

How Romantic: A Wedding on Loon Mountain

They met at the NBS Fortieth

Anniversary Summit at Snowmass, CO. He popped the question at the Jersey Ski and Sports, Inc. Econo-Trip to Killington, VT, and then Carla M. Harris and Kevin Armstrong got married on the mountain during the JSSI Econo-Trip to Loon Mountain, NH.

Carla is one of JSSI's newest members and Kevin is the club's safety chair

The wedding ceremony was held outdoors on a clear, sunny day. The bride and groom were surrounded by family, friends and ski buddies.

They said their vows, jumped the broom, and after taking time for a celebratory dance, they did what any expert skiers would do, spent the day on the slopes--the bride's veil flowing on the wind.



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The President's Corner



By Deborah Evans, President

As we look back on the year, those especially on the East Coast are glad that winter is over. *Phew!*

Meanwhile, on the West Coast, despite torrential rain and mud slides, attendance at the NBS Early Out in Keystone, CO, brought 355 folks. The AMCC (Annual Meeting Challenge Cup) or mini-Summit, in Sun Valley ID boasted nearly 1,000 attendees with Spring skiing conditions. Daytime temperatures were in the mid-50's, but it got cold at night.

Back home with Jersey Ski, the general membership has spoken by showing favor of our two extended weekend trips vs. the day trips.

The annual Killington, VT, Econo-Trip had the extra day of Monday, the official Martin Luther King Day, being added, and the majority took advantage of it.

Typically we drive up Thursday, and leave Sunday, having only two days to play in the snow. This year, we had three play days. We skied Killington both Friday and Sunday, and Okemo on Saturday, departing on Monday.

Attendance for this trip doubled this year, bringing in a new family with 2 sons and several new individuals.

There was a good mix of activities including: Snowshoeing; cross-country; day spa, and local crafters. After dinner, some checked out the local watering hole with entertainment, or stayed in to play charades and watch the tennis playoffs.

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Killington VT: A new tradition for MLK weekend



Tiffany Ferrer, Chaz and Alex.

From now on Jersey Ski's annual trip to Swiss Farm Inn and Killington, VT, will be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, which gives families a long weekend to ski together. That's what Carlos DeLaRosa and his wife, Dr. Leslie Gordon, did with their sons Alex and Chaz.

Whitney Fisher deserves Rookie of the Year honors: A novice skier when she arrived at Killington, Whitney secured a discount package of lessons from the mountain and by the end of the weekend was skiing confidently with snowboarder Delroy Morgan, who introduced her to Jersey Ski.







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Secretary Brian Innis, Theresa Bey and her

brother, Hamlet Bey,

with the Jersey Ski

Leslie Brady,

Tanyanic Brown,

Mayers, Sheris

Williams, and

Deborah Jackson.

banner. Not pictured

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The President's Corner (continued)

Loon Mt., NH was the second Econo-Trip, Thursday, March 27th - Sunday, March 30th. Many were no strangers to this mountain, having gone on the Eastern Region's Winterfest there at least twice or more. Fond memories caused the trip to sell out and have a waiting list.

Oh, and I forgot to mention, there was also the added festivity of a wedding on the mountain. Our own Kevin Armstrong, and new member, Carla Harris, jumped the broom. No, really, they jumped the broom, check the website pictures. Thursday night was Meet-n-Greet; Friday night was JSSI's Welcome reception with hors d'oeuvres, beverages and gift bags for each attendee from our sponsor REI; and Saturday night was the bridal reception. Any free time was spent in the lodge's indoor heated pool, gym, steam room and indoor/outdoor Jacuzzis. The staff was more than thrilled having us there and could not do enough for us.

The drive to Loon Mountain is comparable to Killington, about 6 hrs., including a 30-minute rest stop.

We hope to see you at our annual and only fundraiser, the Black and White Dance, Saturday May 17th at the Leaguers building in Newark.

And don't forget Saturday, July 17th, our Family Day picnic at Rockland Lake State Park, NY as we join the ThrillSeekers, SnoBurners, IceBreakers and Nubians for the day.

In the meantime, your JSSI Executive Board will be hard at work putting together a winner of a winter activities schedule.

Those good looking bags Brian Innis is carrying (at right) were generously donated by REI for Jersey Ski's Killington and Loon trips. REI, an NBS sponsor, stuffed the bags with coupons and other goodies that helped put a special stamp on both trips.

Thank you

Remember, REI is an outfitter for all seasons, and REI membership means discounts and money back when you spend. There are plenty of bargains and items for your year 'round needs, including instruction and expert advice online at www.rei.com







TV Taping: Jersey Ski members were once again invited to be in the audience of a TV show, this time it was the Fox Network's "The Crowd Goes Wild," in NYC, when former Olympic skier Picabo Street was on the program. Above, from left, Fred Brown, Derrick Washington, boot fitter par excellence at Heino's, Josephine Lee, and Eugene Coaxum.

Sunshine and Rain:

Celebrating:

Donnie Mitchell turned 83 years young on March 11. Others celebrating birthdays, from April to June include Hamlet Bey, Winford Brown, Shirley DeShong, Richard Daniels, Arlene Green, Karen Flippen, Thel McClain, Leslie Bradley, Matthew Flippen, Greg Ward, J.B. Brown, Stephanie Williams-Jenkins, Evan Jenkins, Eric Little and Lori Sexton.

Graduating:

Hasseim Bey, from Morristown Baird, Morristown, NJ, on June 7. The son of Drs. Omar and Regina Bey, Hasseim will attend Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA.

Brianna Spann, from Penn State University. She is the daughter of Ernest and Avis Spann.

Danielle M. Ravenell, from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, May 10, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training. She is the niece of Wanda Williams Nunnally.

Our sympathy to **Tony Gomez**, fondly known as "Bullet," who lost his mother earlier this year.

Kenneth Brown passed on December 27. He and his wife **Mildred** were long time members of SnoBurners Ski & Sports and Jersey Ski & Sports.

Harold Comfort, past president of both the NBS and the Blazers Ski Club, passed in February.

On the mend from a zip line accident, **Phil Littlejohn** has bought a three-wheel motorcycle and expects to make the Blessing of the Bikes and the annual Freihofer's Saratoga NY Jazz Festival in June.

Donald Bennett was under the weather and hospitalized for a few days.

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There's more than one way to tackle a mountain: (Above, from left) Carla M. Harris and Josephine Lee went snowshoeing during the Jersey Ski Killington trip.