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Cold Weather/Snowmakers - Heros of the Slopes



Jfbb—Jack Frost/Big Boulder are snowmaking every chance they get

by Nick Gill

Meghan Trainor's song taught us that it is all about that base. That sentiment rings true for local ski resorts, except they are trying to build a snow base. As the temperatures finally dip below freezing, ski resorts have cranked up the snow making process to ensure skiers, snowboarders, and tubers have optimal conditions to enjoy during the season.

It has been a tough winter for skiing as temperatures have been milder in December, and November but recent frigid temperatures have provided places like Jack Frost-Big Boulder, Camelback Mountain, Shawnee Mountain, Montage Mountain, Blue Mountain, and Alpine Mountain the ability to establish that base snow.

"We are taking advantage of that recent arctic air to make snow," Mark Daubert, general manager of Jack Frost-Big Boulder said. "We are pumping out tons and tons of snow. Now that the cold air has come in, we are running flat out. We are planning to run 24 hours to add more terrains and slopes."

With December record setting warm temperatures in the rear-view mirror, January has been kinder to the mountains as temperatures have dropped and snowmaking has ramped up. Those efforts are beginning to pay dividends as so many of the local ski resorts are using their upgraded and improved snow making systems to coat the trails and open as many as possible.

Camelback will be making snow around the clock as conditions permit. They have a very robust snow making system, and have put a lot of time, money, and energy into the system. There is a whole science behind it. Because of that they have been able to open trails. There may not be snow on the ground, but they can still put a quality product out there. Camelback Mountain will open January 7.

Jack Frost-Big Boulder are currently both open.

Alpine Mountain will open January 7.

Montage Mountain will open this weekend January 9th.

Shawnee Mountain, thanks to aggressive snowmaking opens January 6 with a mini-



Snowmaking at Camelback Mountain Photo by AmyHerzog/Pocono Record

mum of 5 trails open including the top-to-bottom 5,000 foot Pennsylvania Trail .

The mountains and ski resorts have wasted no time getting the snow making process underway as soon as possible. Much of that has to do with the upgrades and improvements they have made to the snow making process. As in so many things in life, technology is getting better. Shawnee Mountain has put that to use by making significant advancements to their ability to produce snow.

"We added more automated snow making, so some of the guns on the trails are controlled through the computer," Jim Tust general manager of Shawnee Mountain said. "The guns can adjust themselves to our parameters in terms of how much mix of air and water are at a given temperature and humidity. The point is they are very efficient."

The goal for all these mountains is to use the positive changes in snow making to cover the trails and terrains as quickly as possible. They are working daily to accomplish it. The optimal temperature for snow creation is in the teens. So over the next few days as the colder air moves in, those temperatures are achievable and the process takes off.

"We know the fire power we have here," Daubert said. "The cold air has finally arrived, so now we will be 100 percent as quickly as possible. We are probably 80 percent currently."

With the cooperation of Mother Nature, the ski resorts will reach their goal of 100 percent coverage. They have the snow making abilities to do so and are using the advancements in that area to make it happen faster and more efficiently. The plan is in place and they are producing snow at a Usain Bolt pace so the public can enjoy the fruits of their labor.

With the cooperation of Mother Nature and the diligence of the ski resorts, there is significant excitement for President's Day weekend. President's Day weekend offers one of the best ski weekends of the year and the local resorts are preparing to make it as strong as possible.

"All the resorts are open or will open by this weekend," Brian Bosart of the Pocono Vacation Bureau said. "The conditions are very good. So there will be fun events going on for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing.

Check with the ski resorts for the most up-to-date ski conditions.



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Vonn Wins 4th Straight World Cup



Lindsey Vonn of the U.S. in action during the first run of the women's giant slalom competition at the Alpine World Cup in Are, Sweden. (Photo by Getty-Christophe Pallot)



Lindsey Vonn celebrates after winning the World Cup giant slalom in Are, Sweden. (photo by Giovanni Auletta / AP)

ARE, Sweden (Dec. 12, 2015) – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) scored her 71st World Cup victory, and her first giant slalom victory since 2013, Saturday on a wind-shortened course.

Mikaela Shiffrin (Eagle-Vail, CO) did not start after sustaining a pre-race injury. Shiffrin pulled out of the race with a possible right knee injury sustained during the morning warm up. As a precautionary measure, she is being evaluated further. She has actively engaged in talking about it on her social media.

High winds forced race officials to push the start down to the reserve location – eliminating several gates from the course – as well as causing a 15-minute delay.

