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## President's Message

Roe Crowley

I welcome the opportunity to serve as President of the Philadelphia Ski Club and am excited about the skiing, boarding, snow-shoeing and social events we have planned for the 2023-2024 season.

I'm grateful for the leadership that Mike Mazza has provided for the last nine years and his many years affiliated with Philadelphia Ski Club. Mike is an inspiration for serving others and I hope to follow his firm but collaborative example.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member of PSC since the early 90's, when many of my siblings followed our Mom, Madge Blinebury, to Philadelphia Ski Club activities and membership (yes, Kat Blinebury is my sister-in-law!). For the last nine years I've served as Trip Coordinator for the Club; and now that I am retired from a forty-one-year career in the financial industry, I am ready to take the next step. I look forward to serving and working with you.

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## Outgoing President's Message

Mike Mazza

Hi to all: The 2023 ski season was another successful year.

Our drive-up trip to Sunday River, Maine ski-in, ski-out was put together by **Tom Welsh**. It was the club's fourth trip in a row to Sunday River and although the resort made lots of changes, Tom was able to work out all the kinks and run a great trip. There were 40 people on the trip. I was sorry I was not able to go and missed this great trip. We had 30 people on our trip to Snowmass in February. This trip was run by **Kat Blinebury** and **Claire Lozowicki**. It was a great trip for everyone, but I had a little incident on the mountain and unfortunately was not able to continue to ski down so I had to take a ride down on a sled from the ski patrol to the first aid room. Luckily it was not a major injury. We headed off to Switzerland and Belgium in March with over 50 people in tow. This trip was run by **Pam Blizzard** and **Dann Clapp**. Pam had all the sightseers and **Dann** had all the skiers. It was our first trip where we seemed to have more people that wanted to sightsee than ski. We had some great outings in Switzerland. Most notably was the boat ride on Lake Thun, going to the Top of Europe and lunch at the revolving restaurant where a 007 movie was filmed. Unfortunately, we were only able to run the January Elk Mountain trip this season due to lingering Covid issues. Thanks to **Roe Crowley** for handling all of that and to our Treasurer, **Greg Blizzard**, for making all the refunds for the February and March trips.

Once again, the season opener ski club picnic and the holiday dinner were a success. Thanks to **Kat Blinebury** for planning them and to **Roe** for placing the hoagie order and to **Cynthia Solis** and my granddaughter, **Mya**, and Roe and Bruce's granddaughter, **Riley**, for helping to hand out the door prizes at the holiday dinner.

Lastly, we had a successful taco bar picnic to end the ski season at **Tom Moravec's** house. Thank you to **Tom** for hosting it and to **Roe** again for all her work on preparing the food for the picnic. To all the board members, I would like to thank you for all your support and hard work in continuing to make the club what it is today. I would like to welcome **Roe Crowley** as the new President and **Cynthia Solis** as the new Recording Secretary. I hope everybody has a great summer.

Thank You,  
Mike

*Thank You Mike for your Many Years  
of Leadership and Service as President  
of the Philadelphi Ski Club!*



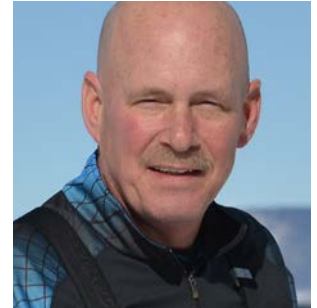




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**Sunday River, Maine**  
January 22nd - 27th, 2023  
Tom Welsh



Forty of us (including members of other ski clubs) arrived Sunday at the (ski-in/ski-out) Jordan hotel at Sunday River, Maine between late afternoon and early evening where we were welcomed with a smooth check in and accommodating staff.

Later that evening in a reserved banquet style room for our welcome reception we enjoyed, Maine Cheeses, Cured Meats, Whole Grain Mustard, Jams, Pickled Vegetables, Peppadew Peppers, Crusty Bread, Crackers, Berries, Crusty Bread, Crudités, Yogurt Dip, and Hummus. Instead of 2 free drinks we received a bright red custom pocketed tee shirt showing our logo on the front and Sunday River's logo on the back.

Monday morning, we woke to about 9 inches of new snow. After a full buffet breakfast many of us gathered outside the hotel where we met with Taylor our Sales rep and mountain guide. Taylor stayed with us Monday up through lunchtime introducing us to the many trails at Sunday River. New this year was a new 8-person heated lift just a short ski out the back door of our hotel.

