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Jonas Kicks Off Ski Season With a BANG!



Skiers and Snowboarders hit the slopes at Jfbb–Jack Frost/Big Boulder

By: Nicholas Gill

Let it snow! That is not the declaration you will hear from residents of Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington D.C., but for local ski resorts, it rings true.

Winter storm Jonas brought winter in with a bang and really kicked off the skiing season after warm weather and little snow delayed the start. Shawnee Mountain was the beneficiary of 18" of snow. Jack Frost-Big Boulder saw 10" inches fall.

"Conditions are good," Jack Frost-Big Boulder general manager Mark Daubert said. "The cold air and snow finally got here so we are 100 percent. It's been really great the past few weeks."

The cold weather and snow have allowed ski resorts to ratchet up snow making and incorporate Mother Nature's help to create a strong base. Montage Mountain is working with an 18-40 inch base of well-groomed snowpacks on their trails. Shawnee is 100 percent operational with a 24-48 inch base and Jack Frost-Big Boulder is working with a 12-36 inch base.

With the resorts working hard to make the trails perfect, they are offering some fun events to showcase their product. The month of February is the perfect time to enjoy these events. For the entire month, Montage Mountain will offer a Throwback Tuesday special where all lift tickets are \$19.84. They also offer a College Wednesday promotion where students can show their 2015-2016 ID for an extended lift ticket and rental for \$25.

One of the most enjoyable events will be on February 13th. Montage will host Torch Light Parade and President's Day Weekend Fireworks. The event includes



New Snow and Snowmaking bring the crowds to Montage Mountain

live entertainment and prize giveaways as well as a sun set torch paraded down Main Line. A fireworks display will follow to put the finishing touches on a great day.

Shawnee Mountain is also offering terrific events throughout February and March. Beginning Saturday February 6th, Shawnee will host the 3rd annual Paint the Mountain Pink. Patrons can enjoy the day and support the Hope for Strength Breast Cancer fund in the process.

On Sunday February 7th, Shawnee hosts the Joe Riesle Memorial NASTAR race to honor their friend and colleague who battled cancer. The race is open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and will benefit the American Cancer Society.

"It's a nice event to support the breast cancer cause," Shawnee general manager Jim Tust said. "We give away 'Hope for Strength' headbands and have special activities throughout the weekend. We do a race against cancer to support Joe Riesle. For anyone that enters the race, we donate to the American Cancer society."

Shawnee also hosts a Military Appreciation Weekend on March 18-20. All active duty military persons and their immediate family will receive free lift tickets and a rental. All retired and reserve military person will receive a 50% discount.

"Military appreciation weekend is where we give free lift tickets and rentals to any active duty military person and their families," Tust said. "It's a nice way to say thank you. Other military affiliates get a half price discount."

Big Boulder will host a Carve 4 Cancer event February 6th. Every full day lift ticket purchase will result in a donation to fight blood cancer. Carve 4 Cancer will include live music, prizes, and demos to try out the newest gear. You can also enter rail jams to test your skills on the courses.



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Vonn Chalks Up World Cup Victory No. 73



Lindsey Vonn skis toward victory #73 at Sunday's super G in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria. (Getty/ Agence Zoom-Christophe Pallot)

Lindsey Vonn (C) of the USA takes 1st place, Lara Gut of Switzerland takes 2nd place and Cornelia Huetter of Austria takes 3rd place during the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Women's Super-G in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria.

ALTENMARKT, Austria (Jan. 9, 2016) – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) extended her super G win streak to four with a commanding victory over her top rival in the hunt for the overall World Cup title at Sunday's Audi FIS Alpine World Cup.

Despite some initial doubt, Vonn absolutely crushed the course for her 73rd overall World Cup victory. Switzerland's Lara Gut, the current overall World Cup leader, was second. Austria's Cornelia Huetter in third.

"I don't think that was good enough," Vonn said after coming out of the 16th start position to best then current leader Francesca Marsaglia of Italy by a whopping 1.34 seconds. But indeed it was good enough as Gut, wearing bib 17, didn't carry enough speed into the bottom section of the course and settled into second place, .70 off Vonn's winning time.