“I love racing here in Are under the lights,” Vonn said, who won the Are GS in 2012. “This is my second GS win here. It’s just been a great season so far, and congratulations to all the other racers as well – so happy.”

Behind Vonn, Austria’s Eva-Maria Bren was second and Italy’s Federica Brignone rounded out the podium in third at 0.35

Highlights:

- Saturday’s GS victory was Lindsey Vonn’s 71st overall World Cup win.
- It was her first World Cup GS victory sine March 2013 at Maribor
- Mikaela Shiffrin sustained a possible right knee injury warming up prior to the race. She is being further evaluated.
- Next up, the slalom is on Sunday.

Quotes:

Lindsey Vonn

I am so happy. I love racing here in Are under the lights. This is my second GS win here. It’s just been a great season so far.

I tried to be smart on the bottom where it was turny and some of the girls had

some trouble. I think I may have given away too much time there, but still I was attacking the whole time trying to arc and I was fast.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2015/16 Åre (SWE) 3rd LADIES' GIANT SLALOM 1st & 2nd - RUN RESULTS

	Nation	1st Run	2nd Run	Total	Diff.
VONN Lindsey	USA	1:03.29	1:01.41	2:04.70	0.00
BREM Eva-Maria	AUT	1:03.64	1:01.13	2:04.77	0.07
BRIGNONE Federica	ITA	1:03.98	1:01.07	2:05.05	0.35
WORLEY Tessa	FRA	1:03.79	1:01.59	2:05.38	0.68
LOESETH Nina	NOR	1:03.70	1:01.77	2:05.47	0.77
HANSDOTTER Frida	SWE	1:03.62	1:02.02	2:05.64	0.94
PIETILAE-HOLMNER Maria	SWE	1:04.18	1:01.86	2:06.04	1.34
WILD Simone	SUI	1:04.73	1:01.52	2:06.25	1.55
BASSINO Marta	ITA	1:04.40	1:01.95	2:06.35	1.65
BARIOZ Taina	FRA	1:04.93	1:01.52	2:06.45	1.75
REBENBURG Viktoria	GER	1:04.68	1:01.83	2:06.51	1.81
DREV Ana	SLO	1:04.13	1:02.41	2:06.54	1.84
GUT Lara	SUI	1:04.60	1:02.08	2:06.68	1.98
MOELGG Manuela	ITA	1:04.93	1:01.99	2:06.92	2.22
ROBNIK Tina	SLO	1:05.15	1:01.83	2:06.98	2.28
KIRCHGASSER Michaela	AUT	1:04.86	1:02.17	2:07.03	2.33
WEIRATHER Tina	LIE	1:04.67	1:02.38	2:07.05	2.35
HOLDENER Wendy	SUI	1:05.29	1:01.88	2:07.17	2.47
BAUD MUGNIER Adeline	FRA	1:04.41	1:02.84	2:07.25	2.55
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WHITE HAVEN, PA- It's great to be a kid in PA! For generations, people have been learning to ski and snowboard in Pennsylvania. With over 20 ski areas that cater to beginners and experts alike, PA is where it all starts. Fourth and fifth graders who want to ski or snowboard are fortunate especially if they live in or near Pennsylvania. For the twelfth year, the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association (PSAA) is making skiing or snowboarding free through their Snowpass program for youths in those two grade levels.

According to Linda Irvin, PSAA Executive Director, "Our Snowpass Program is designed to foster a child's love of skiing or riding, as well as the great outdoors. The goal is give kids the skills, confidence and passion for skiing or snowboarding that will last a lifetime."

Skiing and snowboarding offers families the opportunity to exercise outside together during the winter months. A ninety pound youth can burn between two and three hundred calories per hour skiing and/or snowboarding depending on their activity level. Skiing and snowboarding are listed among the activities included in the President's Challenge organized by the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. Children and adults can earn points toward a Presidential Active Lifestyle Award by skiing and snowboarding. The Snowpass program is designed to make it easy for parents to enjoy a day on the slopes as well, while professional instructors create a safe, fun, and educational environment.

Why a 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass Program?

To introduce 4th & 5th graders to the sports of skiing and snowboarding. Also, to remind families that spending time on the mountains is a healthy and FUN family activity

Why Fourth & Fifth Grade?

This is a great age for children to learn a new sport with ease and to excel rapidly. Through the Snowpass Program and on-mountain experience, students can see the lessons of their 4th & 5th grade science studies in action (such as water resources at work, geology structure, and the physics of lift mechanics). Also, ski resorts are a part of Pennsylvania history.