At 6 o'clock Monday evening we enjoyed a banquet plated style dinner. I think everyone will agree the food was fabulous.

Tuesday through Friday was a repeat of Monday. Starting at 7 AM we enjoyed a wonderful buffet breakfast. Members either enjoyed skiing, snowshoeing, or shopping/exploring in the town of Bethel or stayed back at the hotel to enjoy the spa etc.

Tuesday evening was left open this year and everyone found nice places for dinner in the hotel or nearby.

After another day of activities Wednesday evening, we gathered again in our reserved banquet room for a buffet dinner and from what I hear everyone was very happy again with the food.

We woke up to more new snow on Thursday.

Thursday evening was another night of parties and fun, see the photos!!

Friday morning, we checked out of the hotel after another wonderful buffet breakfast and headed for home.

All in all, I heard nothing but good reviews. We had a spacious hotel, great food, and a very accommodating staff and of course lots of great skiing and other activities.

Thank you to Sunday River, PSC and our members and guests who collectively make this a great trip.

Ski you again, **Tom Welsh**





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## Photos from Sunday River 2023







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## Rob Preston's Action Shots from Sunday River 2023







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## More Action and Fun in Sunday River. 2023







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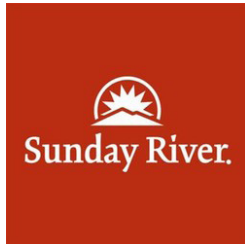
## Fun Nights in Sunday River, 2023







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## Snowshoe Adventures Sunday River, Maine

Karen Dash, Wendy Bartel



Snowshoe Adventures: Again this year, Maine did not disappoint with the conditions and availability of great snow shoe trails in and around Newry, Maine. Luckily the weather was not as cold as last year, but definitely more precipitation. Sunday night, a snow storm came though and continued throughout the morning. The skiers even had a delay that morning while the slopes were being groomed. Driving to a trail was a concern, so the snowshoe adventurers this year, **Wendy Bartel** and **Karen Dash**, found a trail right at the hotel. Another trek was accomplished that day at the Sunday River Golf Club, which provided some beautiful scenery. In total we hiked 4 miles.

Tuesday, the weather was clear, so we traveled to the Bethel Community Forest near Bethel, Maine. There we snowshoed the Summit Ridge Trail to the West Ledge for some beautiful views of the surrounding area, which included the Bingham Forest Valley. This was a repeat trail but still very nice. We hiked about 3 ½ miles. Wednesday was the nicest weather day, so we travelled a little further to a new trail we had not hiked on any prior visits to Sunday River. This trail was at the Rumford Whitecap Mountain Preserve in Rumford, Maine. The trail, which leads the way to the Whitecap summit, was well marked and packed down with deep snow. On this very nice trail through pine trees and fields of Maine, we hiked about 5 ½ miles.

Thursday, **Jean Gucciardi** and **Kat Blinebury** joined us on a favorite trail at Maggie's Nature Park in Greenwood, Maine. However, before leaving the hotel parking lot, we had to shovel out the car from several inches of snow that fell during the night. The snow that fell overnight required us to break trail, sometimes in deep snow, which made for slow going at times. Maggie's Trail winds up a slope to a beautiful outlook over the area. While at the top, we stopped for a swig of Fire Ball whiskey as a toast for a great week of hiking. Today's distance was 4 ½ miles.







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# Sunday River Snowshoe Photo Gallery, 2023







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**Aspen Snowmass**  
February 2023  
Kat Blinebury



Well, we started this trip on Saturday, February 11th, and we were all pumped up for Sunday's Super Bowl game between the Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs. **Roe** and **Bruce Crowley** brought the shot ski and we bought the ingredients for Green Tea shots on our grocery/liquor stop from Denver to Snowmass. **Roe** put together a grid pool and sold the 100 blocks on the bus ride. So, we were ready. I think everyone skied at Snowmass on Sunday in order to get in early to see the start of the game and I know **Jim Searl** and his grandson, **Josh Wilson**, took their down day on Sunday to watch the pre-game shows. We made plans to meet after the game to give out the pool prizes and the shots to celebrate. Well, it was all very exciting until the last quarter when the Chiefs pulled ahead and beat the Eagles 38-35. It was sad, but for some people it was still a W on the pool. **John Reynolds**, **Bruce Crowley** and **Tony Pello** won \$100 each on the scores for the first 3 quarters and **Sue Byer** won the big prize of \$200 for the end of game score. There was a small crowd that still got together after the game for a shot to celebrate that the Eagles were in the Super Bowl and that they had a pretty good game against Kansas City and for those that won the grid pool.