"The bottom part of this course ... was the most important part of the course," Vonn said. "I think I was smart with my tactics and I felt like I was going pretty fast. But, you never know until you get to the finish."

Vonn led another solid American team effort as Laurenne Ross (Bend, OR) finished 12th, Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain, CA) 28th, Jackie Wiles (Aurora, OR) 30th, Breezy Johnson (Salt Lake City, UT) 39th, Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, CO) 40th and Abby Ghent (Edwards, CO) 41st. Anna Marno (Steamboat Springs, CO) DN-Fed.

With the victory, Vonn closed to within 38 points of Gut's overall World Cup lead. She credits her two-victory success this weekend to a long break back home in Colorado over the holidays with family and friends.

"I had a lot of confidence after Lake Louise and then in Val d'Isere I felt like I lost my confidence a little bit after going out in the downhill," she said. "I went home, I had a good break and I feel energized again. I feel really good mentally and physically, and I think that showed in this weekend's racing."

"It's a perfect start to the New Year," she added. "Hopefully I can just continue on in this direction and hopefully just keep winning."

Up next, the women's tech team heads to Flachau, Austria for slalom

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) won her 73rd career World Cup victory, and her fourth-straight World Cup super G.
- Lara Gut continues to lead the overall World Cup standings by 38 points over Vonn.

- Vonn leads the World Cup super G standings by 80 points over Cornelia Huetter.
- Katja Seizinger of Germany won a record five super G races in a row between March and December 1997. Vonn has now won four in a row for the second time in her career. Vonn's first streak was between February and March 2009, and the current streak dates back to March of 2015.

QUOTES: Lindsey Vonn

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Altenmarkt-Zauchensee (AUT) 2nd LADIES' SUPER-G OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Nation	TIME	Diff.	Race Points
VONN Lindsey	USA	1:12.75		0.00
GUT Lara	SUI	1:13.45	0.70	10.39
HUETTER Cornelia	AUT	1:14.00	1.25	18.56
FANCHINI Nadia	ITA	1:14.01	1.26	18.71
GOERGL Elisabeth	AUT	1:14.05	1.30	19.30
MARSAGLIA Francesca	ITA	1:14.09	1.34	19.89
SCHMIDHOFER Nicole	AUT	1:14.21	1.46	21.67
KLING Kajsa	SWE	1:14.32	1.57	23.31
SCHNARF Johanna	ITA	1:14.33	1.58	23.46
BRIGNONE Federica	ITA	1:14.54	1.79	26.57
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Despite the warm weather affecting majority of our East Coast series early in the season, 2016 is well underway with events across the rest of the country. Members across the US are excited to put their skills to the test in all 5 disciplines: Rail Jam, Boarder / Skiercross, Slopestyle, Slalom, and Halfpipe. The excitement at the end of each event with distribution of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals as well as cool sponsored giveaways and other great swag prizes makes for a great event.



EASTERN REGION Mid-Atlantic Series

The Mid-Atlantic Series began in 1988 under the direction of Tony and Cathy Lincoln. In 1998 the torch was passed to Bill Van Gilder and his wife Rebecca Van Gilder. They have grown together with the many families in the region competing at their events over the years. Bill and Rebecca are proud parents of a little girl, Harper, born in 2012. They are hoping she too enjoys the winter life (and competing.)

As one of the longest running regions on the country, the Mid-Atlantic hosts Rail Jam, Slopestyle, Skier/Boardercross, Slalom and Giant Slalom Events. The Mid-Atlantic is a fun family focused series. The emphasis at each Mid-Atlantic event is to have fun, improve and develop a life long passion for snow sports. They offer a true grassroots competition experience with safe, fun and fair events, which allows aspiring competitors of all ages to get together and have some fun.

