



New Website for ASSC

ASSC has a new home on the World Wide Web at www.assconline.net. (same as the old address except use net instead of org) where you can buy memberships and eventually Sunday ski tickets and more.

And we're going to give away 10 pair of Blue Knob lift tickets in a drawing from all of the adult members who go to the site and renew or establish a membership online by Dec. 16.

ASSC membership runs from Nov. 1 through Oct. 31 of the next year, so all existing memberships are coming up for renewal.

The site is still under construction, but the pages for membership applications are functional. You can pay your membership with PayPal or with a credit card through PayPal, even if you don't have a PayPal account.

We expect within a couple of weeks, ASSC members will be able to purchase their Sunday Ski tickets online on the same site rather than mailing it in.

We are in the process of redirecting the assconline.org URL to the new site.

Your comments on the new website – assconline.net – are encouraged as we strive to make it convenient for you. Feel free to contact Steve Carpenter at cornsnow@yahoo.com or 931-4619 or any of the officers with your feedback.

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2013 Membership Information

This year ASSC is returning to the individual and family membership format. Individual memberships will be \$20 and family memberships for up to two adults and children under the ages of 18 will be \$35. As noted above we encourage you to use the new website to complete the necessary form and pay for your membership online with PayPal or using a credit card through PayPal (no PayPal account needed).

Reasons to be a member of ASSC this winter:

1. Sunday ski program has flexibility and a great rate on lift tickets
2. ASSC 2012-13 membership card will get you an all-day lift ticket for \$25 at Blue Knob (non-holidays) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
3. Coupons available to members for half off a Monday night lift ticket at Seven Springs for ASSC members.
4. \$20 all-day lift ticket on Wednesdays (nonholiday) at Hidden Valley with ASSC membership card.
5. \$32 all-day lift ticket on Sundays (nonholiday) at Hidden Valley with ASSC membership card.
6. Discounted learn to ski/snowboard special at Seven Springs on Sunday, Jan. 6. For \$20 beginners can get a level 1 ski or board group lesson for 115 minutes, rental equipment and limited access lift ticket (chairs 3 and 4 and carpets 1, 2, 3). Preregistration required.
7. Level 2 ski or snowboard lessons, rentals and all-access lift ticket is \$30 on Sunday, Jan. 6, at Seven Springs. Preregistration required.
8. Access to Western Pennsylvania Ski Council events and trips.
9. Other social and recreational activities.
10. Chance to ski and party with friends.

Nomination of Officers

Election of Officers will be held at the monthly meeting at TGIFridays on Monday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. We are looking for nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Director. Please send all nominations to Don Osborn at ddos505@atlanticbb.net. Nominations will be accepted until October 31st.

Sunday Ski Information

ASSC Sunday Skiing Program will run Jan. 6, 2013 until March 3, 2013 (weather permitting).

- \$19 Lift Tickets valid 1:00—6:00 pm.
- Ski rentals \$12 and snowboard rentals \$12. Adults and kids pay the same rate. Each participant must purchase **at least four** tickets and must be an ASSC member or a child under the age of 18 of an ASSC member.
- Each Participant can get only one ticket per week.
- No refunds for unused tickets or rentals.
- Tickets available from ASSC from 12:40 until 1:15 pm in the rental shop. Tickets not picked up by 1:15 pm are forfeited.
- Reservations due by 6:00 pm Saturday each week. No reservations, cancellations or changes will be accepted on Sunday.
- Lift tickets CANNOT be sold or given to anyone not part of ASSC's program.
- Failure to follow the rules will result in ejection from the program and forfeiture of all unused lift tickets and rentals. No refunds will be given.
- Form and payment must be received by Dec. 16th. Sunday Ski Program forms and payment can be completed on the new website www.assconline.net in the near future.

Western PA Ski Council Specials for ASSC Members

WPSC trip to Mount Snow

While the buses are full, people can still drive to Vermont for the Western Pennsylvania Ski Council trip to Mount Snow. As of Oct. 4, there were 90 people on the trip, and 17 rooms are available for those who want to drive.

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The trip is Sunday, Jan 27, to Friday, Feb 1, 2013. The cost for people providing their own transportation is \$675 for a single; \$540 for double; \$520 for triple and \$500 for quad occupancy.

As in the past, should you request a double and do not have a roommate, one will be assigned. Should a second person not be available, you will receive a single room, but be charged at the lower cost double rate. Triples and Quads are available on request – not assigned. The price includes arrival party, five nights lodging at The Lodge at Mount Snow or The Inn at Mount Snow, Monday ski trip to Mount Stratton, four- day lift ticket at Mount Snow, five hot and cold breakfasts and five evening meals.