What is Included?

* one Adult Learn to Ski/Snowboard Package (for accompanying adult) at 50% off retail value

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7. Crystal Lake Cross Country Ski Center, Hughesville | www.crystallakeskicenter.com
8. Elk Mountain, Union Dale
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www.tusseymountain.com
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www.skiwhitetail.com

The Snowpass program is not restricted to residents of Pennsylvania. Any fourth or fifth grade student can participate by completing a simple application and providing a report card or other document verifying they are currently in the fourth or fifth grade. Photos for students also are required.

There is a nominal administration/processing fee of \$30 if purchased prior to December 1st, or \$35 after December 1st for the Snowpass. There are some basic rules that apply as well as some black-out dates typically around busy holidays The application can be found on the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association's Web site at www.skipa.com or call (570) 443-0963.





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
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Ligety + Shiffrin Win Coronet Peak Night Slalom



Ted Ligety celebrates winning Coronet Peak Night Slalom (Getty Images-Neil Kerr)



Mikaela Shiffrin competes in Night Slalom (Getty Images-Neil Kerr)

QUEENSTOWN, New Zealand — Ted Ligety (Park City, UT) and Mikaela Shiffrin (Vail, CO) took victories at the Coronet Peak Night Slalom, part of the Audi Quattro Winter Games NZ on Friday night.

The Coronet Peak Night Slalom was an overwhelming success according to Audi quattro Winter Games NZ CEO Arthur Klap, who said organizers never imagined they would have such a stellar international field for the debut event.

“Not only did we have the two world champions here but the rest of the elite field was a who’s who of world ski racing,” said Klap. “It was incredibly exciting for spectators and has showcased Coronet Peak and the opening of the Games internationally.”

It was an all American final for both the women’s and men’s races with Shiffrin defeating teammate Paula Moltzan (Lakeville, MN) and Ligety pushing U.S. national slalom champion David Chodounsky (Crested Butte, CO) into second place.

Shiffrin said the head-to-head slalom was a “fantastic way to finish my camp in New Zealand. It was a tough race against Paula who is a very good skier but I am very excited to have won it.”

Ligety also claimed he was lucky to beat Chodounsky who was quicker in the first run but had a bad start in the second.

“The dual slalom here at Coronet Peak was a very cool event,” said Ligety. “The conditions were great and it was a lot of fun being part of it.”

Both Shiffrin and Ligety received \$15,000 cash in the winner-takes-all

event.

Other Americans women that competed include Nina O’Brien (Edwards, CO), Alice Merryweather (Hingham, MA), Stephanie Leiby (Big Bear Lake, CA), Breezy Johnson (Victor, ID), Keely Chashman (Squaw Valley, CA), Anna Marno (Steamboat Springs, CO), Galena Wardle (Basalt, CO), Jennie Symons (Vail, CO), Patricia Mangan (Derby, NH) and Storm Klomhaus (Boulder, CO). The American men were Drew Duffy (Warren, VT), Jared Goldberg (Holladay, UT), Kieffer Christianson (Anchorage, AK), Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, NY), Sam Dupratt (Park City, UT), Mark Engel (Truckee, CA) and Nick Krause (Northboro, MA).

Athletes from all over the world joined VIPs and the local community for the

Winter Games NZ opening, which began with a ski down Coronet Peak’s shirtfront by young Queenstown Alpine Ski Team racers carrying flags of the countries represented at the Games. Coronet Peak ski instructors followed with flares lighting up the night sky.

A Maori welcome was followed by a kapa haka performance by a 60-strong group of Queenstown school children before the official part of the ceremony.

In his opening speech Audi quattro Winter Games NZ chairman Sir Eion Edgar said the trust managing the Games had fulfilled its 2009 vision to run a premier event. Winter Games NZ now rank as one of the world’s top five multi-discipline winter sports events. Information courtesy of Winter Games NZ.



Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates winning Coronet Peak Night Slalom with Paula Moltzan taking second (Getty Images-Neil Kerr)

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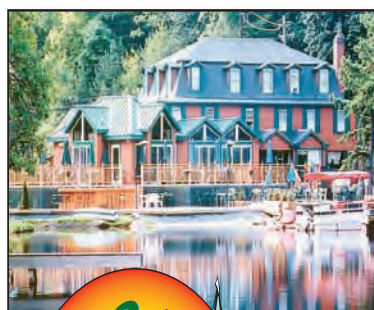
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Round Top Mountain

to keep the fleet of skis and boards in pristine condition. More parking, new signage and a facelift at the popular Alpine Lodge Hotel mark the starting gun for a promising winter on Liberty Mountain.