Results List USASA - Mid Atlantic Series

Big Boulder Slopestyle 1		Slopestyle, 40 Competitors		1/23/2016	
		Run-1	Run-2	Avg.	Points
Breaker Boys (12-13) - 4					
Jonathan Male	Stbg, PA	72 74 71	70 70 68	72.33	1040
Caleb Demers	Stbg, PA	65 65 64	33 35 32	64.67	930
Jake Smith	Easton, PA	34 32 34	29 25 31	33.33	820
Breaker Girls (12-13) - 1					
Addison Gardner	Reigelville, PA	26 23 28	61 58 62	60.33	1010
Grommet Boys (8-9) - 4					
Chase Pepperman	Chester Sprg, PA	23 24 22	12 19 10	23.00	1040
Chase Rubincam	Wyndmoor, PA	18 21 20	11 17 15	19.67	930
Ryan Pepperman	Chester Sprg, PA	15 14 15	8 9 10	14.67	820
Grommet Girls (8-9) - 2					
Nicole Crane	Glen Rock, NJ	25 25 26	30 27 29	28.67	1020
Teagan Ulrich	Island Park, NY	5 5 7	4 5 6	5.67	910
Junior Men (16-17) - 1					
Ben Marmer	Pocono Pines, PA	30 28 28	67 68 68	67.67	1010
Junior Women (16-17) - 1					
Alexa Cerra	Branchville, NJ	60 60 57	30 30 28	59.00	1010
Kahuna Men (50-59) - 1					
Jeff Sheppard	Deptford, NJ	40 40 41	50 45 44	46.33	1010
Legend Men (40-49) - 1					
Timothy Clause	Reading, PA	38 38 39	40 40 40	40.00	1010
Master Men (30-39) - 2					
Adam Moeller	Center Valley, PA	34 34 33	30 32 32	33.67	1020
Michael Marchand	Brooklyn, NY	28 3 29	32 31 32	31.67	910
Men Jam's (18-22) - 2					
Evan Marmer	Pocono Pines, PA	33 32 31	74 71 73	72.67	1020
Steven Cerra	Branchville, NJ	37 36 35	50 51 52	51.00	910

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Big Boulder Slopestyle 1		Slopestyle, 40 Competitors		1/23/2016	
		Run-1	Run-2	Avg.	Points
Menehune Boys (10-11) - 2					
Jonathan Seifarth	Schwenksville, PA	50 47 48	46 45 45	48.33	1020
James Mitsch	Ottsville, PA	35 35 35	20 20 21	35.00	910
Menehune Girls (10-11) - 2					
Kaitlyn Simat	Point Lookout, NY	30 29 29	34 32 32	32.67	1020
Abigail Ronca	Bethlehem, PA	28 28 27	32 30 30	30.67	910
Ruggie Boys (7 & Under) - 1					
LJ Henriquez	Little Falls, NJ	20 19 19	10 11 12	19.33	
1010Skier Boys (10-12) - 3					
Zander Marks	Quakertown, PA	65 64 61	71 72 69	70.67	1030
Joe Cuesta	West Chester, PA	40 40 41	59 70 57	62.00	920
Nate Inzerillo	Cntr Moriches, NY	34 35 35	56 50 55	53.67	810
Skier Girls (10-12) - 2					
Jenna Riccomini	Port Matilda, PA	58 57 56	48 52 54	57.00	1020
Taylor Kellar	Albrightsville, PA	52 50 49	52 50 48	50.33	910
Skier Men (13-15) - 7					
John Rioux III	Stony Point, NY	82 79 79	50 50 49	80.00	1050
Vincent Diaz	Stony Point, NY	72 73 72	71 71 71	72.33	940
Tyler Riccomini	Port Matilda, PA	58 58 62	40 54 40	59.33	830
Skier Men (16-18) - 1					
Garrett Hawkins	Dingmans Fery, PA	50 51 49	48 50 47	50.00	1010
Skier Men (19-29) - 1					
Joseph Krauss	Brodheads ville, PA	35 35 37	52 48 54	51.33	1010
Skier Women (13-15) - 1					
Courtney Burns	Schwenksville, PA	DNS	DNS	00.00	
Youth Men (14-15) - 1					
Jack Mitchell	Buck Hill Falls, PA	85 84 85	72 71 68	84.67	1010



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
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Vonn Breaks Downhill Record



Lindsey Vonn races the downhill at Cortina.
(Getty Images/Agence Zoom-Francis Bompard)



Vonn stands atop the podium, flanked by Larisa Yurkiw and Lara Gut.
(Getty Images/Agence Zoom-Francis Bompard)

CORTINA, Italy (Jan. 23, 2016) – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) smashed yet another record on Saturday in Cortina, winning her 37th Audi FIS Ski World Cup downhill.

