

Eliot Woodbridge

Eliot Woodbridge has been a visionary leader among skiers. Embracing the sport in its early days in New England, he joined Pennsylvania's Buck Ridge Ski Club in 1946, and has been an active member ever since. During the years that the club operated its own slope and tow at Paxon's Hollow and at Vogul's Moguls, he served on the ski patrol. During the fifties and sixties he made significant contributions to the sport of skiing in the state of Pennsylvania, as well as his own Buck Ridge Ski Club. Today, his influence is still felt, as he is still an active participant.



As a member of Buck Ridge in the early fifties he was the person mostly responsible for the production of a manual designed to help skiers become safer and more responsible. The tradition of that manual is still in existence today.

Eliot Woodbridge was a founding member and in 1956 became President (called Chairman at that time) of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council and in the following several years he served as President of the Ski Federation. Under his leadership this period was notable for the development of racing programs and for an emphasis on skier safety. In 1959 Eliot co-led the first "air flight" European ski trip from Philadelphia.

During this same period, as Vice President of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council, Eliot set up a Ski Instruction Program for established ski instructors to enable them to update their skills. This was particularly helpful, as skiing was becoming increasingly popular and many new skiers were beginning to enjoy the sport. Eliot taught this course along with others.

In 1958 Eliot was instrumental in the purchase of a Vermont "cabin" near Mount Snow by the Buck Ridge Ski Club. With the growing expense of skiing and the increase in the club of members with children, the idea of a Club Lodge was welcome. Over the next decades Eliot continued to lead in its management, expansion, and development. In 1996, the club named it *The Eliot Woodbridge Lodge*, in recognition his major contributions to both the Buck Ridge Ski Club and to the sport of skiing.

A true pioneer, Eliot Woodbridge stands out as a visionary and creative leader in the sport of skiing.

Eliot Woodbridge and his wife, Carol, currently live in Princeton, NJ and still spend many hours in their beloved Vermont. They attend many Buck Ridge Ski Club meetings and contribute their expertise.