Skiers and riders will enjoy a new natural look on **ROUNDTOP MOUNTAIN** this season. Electric lines have been buried on 4 popular slopes that now sport a new pristine appearance. Meanwhile, Roundtop piping that carries water to power snowmaking on slopes, trails and chutes has been replaced with the latest that technology has to offer. "Fanny Hill" and "Discovery" will now enjoy a blizzard of fresh snow fired from 11 new fan guns. Portable sleds have been fitted with another 11 snow blasters to be moved when and where they're needed. For more comfort heading to the summit, new padding has been added to the "Ramrod" and Fife and Drum" lifts. Look for new

digital signage on the mountain and lodge renovations including additional cubbies in the ever expanding rental area.

Moguls will get a massage at **WHITETAIL MOUNTAIN** this season. New Techno Alpine snow guns will be planted on the popular "Exhibition" trail to keep the snow replenished, deep and rooster-tail powdery. But they'll also enhance those finishing touches on the mogul fields to put that smooth gliding motion in quick turns on the bumps. Advanced skiers and riders will get their kicks with new snowmaking capacity on the black diamond, "Drop-In" trail. "Snow Park" conditions will have a ballroom finish thanks to the addition of new HDK green-energy snow guns. Also look



Whitetail Mountain

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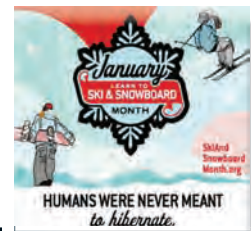
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January is "Learn to Ski & Snowboard Month" in PA



Montage Mountain Kids Ski School



Camelback Mountain Ski Instructor

Pennsylvania Designates January as "Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month"

In Pennsylvania, nature's bounty is the backdrop for big time recreation. Tens of thousands of winter enthusiasts migrate to the Keystone State Mountains every week to ski and snowboard on trails that offer cruising comfort in a majestic setting or the excitement of pulse pounding challenge on a downhill course.

Not knowing how to ski or board is no longer an excuse for sitting at home on the sidelines.

January has been designated, "Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month" in Pennsylvania.

It's easier and more affordable than ever. For the entire month, the 19 member resorts of the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association will offer a \$5 discount on already low midweek "Learn A Snow Sport" packages. These special tickets include a first ski lesson, rental equipment, either skis or a snowboard and a lift ticket for use on any of the beginner areas.

For folks who yearn to find a winter activity and a chance to make new friends in the dynamic environment of a ski resort, Linda Irvin, director of the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Associations says, "We're thrilled that our ski areas have united to offer an affordable "Learn to Ski and Snowboard" program that will open the door to the wonderful world of skiing for many winter enthusiasts, throughout the entire season."

Association member resorts are found in all regions of the state from the Endless Mountains to the Philadelphia suburbs, central Pennsylvania from the Maryland to New York borders and throughout the Alleghenies.

TIPS FOR FIRST TIME SKIERS/BOARDERS

Dress Warmly and in layers

Wear a good hat that covers the ears

Driving gloves are for driving – Ski gloves are for skiing

Take time for a short period of stretching exercises before going on the slopes

The Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association (PSAA), consisting of member ski areas statewide, is a non-profit association that was developed to promote and serve the Pennsylvania Ski Industry. PSAA works to encourage participation and enjoyment of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and cross country skiing in Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association visit:

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Don't miss the **2 day Women's Seminar** for skiers and boarders at Jack Frost. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, January 23 & 24 2016. The program is taught by women instructors who are committed to provide a positive learning environment, coupled with support and camaraderie. Whether your goal is to conquer the mountain, overcome your fears or just have fun, this weekend is perfect for you. The fee is \$195 (\$165 for season pass holders) and includes a 2 day lift pass, two days of instruction, video and analysis, continental breakfast and lunch each day and a wine and cheese party Saturday after skiing. Advance registration is necessary. For further information or application contact Bernie Oldroyd, JFBB Women's Program Director



Jack Frost Ski Divas 2015

570 443-8425 X 2671, jfskischool@jfbb.com or visit jfbb.com/events.