On the track where Vonn broke the all-time World Cup win record last season, Vonn battled wind to take the win and break Annemarie Moser-Proell's record of 36 downhill wins.

"I love Cortina! It's the place I got my first podium. Last year, breaking the overall wins record—that was incredible," said a breathless Vonn. "It was just another perfect day in Cortina."

This newest title means Vonn is the winningest woman in downhill skiing. Her next focus would be to beat Ingemar Stenarm's World Cup win record of 86, however, Vonn chooses to concentrate on ski racing.

"The more people talk about the record, the harder it is to break them. I try to stay focused on my skiing," said Vonn after her win. "I thought I skied really well on the top—I went a little too straight on the bottom, but was able to pull it off ... I'm just really happy to come away with another win and another record."

It looked like Vonn was going to take the win by a large margin, but fellow North American Larisa Yurkiw of Canada reproduced her best World Cup result to take second, just .28 seconds off of Vonn. Switzerland's Lara Gut, who holds the World Cup overall lead, was third. Vonn's win moved her to within 10 points of Gut's overall World Cup lead.

It was a steep and fast course with many of the ladies making mistakes, but three USA ladies were able to grab points. Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain, CA) was 15th, Laurene Ross (Bend, OR) 19th and Jackie Wiles (Aurora, OR) 30th. Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, CO) was 35th, Breezy Johnson (Salt Lake City, UT) 37th and Anna Marno (Steamboat Springs, CO) 38th.

Highlights:

- Lindsey Vonn took her 74th World Cup win and her 37th World Cup downhill win, breaking Annemarie Moser-Proell's downhill win record.
- It was Vonn's 10th win in Cortina and seventh win in the 2015-16 season.
- Larisa Yurkiw of Canada was second and Lara Gut of Switzerland was third.
- Vonn tied Moser-Proell's downhill win record in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, where Yurkiw was also second.
- The race struggled with wind and fended off delays throughout the event.
- Vonn trails Gut for the overall World Cup by 10 points. Vonn leads the downhill standings over Yurkiw by 122 points.

Quotes: Lindsey Vonn

I think there was a lot of pressure. The more people talk about the record, the harder it is to break them. I try to stay focused on my skiing. I thought I skied really well on the top—I went a little too straight on the bottom, but was able to pull it off. It's always tricky with these

conditions—the wind was going back and forth. Some people got headwind; some people got tailwind. I'm just really happy to come away with another win and another record.

It's an outdoor sport. You can't control the conditions. But thankfully I was able to overcome it and come away with another record. I'm trying not to think about it too much because otherwise I'll get distracted, but tomorrow is another race and hopefully another chance to win.

I need to just focus on tomorrow—one day at a time, one race at a time. I can't start calculating the numbers because it gets into my head. It makes it harder than it needs to be. I just need to ski solid and not have any mistakes. Then the results will come and the records will come. You can't put the cart before the horse.

I love Cortina. It's the place I got my first podium. Last year, breaking the overall wins record—that was incredible. My sister is here today and a lot of the tech girls are here, which is really nice. I don't think I've ever had tech girls come to watch me ski a speed race, so that was something special for me. Of course, all my teammates on the speed side are really supportive too. It was just another perfect day in Cortina.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2015/16

Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA) 5th LADIES' DOWNHILL

OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Nation	Time	Diff.	Race Points
VONN Lindsey	USA	1:37.01		0.00
YURKIW Larisa	CAN	1:37.29	0.28	3.61
GUT Lara	SUI	1:37.68	0.67	8.63
WEIRATHER Tina	LIE	1:38.02	1.01	13.01
SCHNARF Johanna	ITA	1:38.07	1.06	13.66
MIKLOS Edit	HUN	1:38.09	1.08	13.92
KLING Kajsa	SWE	1:38.32	1.31	16.88
REBENBURG Viktoria	GER	1:38.62	1.61	20.75
STUFFER Verena	ITA	1:38.76	1.75	22.55
PUCHNER Mirjam	AUT	1:38.76	1.75	22.55
SUTER Corinne	SUI	1:38.77	1.76	22.68
HUETTER Cornelia	AUT	1:38.86	1.85	23.84
GOERGL Elisabeth	AUT	1:38.93	1.92	24.74
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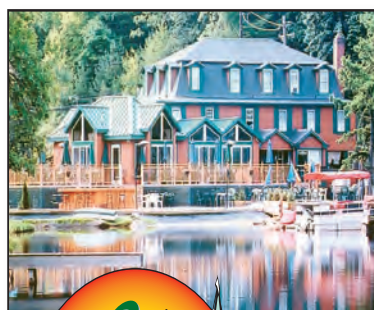
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January 23, 2016 Big Boulder Slopestyle #2

January 24, 2016 Big Boulder Rail Jam #2

January 30, 2016 Camelback Slalom #1 & #2

January 31, 2016 Camelback Giant Slalom #1 & #2

February 6, 2016 Blue Mountain Skier/Boardercross #1

February 7, 2016 Blue Mountain Skier/ Boardercross #2

February 20, 2016 Roundtop Slalom #3 & #4

February 21, 2016 Roundtop Giant Slalom #3 & #4

February 26, 2016 Big Boulder Skier/Boardercross Training Day

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Vonn Takes World Cup Win 75



Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) shared the podium with Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein (left) in second & Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany in third at the super G Sunday. (Getty/Agence Zoom-Francis Bompard)

CORTINA, Italy (Jan. 24, 2016) – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) notched another Audi FIS Ski World Cup victory, number 75, Sunday in super G and moved into the overall World Cup lead.

Vonn took victory No. 75 in commanding fashion by 0.69 over Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein. Germany's Viktoria Rebensburg was third. Lara Gut of Switzerland held the overall World Cup lead by 10 points over Vonn coming into Sunday's super G, but finished fifth and surrendered the lead to Vonn by 45 points in what has become a back and forth battle for the overall.

"This weekend has been incredible," said Vonn, who also won Saturday's downhill. "I feel like all the speed weekends have been amazing. I'm just skiing really well, skiing confident."

Five Americans finished in the World Cup points Sunday. Stacey Cook (Mammoth, CA) was eighth, Laurenne Ross (Bend, OR) 14th, Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, CO) 28th and Anna Marno (Steamboat Springs, CO) scored her first World Cup points, finishing 30th. Abby Ghent (Edwards, CO) was 36th.

Vonn won for the 11th time at Cortina, sweeping both the downhill and super G at the Italian resort for the third time in her career.

"This place is incredibly special for me," Vonn said. "I've broken quite a few records here. I'm always confident and happy here when I'm in the starting gate, and I think that shows with my skiing. I wish we had more races here."

Swiss ski team coach Roland Platzer set a tight, technical course for the women on Sunday; one that many felt didn't favor Vonn's skiing style. But she proved them wrong.

"It was interesting to see the course set today," Vonn said. "It was a set a little bit more technical, and people thought that maybe I wouldn't be able to win with that set, but I skied well. I'm a good turner!"

Up next, the women head to Maribor, Slovenia for giant slalom and slalom events. Then off to Garmisch, Germany for downhill and super G races.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lindsey Vonn won her 75th career Audi FIS Ski World Cup race Sunday in super G.
- Vonn now leads the overall World Cup standings by 45 points over Lara Gut
- Vonn has won 11 World Cup races (downhill and super G) at Cortina.
- Stacy Cook scored a career-best World Cup super G finish in 8th Sunday.



Lindsey Vonn notched victory number 75 in Sunday's super G in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. (Getty/Agence Zoom-Francis Bompard)

- Anna Marno scored her first career World Cup points, finishing 30th Sunday.
- Vonn also leads the overall super G and downhill World Cup standings.

QUOTES: Lindsey Vonn

This weekend has been incredible. I feel like all the speed weekends have been amazing. I'm just skiing really well, skiing confident.