Now, to some ski memories...I have been on this trip twice before with the club and I really didn't remember how awesome the skiing was at Snowmass. Maybe on the previous trips I didn't spend as much time at Snowmass since I spent a day at Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk then or maybe it was that the conditions were just so perfect this time. Word was that all of the mountains had great conditions with plenty of snow and no ice. Unfortunately, our President, **Mike Mazza**, found something though that caused him to take a spill early in the week that put him off the mountain for the rest of the week. He found plenty to do though.

We had a nice clear day on Sunday, cloudy conditions on Monday with a little powder from the night before, and then on Tuesday we had a blizzard come through mid-day. I was at Aspen Highlands with a group of about 7 and I know another group was at Buttermilk when the storm came through. The snow was so light that you could get right through it, but visibility got really poor. So, most of us headed back to Snowmass. I know **John Reynolds** and **Greg Blizzard** stayed at the Highlands, took a little break, and things cleared up and they had a great afternoon. I heard that **Dann Clapp** and **Claire Lozowicki** were the last to leave Buttermilk and **Claire** and **Karen** and **Steve DiMeglio** and maybe some others were able to do some runs back at Snowmass when they returned.

There was group of twelve people that went Snowmobiling on Wednesday with T Lazy 7 Tours. We had hoped to go on the trail to see the Maroon Bells but the road was closed due to all the snow we had on Tuesday. We still had a nice ride through the woods and an open road and a little time to race around a small track. It seemed like everyone handled the snowmobiles well, even though the trail through the woods was very narrow. At the end, though I heard that **Brenda Clapp**, who was riding double with **Scott**, was almost flown from the machine and then thanks to **Scott** the ones behind him got a little longer ride in getting back to where





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we started since he missed a turn. Was all this planned **Scott**? Ha-Ha. I thought it was a great activity for a down day and we topped it off with a delicious lunch and some beer at the Alehouse at the base of Aspen Highlands. On the way back to the Stonebridge Inn, we got on the bus and were greeted by a large group from the club that had taken the opportunity on their down day to walk around Aspen. We lost **John Fullerton** at the bus stop when he decided to take a stroll down the street and missed the bus. He took advantage of the situation and strolled into Aspen and was able to find his way back to the Inn. Those that skied on Wednesday said the snow was a little heavy, but still had a great day.

Thursday and Friday were two more excellent days of skiing with blue skies. I know **Karen Dante, Joel Oestrich** and **John Reynolds** went over to Aspen (Ajax Mt) on Friday, but I think most of us stayed at Snowmass. It got a little crowded on the more popular lifts since we were heading into a holiday weekend, but it forced some of us to ski over to some lifts we hadn't done yet, like Coney Glade and the Campground, which were great.

Well, that's some of what the group did during the day. See the article from the snowshoe group of **Janice Bartel, Wendy Bartel** and **Karen Dash** on their activities of the week.

We had a pretty active nightlife in Snowmass. Besides the Super Bowl, we had a nice welcome reception on Monday night at the Stonebridge. There were at least seven people on the trip that had never traveled with us before, **Karen and Steve Dante, John Fullerton, Joel Oestreich, Steve Umansky, Jim Searl** and **Josh Wilson**. I think it may have been **Brenda Clapp's** first trip also. I'm sure **Marge Pello** was happy to have her along. The welcome reception was a nice way for the new people to meet everyone and they seemed to fit right in. It was great to have all of them with us. We had a group dinner at Slow Groovin BBQ in Snowmass Village on Wednesday night. That was really fun and the food was great and plentiful. The restaurant turned the pool table into a large dining room table to accommodate some of us and we had a great buffet meal that **Claire Lozowicki** (my co-trip leader) made run so smoothly. Thank you, **Claire**. On Thursday night, we organized with the owner of New Belgium Ranger Station restaurant in the village to have a trivia game night. Our very own member, **Charlie Haffey**, was the host of the game. There were a few glitches but everything worked out and we had a great time. **Diane Garvey** put together the winning team called the Uphill Drivers which included: **Dann Clapp, Denise Fedele, Karen and Steve Dante, and Joel Oestreich**. Congratulations to all of them. THANK YOU, **CHARLIE**, FOR THE GREAT JOB YOU DID ON THIS AND FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN and thanks to his wife, **Marilyn Herr**, for her support.