For more details and to check on availability, contact Charles R. Santi at 724-225-6445, or better yet, send an email to: crsanti@comcast.net.

WPSC trip to Winter Park, Colo.

As of Oct. 4, four spots remain for the WPSC trip to Winter Park, Colo., from Saturday, March 2, to Saturday, March 9, 2013.

The cost is \$981 per person, double occupancy. This includes:

- Seven nights lodging at the resort and all taxes, Roundtrip Air and motor-coach to resort (1 hour grocery stop). Flights are out of Pittsburgh and Akron, depending on seats available. Deduct \$406.50 for those not needing air transport.
- 5-day lift ticket to Winter Park.
- Welcome wine & cheese party
- There is an optional one-day trip to Copper Mountain planned, which would cost about \$80 extra.

A payment of \$566 due by Oct. 15 (This includes \$150 deposit and second payment of \$416 due Oct. 15. Final payment of \$415 or any balance due by Dec. 15. Late payments will incur a \$20 surcharge.

Email questions to: Craig Schneider at craig518@msn.com or call (814) 397-4742

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Graphite ski poles just \$35.50 per set

The National Ski Council Federation has a super offer: Graphite composite ski poles at \$35.50 per set, delivered to your door. You order the size (length) you need and place the order. When the total ordered reaches 500 sets, they will be manufactured, and you will be charged.

The poles have really nice graphics and include logos of all of the Federation councils - not a stick-on, but as a part of the finish. They are life-time

guaranteed and include interchangeable baskets of two sizes, for groomed and powder conditions.

The flyer for ordering can be found at the www.skifederation.org website and the pole information flyer link is on the right hand side of the home page.

Through our membership in the Western PA Ski Council, National Ski Council Federation programs are available to ASSC members.

Scandinavian Cruise

WPSC is organizing a Scandinavian cruise for Aug. 27-Sept. 5. Prices vary from about \$2,000 to \$3,000 depending on accommodations. For complete details, contact Mike Dziubkowski at 814-664-7189 or email n3gcy@verizon.net

Activities

- Saturday Oct. 13th, Fall Foliage Paddle at Prince Gallitzin State Park at 2:00 pm. We will meet at the Beaverdam boat launch, which is the boat launch closest to the dam on the northwest side of the lake. From there we will paddle up the Slate Lick part of the lake and is undeveloped. The main part of the lake can be very windy, so dress accordingly. For directions click on the map link at the top and find the green arrow. Park map: http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/ucmprd2/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_003281.pdf
- Sunday Oct. 14th, Allegheny Front Fall Colors Hike, County line loop, Gallitzin State Forest. We will be hiking the County Line Loop Trail in the Gallitzin State Forest on the Bedford-Somerset county line. We will meet at 10am at the parking area at the intersection of PA 56 and Buffalo Rd. Here you should be able to pick up a trail map. Then we will then drive about 4 miles down Buffalo Rd. to the starting point at the Skyline Drive overlook. From here, standing on the edge of the Allegheny Front you can see Blue Knob, Pennsylvania's second highest mountain and the ridges and valleys to the east. The hike is a 7 mile loop which will first take us along Shade Creek and then climb several moderate hills to the second overlook and then returning back along the edge of the Allegheny Front. The loop is shared use trail made up of a combination of double track and single track trails with an elevation change of 460 feet. The pace will be about 2-3 mph with stops for lunch and to enjoy the scenery. Lunch will be at the second overlook where there is a picnic table. Bring water and a lunch for the trail and wear a good pair of hiking shoes.

- Tuesday Oct. 23rd, Monthly Mixer 7:30 pm at TGIF. This is a ASSC Relay for Life Team Fundraiser with 20% of the food purchases being donated to our RFL team. So come and join the fun and help benefit a worthy cause.
- Blue Knob Halloween Party Sat. Oct. 27th, 8:00 pm till ??? at the Clubhouse Grill in the condo area. Party is for 21 & older. Admission is \$10 and includes food and first alcoholic drink. There will be prizes for best costumes and DJ entertainment.
- Watch for new upcoming activities on the ASSC Meetup website. Visit the site at www.meetup/assc You can view the calendar of events, see pictures from recent activities and view additional ASSC information

Current ASSC Officers

President—Don Osborn

Vice-President—Dan Brady

Secretary—Sherri Wechs

Treasurer—Caitlin Morder

Activities –Deb Greene

Web Master—Ken Hartung

WPSC Representative—Steve Carpenter

If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to add to the next newsletter, please email Deb at

debgreene@atlanticbb.net.