded by friends.

~ Nancy Kauh!



Did you know...

“The utility of skis for rapid movement over deep snow was harnessed by small patrols of the 1st U. S. Cavalry when they were given the mission of protecting the new Yellowstone National Park from wildlife poachers in 1886. For the next thirty-two years the cavalry ski patrols conducted extended ski trips into the Yellowstone backcountry, traveling ten to twelve miles a day and overnighiting at small outposts.”

~ from “Tales of the 10th: The Mountain Troops and American Skiing” by Jeffrey R. Leich



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