I want to thank **Rob Preston** for spending the time to take some great action photos of us on the mountain and for taking really nice photos at the other events we had.

On Saturday, we had a very early bag pull at 3:30 AM in order to allow time for possible weather or traffic issues in getting to the airport. As a trip leader, I was so glad that no one really complained about that (to me anyway). I want to thank everyone that came on the trip for being so cooperative and for participating in all of the activities. I also want to thank **Claire** for sharing the work with me in running the trip. She was a great co-trip leader. Always stepping up to the plate when needed. Also, thank you to **Roe** as Trip Coordinator and **Greg** as Treasurer for all their support.





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Rob's Awesome Action Photos from Snowmass, February 2023







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# Snowmass, February 2023







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## Snowshoe Adventures Aspen Snowmass, CO

Janice Bartel



The Snowshoe division of the Philadelphia Ski Club welcomes anyone who would like to join us on any of the trips to snowshoe with us. **Wendy Bartel, Karen Dash and Janice Bartel** were the snowshoers on the Snowmass/Aspen trip from February 11 -18, 2023. After we arrived at the hotel on Saturday, we walked up the very steep hill from the hotel to pick up our rental snowshoes. Sunday, we went snowshoeing close to the hotel at the Aspen/Snowmass Nordic Trail, since we had an important date with the TV later that day. Of course, that was watching the EAGLES in the SUPER BOWL. We all represented EAGLES nation that day by wearing our EAGLES gear. The weather was quite nice that day and the snow wasn't deep, so no need to use snowshoes, so you can say we went for a hike. Although the outcome of the game was not what we wanted it was a good game and we drowned our sorrow with a shot from the shot-ski thanks to Roe Crowley for packing it in her bag.

On Monday, we planned to snowshoe on the Little Annie and Richmond Hill Trail outside of Aspen. However, the road was snow covered and slippery so we turned around. On the way back to Aspen, we snowshoed on the Marolt Trail. Then, based on some local advice, we went to Route 82 towards Independence Pass. This route, which runs through Aspen, is closed from October-May. We snowshoed there and met quite a few people walking their dogs. This trail reminded me of the Steamboat Spring, CO trail where we spotted the big brown bear. Thankfully, that day no sightings of any bears. This trail had beautiful views. Thanks to **Karen** we toasted our walk with some very tasty Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey. Thanks **Karen!**

Tuesday was Valentine's Day and it was snowing, so we went snowshoeing not too far from the hotel. The trail that we ended up on crossed the ski trails, so we went to that point and then turned around. That night a group of us had a nice dinner at the Artisan. On Wednesday we decided to go sightseeing and took the bus into Aspen and toured the town.

On Thursday, **Wendy, Karen and Janice** went snowshoeing at Snowmass and we took the gondola up to Elk Base Camp to meet our tour guide from the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies. This was a very beautiful trail since we were in the woods and the weather was beautiful with blue skies. **Claire Lozowicki** decided to take the morning off from skiing and went on her first snowshoe adventure. Ask her how she liked it!! After the tour was over, we decided to do the trail again, however, **Claire** decided to ski the rest of the day. Everyone was happy with the trail and the guide. We even got to mingle with the skiers in the lodge after we finished. So much fun!!

On Friday, **Wendy** drove us to Ashcroft so we could snowshoe at the Ashcroft Ober Aspen Ski Area which is in the White River National Forest. They offer snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, horse and buggy rides and lunch in their restaurant, so you can make it a day. We started our snowshoeing on the Logan Trail and ended up on another trail to find our way back to the cabin. On our last night we went to dinner at the Stewing Pot in the village and then walked to the hotel down the mountain. A nice way to end a great trip.