The snow here is absolutely perfect. This place is incredibly special for me. I've broken quite a few records here now; I enjoy the time here. I'm always confident and happy here when I'm in the starting gate and I think that shows with my skiing. I wish we had more races here.

Stacey Cook

Super G is definitely a tougher event for me, I have no consistency in it at all, so I'm happy when I can throw down a run that is in there with some of the best. I'm really psyched about the time, more psyched about how fun it was, because the snow was about as perfect as you could ever ask for.

I was maybe a little passive in the middle part (of the course today), in the turns. My confidence isn't quite there, but it's growing and growing and this definitely helps.

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OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Nation	TIME	Diff.	Race Points
VONN Lindsey	USA	1:26.55		0.00
WEIRATHER Tina	LIE	1:27.24	0.69	8.61
REBENSBURG Viktoria	GER	1:27.70	1.15	14.35
HUETTER Cornelia	AUT	1:27.74	1.19	14.85
GUT Lara	SUI	1:27.86	1.31	16.35
KLING Kajsa	SWE	1:28.02	1.47	18.34
SUTER Corinne	SUI	1:28.25	1.70	21.21
COOK Stacey	USA	1:28.42	1.87	23.33
BRIGNONE Federica	ITA	1:28.58	2.03	25.33
VENIER Stephanie	AUT	1:28.73	2.18	27.20
CURTONI Elena	ITA	1:28.73	2.18	27.20
YURKIW Larisa	CAN	1:28.79	2.24	27.95
STUHEC Ilka	SLO	1:28.80	2.25	28.08
ROSS Laurenne	USA	1:28.85	2.30	28.70
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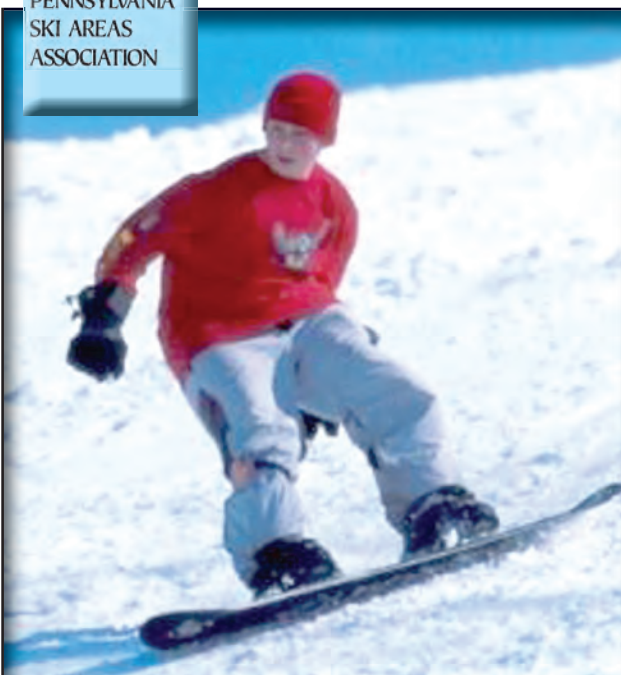
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Media Release

White Haven, PA - January 2014 - Pennsylvania is a land of economic opportunity - especially for skiers and snow surfers trying to make a recreation budget last through the winter. Skiing close to home has real advantages. Think for a minute about the cost, of driving 600 miles round trip for a ski week or weekend. The savings, by staying in a 50 mile range of home on nearby Pennsylvania slopes, is enough for a lift ticket and a lunch.

But 21 Keystone State winter resorts that are members of the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association offer a bounty of bargains that provide more skiing and riding for the dollar. Look for a range of special offers at resorts and ski shops near home.

Many Pennsylvania resorts have on-line bookings for everything from lift tickets, rentals and lessons to accommodations. Interactive resort web sites will frequently offer special discounts or coupons.

And, on Resort Facebook and Twitter pages many times followers will find last minute specials.

Midweek skiing provides some of the best bargains. Virtually every one of the PSAA resorts provides mid-week discounts by hosting special days for a wide range of people profiles - everyone fits in. How about "Men's Day"? That's followed by "Women's Day". Then there's "Student's Day", "Public Servant's Day", etc; you get the idea.

