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From the Prez

It's no secret that this winter was not anywhere close to what we may have liked. Not only did mild temps delay the opening of many resorts but they also closed our local resorts early with merely a days' notice. All things considering, I think we were able to make the most out of a very challenging season. We were able to take advantage of our Night Club Cards for 2 months and with spring like temps, who can complain about that? In addition to our NCC program we accomplished two major trips this season. Killington, our most popular trip every year was definitely the largest group of people we have yet to accommodate, and you'll read in the recap it was a trip you'll be sad you missed. Whistler, has been one of our featured trips that has been scraped the past couple years but finally took off and went rather smoothly, for the most part but that's another story and not mine to tell :) With that said, I want to remind everyone that just because winter has passed us doesn't mean the fun is over. Thank you for a wonderful season and I hope to see everyone at the End of Year Party.

Election Committee

Elections already? Not quite, but they are quickly approaching. In preparation for the election of officers for our next upcoming season we will need volunteers to be a part of the committee that will assist with the process. If you are not currently holding an office position and do not desire to run for office please send an email to chesapeakeiskiandboard@gmail.com and express your interest of being on the committee.

Call for Candidates!

Do you have a passion for winter sports? Perhaps you're really good with people, web design, accounting, or have some awesome skills to teach on the mountain then you are just the type of person The Chesapeake Ski & Board is looking for. Not only does volunteering on the board look great on a resume but it doesn't hurt to hang out with a group of really cool people and have a great time. There are many benefits for our board members throughout the year in exchange for their time and efforts.

All positions will be open and include Membership Coordinator, Trip Coordinator, Communications, Treasurer, Vice President, and President (Must have served on the board previously to run for president). If you're interested in running for office please submit a brief email of interest, what position you are running for, and why you would be the best candidate for the position. If you have any questions please feel free to email us or come out to one of our scheduled events or meetings.

Candidates must notify us no later than May 31st to be put on the ballot



Summer Events Calendar

For all events please RSVP with a phone number so we don't leave you behind. Events are hosted by different members. Please send one email per event with an appropriate subject line.

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A Tune Your Ride & Ski Video Screening

The last tune your ride of the season will be on **April 21st** Bring your gear out between **11:00am** and **4:00pm** and we'll guide you through waxing, sharpening, and even repairing your boards and skis. Waxing your gear now will keep the base from drying out over the summer, and ensure you are ready for the slopes on the first snow day. This event will be at our new shop located at **6608 Rumfire CT. Glen Burnie, MD 21060.**

B End of Year Party & Elections

We've tentatively picked **June 9th** as the date for our **End of the Year Party!** Party details are still being planned, but we wanted to let you know to save the date, so you can come out and celebrate with us! Elections will be concluded at this event as well, and we will be unveiling some of the details for our trips for next season! Come out and enjoy some great weather (hopefully), some great food, and beverages.

C Yuengling Brewery Tour & Camping Trip

Join us as we take a tour of [America's Oldest Brewery](#) on **Saturday April 28th**. And it wouldn't be a CSBC event if we didn't do something outside. So we are going to spend a night or two camping at Echo Valley Campground. Let us know if you are interested, and we will include you on the trip planning.

D Preakness

The 137th Preakness will be Saturday May 19th. Post on our Facebook page if you want to get a group together.

D Wine in the Woods

Sample some of Maryland's finest wines while taking in some great live music.

E Warrior Dash

Test your strength and skill through this 3 mile obstacle course all while supporting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The event is almost full but if you sign up soon you can join us in the 9:00am wave on Sunday May 20th.

Whistler Trip Recap

This year Whistler was the trip to take. Sure the cost was high, but well worth it. We had a ski in ski out condo right on the mountain. We had 4 days of snow and 3 days of warm sun. The only bad thing about this trip will be trying to top it next year.



Whistler offers a large variety of terrain. The double black diamond runs are just as accessible as the more moderate runs. From cliffs to terrain parks this mountain had just what everyone was looking for.

Having not been to Whistler since before the Olympics, it was great to go back and see all that has changed. The Peak 2 Peak tram has doubled the area you can ski in a given day. What was most surprising was that no matter how busy the slopes were, the tram never had a line. Big Sky, Snowbird, and Killington always have long lines to use their trams. Whistler was built to handle Olympic size crowds and it shows.

The number of shops, restaurants, and bars has undergone the most growth. There are plenty of ways to spend money on souvenirs, gear, and drinks. In the end you are left with a few Looney's and some amazing memories.

How Not to Cross the Border

One of the best learning experiences from the trip was on how not to cross the US Canada border. After traveling from Baltimore to Seattle we were all tired before our 5 hour drive to Whistler. The drive was worth the \$350 savings per person on air travel. On the downside we just kind of threw gear into the cars and didn't think about what border patrol would ask us. We answered honestly, but still had all the wrong answers.

Border Patrol

- Where are you from?
- How do you know each other?
- Who rented the vehicle?
- That's a lot of ski gear for 3 people.
- Is it all yours?
- Did you pack the car yourself?
- Do you have any alcohol in the car?

Our Truthful, but Wrong, Answers

- Baltimore, North Carolina
- We just met today.
- Oh she's in the other car that just crossed.
- No it isn't our gear, well some of it is.
- No we didn't pack the car ourselves.
- One beer? We bought groceries and aren't sure what's in the trunk.

Needless to say that vehicle was detained for further questioning and the car was thoroughly searched. After prolonged individual interrogations the group was sent on their way, and even got to keep the 5 cases of beer in the back.