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## Snowmass, February 2023: Team Snowshoe







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## Grindelwald, Switzerland Ski Report

March 2023

Dan Clapp



Our ski trip to Grindelwald, Switzerland in March of this year was truly an adventure. The Jungfrau region is expansive with slopes of all abilities and scenic views. The travel to Europe going east can be tiring and we flew overnight from Newark Liberty direct to Zurich. The six hour time difference and eight hour flight brought us to the waiting buses to ride to the hotel. The Derby Hotel was located at the Grindelwald Bahnhof (train station) making it very convenient to travel in all directions for skiing and touring. Many skiers secured their rental equipment at a local shop before settling in for dinner that night.

Our first day we used the Glacier Express aerial tram from the new Terminal to the Eigergletscher area. The group had a great day in the Kleine Scheidegg region of trails. **Bob Huntowski** posted that it was the best day of skiing he ever had along with a photo of he and his son Matthew. The next day we ventured to the Schilthorn and Piz Gloria Restaurant via skiing from Lauterbrunnen over thru Murren to the tram. We had an exquisite meal and some members skied down from there and lower to Birg and make it a full day. **Pam** led an excursion to the Jungfraujoch (The Top of Europe) the next day with many skiers attending. There was beautiful scenery and exhibits. On ski days 4, 5, and 6 our group was able to ski Wengernalp, Wengen and Mannlichen. The A team of **John Reynolds**, **Tony Navarro**, **Greg Blizzard**, and **Kat Blinebury** made the most of some good weather and setting the pace. Every skier who clicked into their skis and ventured out are all "A" skiers. Some made the trip to First where the "Riders" group strolled the Cliff Walk. **Stephanie Liebel** was indoctrinated into the Riders as a full-fledged member and had a really great time. The snow on this sunny side was sparse but gave us plenty of runs up high before the weather closed in. **Tom Moravec** led a group on a train trip down to Interlaken and Thun and then up the other side to Lauterbrunnen; then up and over with the cog train thru Wengen and Kleine Scheidegg back home.

The group gathered in the bar area each evening to swap stories before dinner and then we were all served together with fine meals. The abilities of the skiers and riders were ample to tackle the terrain. Unfortunately, we had two mountain rescues with the first turning out okay but the second didn't go well with an injury which required a hospital stay. Their spirits were not dampened too badly and we all made the flights home after a fun trip to Bruges. Hats off to **Pam Blizzard** for all her fine work pulling this together making great memories for all of us.







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## Grindelwald, Switzerland Touring Report

March 2023  
Pam Blizard



In the beginning of March, the club took a trip to Grindelwald, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. We were a large diversified group consisting of skiers and non-skiers, skiers, and boarders, and the young and not so young. Our occupations, interests and personalities were as varied as can be, but we blended beautifully and everyone had a fantastic time. It was a trip which combined many old friends and we happily welcomed new friends. All in all, we rode about every mode of transportation there is including boats, buses, airplanes, trains, gondolas, cog wheel trains and for one, a snow mobile. Altitude sickness was a slight problem for some, but nothing could hold us back.

There were many activities in which various groups participated. The non-skiers started their week with a beautiful boat ride on Lake Thun followed by a loooong hike up a cliff side to explore some caves. They were gorgeous and set the tone for the rest of the trip. On day two, the entire group headed up to Schlitzhorn and lunched at the revolving Piz Gloria restaurant where we all enjoyed a great meal and even greater views of the Alps. A must see for James Bond lovers and an amazing revolving restaurant. Some of us took the easy way, via gondola, and some took the hard way and skied there. Either way, it was great for all. Our Third day (which may have been everyone's favorite) was a trip to Jungfrauoch known as the Top of Europe. This excursion included stunning views and a walk through an ice palace dug out under a glacier. This was definitely a once in a lifetime experience. The moving walkway exhibit showed just how hard people worked for us to be able to enjoy such an amazing experience. I do believe the entire group saw this and no one left disappointed.

The week continued with groups breaking up into various activities. Many went to the city of Bern and toured the city and were able to go into the clock tower. The bear pit was neat too. The First cliff walk was visited and enjoyed by many. A windy experience for sure. Also, about 25 of us were able to participate in a chocolate making workshop which we all enjoyed, learned something new, and ate way too much chocolate. I believe everyone did some exploring in Grindelwald, did some shopping and lots of drinking. Left, right, center remains a popular game among the group and a shout out to **Christian Crespo** who won the first night and **Greg Blizard** who won the next two consecutive nights.