Come out on **February 27, 2016** to support the ninth Annual "**Ski for the Cure**" breast cancer awareness day at Jack Frost. The event benefits the local chapter of Susan G. Komen, for the Cure, NEPA affiliate. To date we have raised and donated over \$182,000 to Komen to support

the great programs they have in our own area of Pa. Activities for the event includes a raffle with fabulous prizes, tricky tray, pledge Ski- A- Thon, Pink Ribbon Honor plaque sales and Pink Olympic timed race gates to mention only a few. The main event is the Dedication Run at 11:15 am where we gather for a brief remembrance of those we lost to breast cancer, honor those in treatment and survivors and introduce the Pink Ribbon plaques that are carried down the trail during the Dedication Run. Bagpipers play as we gather and we ski down the Lehigh Trail behind the Ski for the Cure Banner with Ski Patrol and traditional bell ringers lining the trail. Come join us for a fun day and support this great cause. To donate on line or for further information go to jfbb.com/events

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Looking forward to a great winter season. For more information or to be added to the email list for these and other Programs please contact:

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for a growing inventory of top brand skis and boards in the rental shop to keep pace with interest in the growing Whitetail learn to ski programs. There will also be a wider equipment selection for regulars who rent by the season.

Nordic skiers get a new outlook on life at the **CRYSTAL LAKE SKI CENTER** this winter. That lake-view wrap-around dining hall has been fitted with new windows to open a spectacular panorama on this central Pennsylvania winter wonderland. The "Longhouse Ski Center" is getting a revitalizing facelift and the trails have been brushed. Crystal Lake will be hosting some new and upgraded programs this season including monthly "Full Moon Skis", "Wild Wednesdays" and combination guided trail tours and catered lunch. Cross-Country skiers will be able to pre-order sandwiches on weekends. Look for hot soup to be another weekend addition - just to take the chill off an invigorating day on the trail.

If you're heading for State College this winter to visit or study, **TUSSY MOUNTAIN** is an added attraction for skiers and riders. The rental shop has expanded its inventory of boards, boots and skis, making it more tempting to rent rather than tote. Look for a bigger blast of snow with the addition of new guns to the recent snowmaking system expansion. At the Snow Sports School, the popular children's program has been extended to both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Lunch breaks will be getting more creative with the addition of a new chef, and a brighter look in the lodge after a paint-up facelift.

THE WEST

Western Pennsylvania is going western with a snow sports form that's already sweeping the mountains of Colorado and Utah. **SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT** will begin allowing "Uphill Access". "What's that?" you ask. It's simply the invigorating sports of skin and cross-country trekking that allows uphill and lateral movement.



Seven Springs Mountain Resort

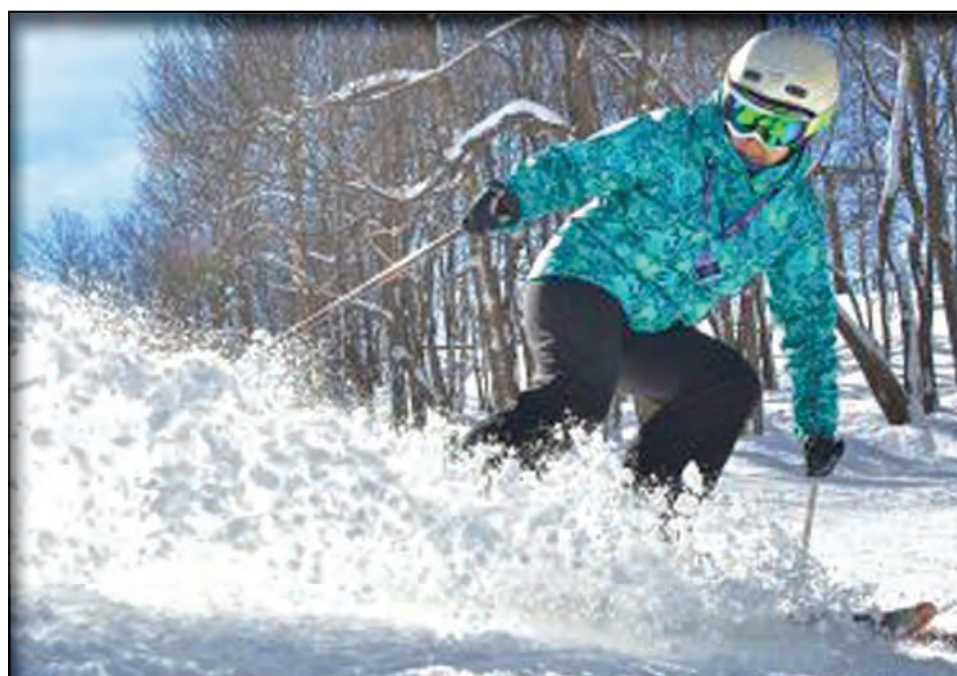
It's a first for the Pennsylvania slopes. And there'll be more snow for Seven Springs skiers, riders and trekkers. Five new impulse tower guns will be firing out a snow storm on the North Face and 4 brand new Piston Bully snowcats will go into action for pristine grooming. The resort also welcomes a new Ski School director. He's no stranger to Seven Springs. J.B. Brier has a history with the resort's Snow Sports school and holds top level certifications for instruction and training. For sipping and supping off the mountain, Seven Springs newest eatery, Foggy Brews will now have its doors open seven days a week.

