



On January 20th, 2011 the Lancaster Ski Club celebrated its 65th Anniversary. The event was held at the Lancaster Liederkrantz where over 85 members and guests were on hand to view vintage ski equipment and listen to stories of how the club was formed and the trips to local ski hills no longer in existence. Skiing in Clay, Conestoga, and East Lancaster was popular during the 1950's. Early members present included: Jean & Jay Smoker, Jeep & Mim Saam, Robert and Eleanoria Schlinkman, Sid Long, George & Joyce Biemesderfer, and Jerry Kirsch-Chandler. Chris Saam demonstrated the "Bongo Board", a piece of exercise equipment first mentioned in the November 1953 Ski Magazine. The event was concluded by a wonderful rendition of the ski song "Little Bird" by Mim, Sid, and Robert. A special thank you to Vic Martell for coordinating and serving as the MC for the event.



Bob Schlinkman, Sid Long, & Mim Saam sing "Little Bird" as Vic Martell watches.



Everyone was treated to cake after the meeting.

The Lancaster Ski Club is one of the oldest and largest snow sports clubs in Central PA with over 450 individual and family members. The club runs international, western, and weekend trips each year. Visit www.lancasterskiclub.net for more information.



Chris Saam details the features of vintage ski equipment.