While there are many other cool stories from that trip, the border crossing will be one not soon forgotten. Hopefully next year you will join us on these adventures and have your own stories to tell.



Killington Trip Recap

We might not have had a ton of snow or a blizzard during our stay this year at Killington, but all 19 of us were determined to make it one of our most epic trips ever. We might have had some trouble finding some last minute lodging but what we did find was able to accommodate us and had some pretty sweet amenities.

Each morning we woke up to breakfast prepared by Chef Will who graciously volunteered his time to cook all of our meals for us, who says we need Jeff?! (JK - Kidding Jeff) After a long day on the slopes we would retire back to the house for a wonderful dinner, some recreational beverages and activities that may have consisted of cards, pool, foosball, dancing, Chris Brown, the hot tub and perhaps all of the above in no particular order.

To keep with tradition we finished out Saturday with our Great Eastern Race. For those who are not familiar with this, we park at the Skyship Gondola and everyone meets at the top of Sky Peak at 4PM for our last run of the day, Great Eastern. Great Eastern is a green circle easy trail that is more than a couple miles long, it's great for skiers but tricky for snowboarders if they are unable to carry their speed. Not to mention it's very easy to go off course and find yourself at a different base and automatically disqualified, our yellow snowball trophy goes to Riley for being the first to arrive at the base of BEAR MOUNTAIN! Our first and second place go out to TJ & Billy Breslin for flying down the mountain on their skies and making it safely with no injuries. We'll have to get these two up against our prior year winners Brad Snyder & Jeff Janos for the Great Eastern Championships!

After 3 nights and 2 days on the mountain we were eager to make our way home, the -17 degree wind chill had nothing to do with it. However, it did help Kevin Grooman consume the leftover beer we had left. The trip was nothing short of a good time and the members that made it happen were twice as awesome. We can't wait to do it again next year, you won't want to miss it!





Breckenridge, CO

7 Tips for making a good trip great!

Trips out West can be great fun, but are sometimes pricey. If you're smart about the trip, you can have save some money.

1) Go during off-peak times - early in the season (before February) is a great time to go to Breckenridge. Weekday lift lines are short or non-existent. An added bonus is that lift tickets are less expensive during these times. The tradeoff you make is that there is sometimes less snow coverage (above the tree line is sometimes not open completely), and it can be very cold. I've had great luck going in January. Weather is generally tolerable (20's at the base) and there's been decent coverage.

2) Book at least 7 days in advance online (14 if you've never gone) at www.snow.com - Breckenridge participates in the Peaks Pass. This is a part rewards program, part digital lift ticket system. If you've never purchased one before, you should order extra early. The pass is mailed to you, and if you order your first one only 7 days ahead of time, it will often arrive after you've left for your trip. The other reason to purchase 7 days in advance is that you get a price break on your lift tickets. This year, I saved over \$100 by buying my 5 day pass online ahead of time. A note of caution: in the past, Peaks has allowed you to pay the difference between discount pass levels if you want to "add a day" (e.g. move from a 5 day pass to a 6 day pass); this year it was the full daily window rate if you wanted to add a day, so be sure to plan your trip out ahead of time to get the best deal.

3) Spend some extra money on accommodations - staying within walking distance of a lift or public transportation option to the slopes is a huge advantage. Not only can you return mid-day if you want a warm lunch on the cheap, it takes the hassle out of getting everyone ready to head to the slopes together. Make sure the place you stay has a kitchen. Cooking dinner yourself will make the trip a lot more affordable. There are several grocery stores in Breckenridge (City Market offers a decent selection, and if you have a Kroger's card, you get discounts) where you can outfit yourself.

4) Bring spices with you - don't expect a rental to have sugar, syrup, or any spices. If you want them, it's easier to just bring them along.

5) Take a day off - The truth is that, no matter how in shape you are, the altitude will really take it out of you if you aren't used to it. Planning for a break mid-week will make the entire trip more enjoyable. There are plenty of things that go on in Breckenridge throughout the winter off the slopes, and you can always check out the outlet mall that's 20 minutes away.

6) Check out the consignment shops - there are several in Breckenridge and the surrounding towns. You can find great deals on used gear at them.

7) Ride the whole mountain - there are several different types of terrain scattered about Breckenridge. Each Peak is unique. Peak 10 is primarily groomed expert terrain. From Peak 9 you can get access to the back country, it's base contains the most heavily traveled slopes for beginners, and it's upper areas contain groomed intermediate terrain. Peak 8 is the highest and is the best place to go to gain access to the entire resort. It has a lot of varied terrain (from extreme to beginner), several high speed lifts and terrain parks. Peak 7's lower areas is almost exclusively intermediate terrain. The trails are wide and rolling, and the area is generally less crowded because there is no direct car access (ski and gondola only).

Resort Closings



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Dual Snowboards??

Snowblades might have never really caught on, but what about snowblades for boarders? It sounds like a crazy idea, but I hope to see someone on these next season. At least you wouldn't have to unclip when on an uphill traverse. Checkout the [website](#)



Social Networking

Just because the ski season is at an end doesn't mean the club is closed. We will still be hosting parties and other outdoor events. So follow us on *Twitter*, friend us on *Facebook*, and join us *Meetup.com*. Click any of the buttons below to go right to our pages. This winter social networking will be the best way to join us for trips to the local resorts, or anywhere else the snow is falling.



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