We were then off to Bruges, Belgium which was also another gorgeous city. Many toured independently throughout the city with many visiting the very disturbing, but oddly fascinating, torture museum. Many also climbed the clock tower (about 500 steps), enjoyed a boat ride along the canals and went on a brewery tour. Belgium Beer!!!! For our last day, about half the group went to the beautiful city of Gent where we had an incredibly enthusiastic guide give us a great 2 hour walking tour. We saw many old and gorgeous buildings and learned a lot about Belgium and Gent.

For our final meal, we were all able to get together for dinner at Mozart, All You Can Eat Ribs. The meal was delicious and the company entertaining. A fine time was had by all. I hope everyone enjoyed the trip and I can't thank enough everyone that helped me in pulling together my portion of the trip. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



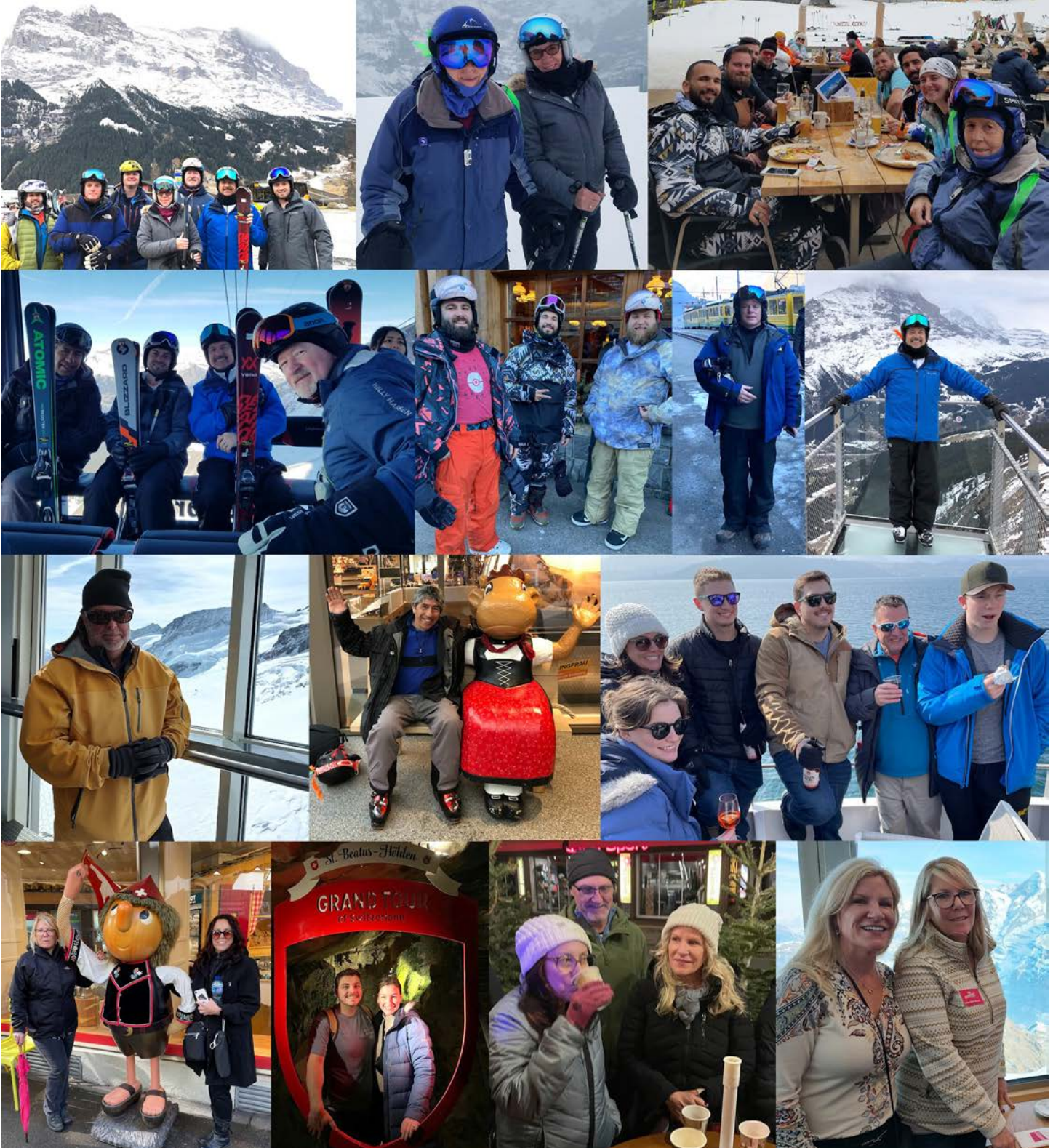


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## Grindelwald/Bruges Trip, March 2023