Beginners are also special people. They enjoy package prices that are deeply discounted and include lessons, rental equipment and lift tickets. Some Pennsylvania resorts even offer season-long discounts after visitors buy their first beginner package. During the month of January, you can also take advantage of the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month programs across the state too.

Mid-Week "Ski and Stay" plans help stretch a budget through the winter and provide mid-week and weekend rates that offer more skiing and riding, less driving and lower cost. They typically include condominium accommodations with cooking facilities for anywhere from 4 to 10 people. Splitting the cost provides an easy-on-the-wallet vacation. The packages often include lift tickets or discounted tickets, rentals and lessons.

Senior citizens also rate special rates and some Pennsylvania resorts still honor a tradition going back more than half a century that allows skiers, 70 and over to hit the slopes, free.

And finally, if you have a fourth grader at home, PSAA member areas are providing up to 63 days of free lift tickets, rental equipment and lessons to introduce them to skiing and riding. A fourth and fifth grade Snowpass is available at www.skipa.com.

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are welcome to attend.

A special luncheon will be served on February 3, following the clinic. Marianne Infantino a board member of AAA and avid skier will speak about how she started the senior ski club some 25 years ago and representatives of AAA will talk about eating healthy and staying in shape for ski season. Joe Yozviak and Bill Runner will talk a bit about ski safety and improvement. Joe will work with the expert skiers, Eric Ueland, Richard Mailman with

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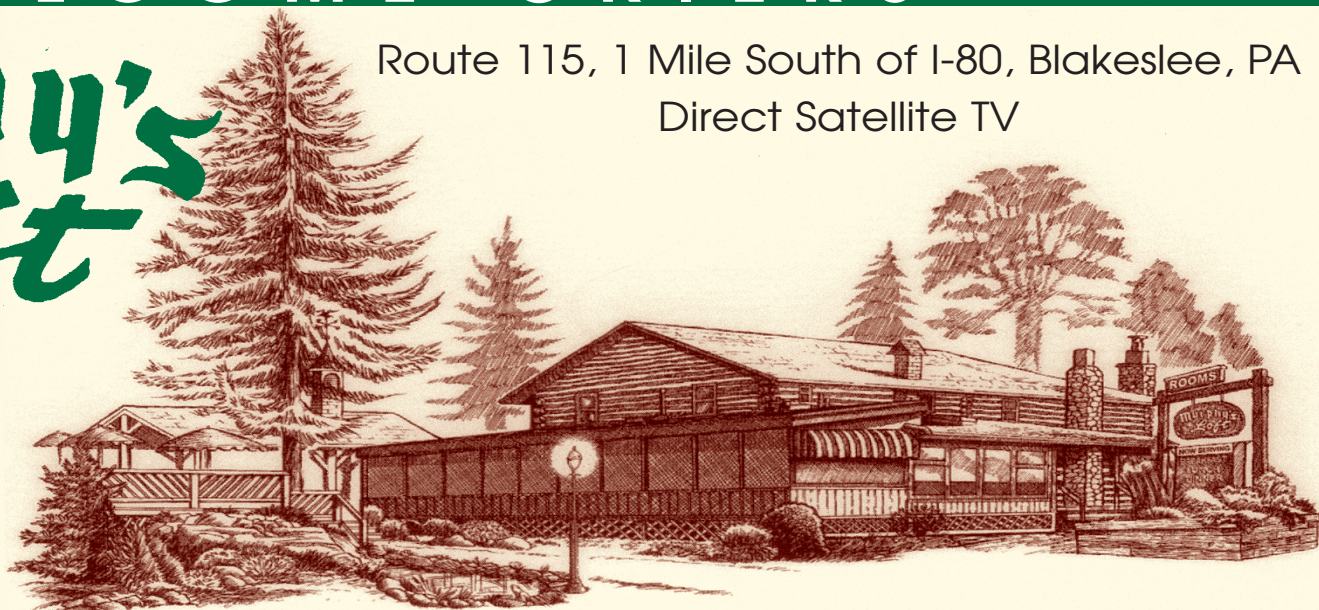
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