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Hey Skiers, Snowboarders (and those who prefer to hang out at the fireplace in the lodge),

Just wanted to give you a brief update about what's going on with area ski resorts and your Bordentown Ski Club.

Over the next few days (and weeks) the Website will be updated. Please take the time to check it out, and to read through the club's BYLAWS. There is important information on how the Bordentown Ski Club is run and also information about board positions and the requirements of those positions.

I also wanted to thank everyone who came out to the bowling Night on November 15th. Not only did I get to meet new members but I was also able to get some tips on skiing in Killington and the Mid West. (Personal thanks to Robin and Randy).

**** A NOTE TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS****

The next ski club meeting will be held December 10th at 7pm at the Elk's Lodge which is located at 11 Amboy Rd in Bordentown. Remember to use the rear entrance and mention the Bordentown Ski Club. With the season kicking off, there will be a lot to discuss.

This is also an opportunity to:

- **Pick up your ID cards** which you will need in order to get some BIG discounts at the slopes.
- Let us know what your skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing needs are...we can't plan trips without your input.
- Discuss the upcoming trips.
- Meet fellow skiers, and riders... who knows maybe you'll make a friend that you can call to carpool to the mountains, or someone that has insider information on a great place to go.

THE BOARD MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS WILL BEGIN AT THE DECEMBER 10TH MEETING.

Below you will see the official process for elections, as stated in the Bordentown Ski Club Bylaws. Please read the following rules carefully.

Anyone interested in running for board member should come to the next meeting prepared to present to the nominating committee why they should be considered for a particular position (President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer). If you would like to be considered but cannot attend, you may submit your statement in writing no less than 2 days after the meeting.

The committee will then meet separately to discuss the nominees and then vote on nominations. Since we do not have a current board to appoint the nominating committee, it will consist of the initial club members who are not interested in board positions - Jackie, Debbi, Joe, and Karen.

Please keep in mind, no one may run for more than one office, so please be prepared to indicate primary seat as well as whether or not you'd be interested in holding another position. Once nominations are closed, we will appoint an election clerk. As everyone in the club is required to cast their vote, we ask that

everyone try to attend the meeting to see who they will want to vote for when election time rolls around.

In Other News:

I spent the last weeks compiling information about 14 different area ski resorts. I organized it into an easy to follow spreadsheet (attached). The chart includes information about the driving distance from Bordentown, hours, rates, rentals, lessons, discounts, snow tubing and their websites. I will have a similar list on the Vermont area resorts shortly and I will also be sure to have hard copies available of both lists for the next Bordentown Ski club meeting on December 10th.

With the cold temperatures, and white stuff coming down, several area ski places have their earliest openings yet. Both Big Boulder and Camelback Mountain are among the 1st to already be open for skiers and riders looking to hit the trails without traveling up to New York or Vermont. Next week, even more resorts are scheduled to open. The Pocono's report that their area ski centers will be fully operation by December 5th.

HERE IS A BRIEF RUN DOWN ON SOME LOCAL SKIING RESORTS

New York

Belleayre Mountain – opens November 28th with \$25 lift ticket specials. FYI: FYI Once, fully operational, they will offer \$10 off for all ski club members (with valid ID). Also, in order to save money and the planet, Belleayre will not be printing brochures and fliers so be sure to check out the Website before you go.

<http://www.belleayre.com>

Hunter Mountain and Windham both opened on November 22nd, and conditions there are optimal for all level skiers and snowboarders. I had some friends up there this weekend and they said the snow was --perfect, deep, powder.

www.huntermtn.com

www.windhammountain.com

Side Note

There is a great deal at both these resorts. Two lift tickets to Hunter and 2 to Windham all for \$129. (DEAL ENDS December 25th).

The Pocono's

Big Boulder – was once again the 1st

to open due to such a large investment in massive snow guns over the past 3 years. Not only did they offer a free -hike and ride- Terrain Park on Halloween but this past weekend they were offering 4-6 trails and 4 lift for only \$25 dollars. This resort has lots of mid week specials and even Sunday night skiing for \$20 dollars. I was there and the conditions were awesome. They had tons of snow and 6 trails open.

www.jfbb.com

Jack Frost – Has promised a speedy opening as well. Their snowmaking crew has been working around the clock and they will be open November 28th. No official word on any changes to their regular hours. I know they are working hard to make sure that ALL their trails can be open as quickly as possible. You will need to check their Website for additional information. Both JF and BB offer bounce back passes with a reduced rate for a return visit. Be sure to ask when you purchase your tickets about this offer.

www.jfbb.com

Camelback- is open... well sort of.... Camelback opened this past weekend for those looking to ride a terrain park. They are going to fully open on November 28th. Check their Website for any changes. This is a great learning mountain for all those who never skied or snowboarded before.

www.skicamelback.com

Shawnee – has reported that they are on target for a November 28th opening as well. This mountain is great for skiers and riders with varying abilities. There are a ton of mid week deals to take advantage of and a reduced rate for 3 and 5 tickets packs that can be used anytime.

www.showneemt.com

Blue- Although they had expected to open a few trails this past weekend, the weather hadn't cooperated enough for them to do so. Mountain officials are promising to open up for the season on November 28th at 8:30am. Remember ski club members get \$10 off on Thursdays at Blue Mountain. For additional information check their Website.

www.skiblueemt.com

Alpine- is working round the clock to ensure that it is a "Riders Paradise" for the early opening of November 28. This mountain has 21 trails and 12 of them are for the intermediate riders and skiers. Last year, even on weekends, I found that Alpine wasn't too crowded so be sure to check them out @

www.alpinemountain.com

Big Bear- only started making snow on Wednesday, November 19th. This is still going to give them an early start to the season but no date has been given yet. Please check their website for updates on snowmaking progress.

www.ski-bigbear.com

Elk- has only started making snow November 21st, but after calling their public relations person, I was assured that they will be open by December 5th. I was also told that events and discount news will be posted on their Website shortly.

www.elkskier.com

Bear Creek- Disappointing news from Bear Creek.... This resort, a personal favorite, didn't get the weather they needed for an early open. They are still working hard to make it for the Thanksgiving weekend, so you will have to check their Website as it gets closer. The resort is a nice mix of all levels for skiers, has terrain parks, tubing, great dining and is close to home.

www.skibearcreek.com

Spring

Mountain- (which is not technically in the Poconos has also let me know that they are on target for a December 13th opening. Everything is affordable here and it's only an hour away.

www.springmountainadventures.com

In Maryland

Wisp- will open up its 132 acres of ski terrain on November 28th. Non-skiers and boarders won't be left out; in fact, they'll have as much trouble deciding what to do next with all that Wisp Resort has to offer: mountain coaster, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobile tours, ice fishing, ice climbing, horse-drawn sleigh rides.

www.wispresort.com

(Stay tuned for information on Vermont and other New England resorts)

I hope this information was helpful and I look forward to seeing everyone on December 10th at 7pm at the Elk's Lodge on Amboy road in Bordentown for the monthly ski club meeting.

Be safe, bundle up and have a great time on the slopes,
Sara Ryan