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## Elk Mountain Trip

*Roe Crowley*



For decades, Philadelphia Ski Club has had a “home-mountain” relationship with Elk Mountain. Bus trips to Union Dale in Susquehanna County were a staple for tuning up your skis and legs for ski season. After a few zzz’s on the bus, we all became accustomed to a morning bagel or donut and trivia quiz provided by Miram McCauley for the ride to the mountain.

Sometime in the late ‘90s, under the leadership of **Meg Waldowski** and **Terry Liebel**, it was discovered that if the Club ran two trips to Elk each year, credits from the two trips could be applied toward a third trip. As a result, Philadelphia Ski Club has been running three trips to Elk – the first Fridays of January, February and March – for many years. The March trip has been capped off with a Happy Hour prior to boarding the bus for the sleepy ride home. About ten years ago, Dave and Marion Brown picked up the mantle and continued to pack buses running successful day-trips to Elk. The success of the trips afforded the Board to approve more amenities, such as hand-&-foot warmers, hoagie lunches, après ski taco bar parties with wine & beer.

As with every facet of normal life, COVID-19 changed how we could run our memorable Elk Mountain day-trips. The Federal Transportation Authority limited the number of passengers that could ride a bus, required masks be worn by all riders, and prohibited the consumption of food and drink, taking away much of the fun and many of the benefits of the bus trip. As a result, Hagey Bus Company – the company we had used for as long as we can remember – closed its doors and went out of business.

Resurrecting the Elk Mountain bus trips has been a challenge for Philadelphia Ski Club. Immediately following the “return to normal life” many folks were hesitant to board a bus with 50 other folks and resisted the mask wearing mandate. The inflation impact of the pandemic raised fixed costs for chartering buses and Elk Mountain lift tickets, resulting in price points for which we are unaccustomed. However, we are committed to our local skiing and Elk Mountain.

As many of you will remember, PSC had planned a bus trip for January 6, 2023, but due to the unusually warm weather and poor snowfall, we had to reschedule for February 3rd. The weather in February was decidedly colder than January and when we arrived at Elk, we were greeted with single digit temps, blustery-high winds with on-and-off snow squalls. Forty-one hearty souls braved the weather and limited trails, but enjoyed our renewed efforts to Elk. On the bus ride home snacks, cookies and “nutty Irishmen” were shared and enjoyed by all. I want to thank all who joined us for their camaraderie and commitment to Philadelphia Ski Club.

Your Board is committed to running trips to meet the desires and needs of all our members. Plans are already in place for Elk Mountain in 2024 and I look forward to seeing you all on the mountain!





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## Photos from the Elk Bus Trip 2023



## Social Events Wrap-Up

Kat Blinebury



I think we had a great year for social activities. In July, 17 club members and some friends made the trip to Jim Thorpe, PA to ride the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway "bike" train towards White Haven and then rode our bikes back to Jim Thorpe. The bike ride was about 23 miles and it was a little breezy and the trail was shaded for much of the ride. So, even though it was one of the hottest days of the year, it turned out to be a really fun event. The September picnic was again the most attended social event of the season. We had 54 people in attendance which was the same as last year and it was probably the first picnic I did not attend since I joined the club 25 years ago. I was at Disney World with my sisters and Roe and Bruce couldn't attend either since they were on a European vacation with Roe's cousin. Thanks to Mike Mazza, Greg Blizzard and Bob Huntowski for stepping in and making everything come together on the day of the picnic along with Dann Clapp. It's always a good event since it gives lots of folks that don't get out on the slopes with us anymore a chance to keep in touch. I was glad to hear from folks like **Jim and Miriam McCauley**, **Dot James**, **John Kemble**, **Carl Meixsell**, **Mike and Barbara Nelson** and **Alex and Alise Page** that they were attending.

