

50+ Ski Club

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 20th, 8:00 PM

SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

On entering park, turn right at stop sign and follow the road to the end.



Midweek Skiing by Gary Schorr: Some of our local ski areas are open already. I received a glowing review of Windham from a friend who skied there during the last week of November. Let me know if you're interested in joining those of us who ski midweek at gss12@optonline.net. We meet in Christopher Morley Park in time to leave at 6:30 AM and carpool.

New Year's Day Hike & Lunch: For those new to the club, two long time members, Barry and Julie Fahrar have hosted a New Year's Day hike and lunch for more years than I can remember. This year will be no different. Meet at the boat rental parking lot of Blydenburgh County Park at 10 AM, January 1st, 2019. The hike is +- 5 miles around Stump Pond at your own pace, followed by Hebrew National hot dogs on a stick and baked beans in the can. All washed down by the finest \$ 5 champagne money can buy. Dress appropriately; preferably in layers. The hike takes place rain, shine, snow, or blow. If the roads are passable, Barry & Julie will be there. They would like to see 30 to 40 of us Q tips on the hike this year. Please let them know you're coming so there is enough champagne to go around. Barry: landsurvey@aol.com. Julie: ju-liereporter@aol.com. It's a great way to start the New Year and socialize with fellow club members. And it's free; thanks to Barry & Julie Fahrar.

Trips and Events

For trip info, call Lois at 518 945-2667 or Eleanor at 516 938-7078

Trip to **Whitefish, Montana** January 19th to January 26th, 2019. Trip includes 7 nights lodging at Kandarhar Lodge which is walking distance to the lifts, 7 Continental breakfasts, 5 dinners, round trip air from La Guardia Airport, transfers from airport to hotel and return, welcome reception, tax and gratuities. PRICE: Approximately \$1469.00 pp, dbl. occ. plus lift tickets (if applicable). As of this date lift tickets for 70+ are free. Lift ticket prices will be announced later.

Mt. Snow, Vermont: Trip is closed. Start packing.

TRIP INSURANCE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Dues for 2019 are now due. Single \$30.00, couple \$45.00. **Dues mailed must be postmarked by December 31st 2018.** If paid thereafter, a \$10.00 initiation fee will be assessed for a single, and a \$15.00 initiation fee will be assessed for a couple. Bring to a meeting or mail to Eleanor Tokar, 40 Linden Blvd. Hicksville, NY 11801. Make checks payable to 50+Ski Club. **Note:** With your dues payment, you are eligible for a 50+ membership card. This card is useful for discounts at various ski areas and ski shops. Pick one up at the next meeting or request one with your dues payment. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Eleanor along with your dues payment for receipt by mail. If you are picking your card up at the next meeting, pay dues at least one week prior to the next meeting to allow time to make up the card.



How to build a World Cup racecourse in November.

If you thought constructing a racecourse consisted of blowing snow on a steep hill and sticking some poles on it to ski around as I did, read the following excerpts taken from a local Vermont weekly newspaper. Of course, this course was built to FIS World Cup standards and not for the average skier.

Snow guns are spaced about 20 feet apart to build up a surface 2 to 4 feet high before it's groomed. An advisor from US Ski and Snowboard arrives in mid-November, rides a groomer and builds the terrain by adding rollers beneath the snow and gives the course definition where he sees fit to make the surface more challenging. The course is then hosed with water the weekend before the race. Then a couple of days before the race, the course is injected with water using long pipes with numerous "needles" on them spaced out every few inches. Crews move these bars down the hill and inject water down into the surface every six inches. The goal is to make the course rock hard. The surface is then groomed immediately. When done, the race course is so slippery it can't be walked on. In fact, most average skiers would not be able to get their edges into the surface to stand up.