Some of the most scenic glade skiing in the picturesque Laurel Highlands of western Pennsylvania gets even better this season at **HIDDEN VALLEY RESORT**. Over the summer, crews were busy clearing the glades for a more exhilarating and challenging experience in a pristine wooded setting. To boost the rich Alleghany Mountain natural snowfall, Hidden Valley has bumped up its arsenal of portable snow guns backed up by a pair of new Prinoth grooming snow cats. The resort also welcomes a new Director of Snowsports. He's Brett Lesnick, a Professional Ski Instructors Association level II Alpine Coach with a degree in Recreation and Park Management. He comes to Hidden Valley from his post as Director of the Kids Ski and Ride School at Wisp Mountain. And there's a new look at the Hidden Valley lodge after a remodeling and paint-up overhaul.

ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION

The Pennsylvania ski Areas Association (PSAA), consisting of member ski areas statewide, is a non-profit association that was developed to promote and serve the Pennsylvania Ski Industry. PSAA works to encourage participating and enjoyment of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and cross-country skiing in Pennsylvania.

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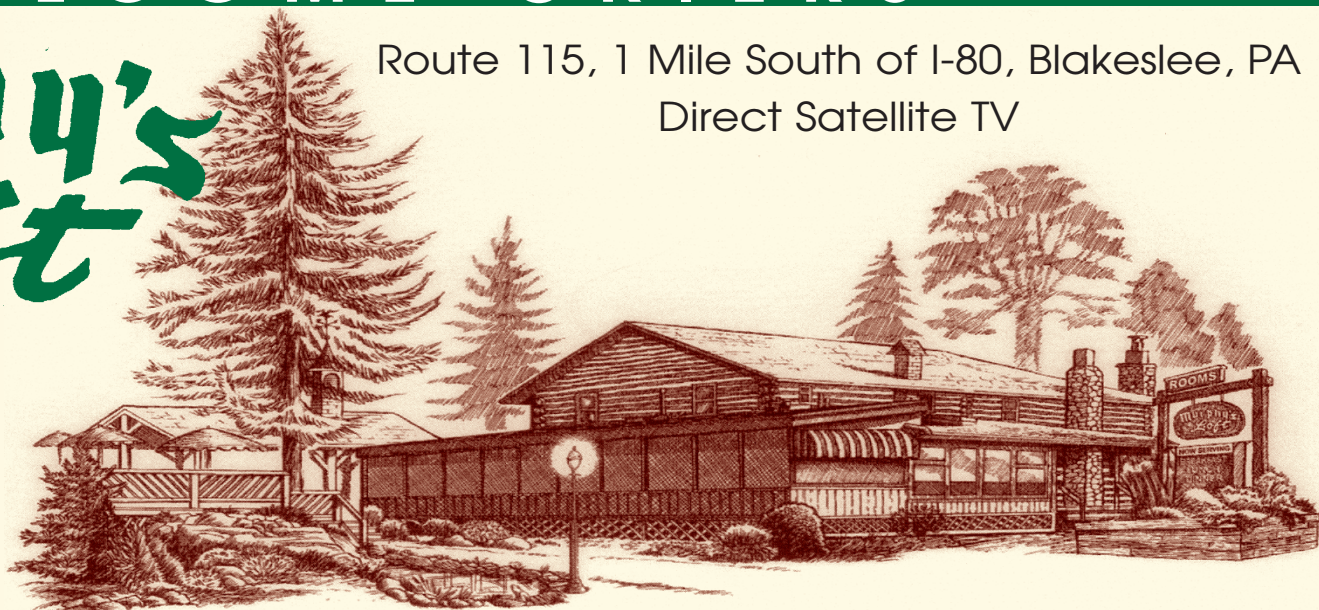
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