We had 17 people attend the Topgolf outing in October. For many of us this was our first time at a Topgolf venue and we found that there is a learning curve on how the games are played and the scoring is kept. The venue is very nice and





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we all had a great time there and had fun at Chickie's and Pete's afterwards. The holiday dinner at Gallo's had a great turnout and **Turner Blizard** won the grand prize of the day trip to Elk Mt. **Pam Blizard** won **Roe's** homemade cookie tray, which many of us were hoping to win. There were many other great prizes and I want to thank **Roe, Mike, Dann, Marianne Haverland** and **Cynthia Solis** for donating prizes.

A group of 14 of us threw axes or tomahawks at Bury the Hatchet in April. In my group, I think **Bruce Crowley** probably scored the most points for his teams. In the other group, I would assume **Tom Moravec**, the one-handed thrower, scored the most points. We all left the event without injury and went on to have a nice dinner at Chickie's and Pete's with a couple more club members joining us there.

The Spring Picnic Fiesta at **Tom Moravec's** house on May 6th was well attended and we had perfect weather for the event. We had fun using the bike blender that **John Siemiarowski** brought to make frozen margueritas and smoothies. Thanks to **Jean Gucciardi** and **Claire Lozowicki** for getting the corn hole game to the event. We had some nice competitive games. **Roe** gets credit again for making all the delicious food. Thanks to **Tom** and **Eva Brothers** for hosting it.

Lastly, four club members, **Wendy Bartel, Karen Dash, Cynthia Solis** and **I** ended the Cinco de Mayo weekend with a 23-mile bike ride sponsored by the PA Center for Adapted Sports. It was a beautiful day for the ride and a great event with a good cause. We are glad **John Siemiarowski**, who volunteers for the organization, told us about the event. We had a good laugh at the end of the event when **Cynthia** realized, what the rest of us were wondering about during the day, that she had worn her ski helmet instead of her bike helmet for the event. She said "I guess since I was meeting up with ski club people I grabbed that helmet."

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## Photos from the Fall Picnic and the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta







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## From Washington, DC: Ron and Justin Rockin' PSC Merch



## Interested in PSC Merch? Let Us Know What You Want!

We want to know what Philadelphia Ski Club branded merchandise you're interested in purchasing for this season. Some of them have order minimums so we can only order them if we have enough interest. Our past offerings have included:

- Jackets
- Vests
- Short Sleeved Tee Shirts
- Long Sleeved Tee Shirts
- Ball Caps
- Knit Hats
- Yeti Tumblers
- Luggage Tags
- Drawstring Backpacks

We have considered items such as bandanas, pole flags, and card decks. If you have any ideas for other merchandise that you would purchase, we welcome your ideas. Someone suggested beach towels at the last meeting. If we have enough interest to meet the minimum order requirements, we will find a vendor and place an order.

Send your thoughts to Roe Crowley at [rbcrow@comcast.net](mailto:rbcrow@comcast.net) today!





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## Side Tracks

2023 turned out to be a fantastic year for the ski club as far as our trips were concerned. We had excellent conditions in both Sunday River and Snowmass with a great mix of conditions whether you liked powder days or groomer days. We had best of both worlds in both locations. The weather was perfect, if you like it cold. Over 40 members traveled to Maine and Elk with us this year, more than 30 went to Aspen Snowmass, and we had almost 60 members go on the Switzerland Bruges European trip.



As I finish my fifth and final year as the recording secretary for the club I want to thank the board for their support over that time. Thanks to **Roe** for covering for me when I forgot there was a meeting and to **Kat** for reading the minutes from me when I had no voice due to laryngitis last meeting. I'll continue to do the Track and Facebook posting unless someone wants to take over those roles. These are unelected functions so not subject to the five year rule, but if someone would like to contribute or take over those roles, simply volunteer.

I would also like to shout out my appreciation to our very talented club photographers **Rob Preston** and **Tom Welsh**. They provide us with such great photos of our trips both on and off the mountain. **Rob's** action shots of our members on the runs are a much appreciated addition. Their pics make putting the Track together an easy and fun job. Thanks guys, you're the best! Also, I put a lot of photos this issue. Do you think it's okay, do you want more or less? Let me know. Email me, [steven.dimeglio@gmail.com](mailto:steven.dimeglio@gmail.com).

See you on the slopes next year. Until then, **Karen** and I wish you all a happy and healthy summer and fall. Be well. ~Steve DiMeglio

## Behind the Camera: Our Photography Team, Tom Welsh and Rob Preston

