

50+SKI Club

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Next Meeting / Holiday Happy Hour Party

Please join us for our next meeting, Thursday, December 11, 5 PM, at Chili's, 901 Broadhollow Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735, 1 (631) 249-6760. We would like to arrange for seating for our group so if you intend to attend please email Kathy Soviero, katsovi@aol.com. Feel free to bring a guest, just let Kathy know. If you decide to attend at the last minute you should still do so.

Midweek Skiing

A chill is in the air and it's getting close to ski season. Belleayre has even had a few runs open for season ticket holders on a recent weekend. We meet in the Christopher Morley parking lot just north of the LIE exit 36 in time to leave by 6:30. If you're not on Gary's list let him know to add you, gss12@optonline.net.



GUEST SPEAKER

Ivan Albanese of Snow Haus Huntington spoke to us at the last meeting about the latest trend in boots, the proper way to fit a boot and how to select the appropriate ski. It was a very informative presentation, and we are grateful to him for taking the time from his busy schedule to talk to us.

If you know of a person who would be interested in speaking at one of our meetings, please let Gary know.



BELLEAYRE UPDATE

Renovations and restoration of the Overlook Lodge will continue throughout the season. Access is limited to Overlook Club locker holders only. It is recommended that skiers use the Discovery Lodge, or your vehicle, as your home base while visiting the mountain.

Starting this year, Belleayre is moving to a “Mitten Friendly” (cashless) payment program across the resort and will no longer accept cash for purchases. They accept all major credit cards, debit cards, Google Pay, Apple Pay, and the Olympic Authority’s (ORDA) in-house gift cards at every point of sale. Guests who prefer to use cash can visit any Guest Service location to convert their cash into one of the two payment options: in-house gift cards, or Pass-Pay™.

THUNDER RIDGE SKI AREA

Members of the Metro NY Ski Council are entitled to a \$5 discount at the Thunder Ridge Ski Area for the Monday-Friday non-holiday Mid-Week Special Lift Ticket (10am-5pm) or Twilight Lift Ticket (3pm-9pm) for the 2025-26 Season. The lift ticket must be purchased online by visiting www.thunderridgeski.com. Once the lift ticket has been added to your shopping cart, in the box labeled “Apply Coupon”, enter the coupon code `Ski_Council_2526` to receive the \$5 discount. Thunder Ridge is in Patterson, New York, about 60 minutes north of NYC. It has 22 trails serviced by 3 chairlifts.

NSCF AUCTION

The National Ski Council Federation auction in October is closed; however, there are still several items that have not been sold, such as lift tickets and clothing. Good prices. Visit the auction site <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCF2025> and email MNYSC Michael Calderone (skimikec@aol.com) if you are interested in any of the items.

2026 SKI TRIPS

50+ Ski Club has decided on several ski trips for the 2026 Winter ski season. Members are responsible for making their own reservation with each entity. Contact Neal Pisanti (nealmichael@hotmail.com) if you are interested in any of these trips and/or are looking for a roommate. Once we know the participants, we will try to coordinate carpooling arrangements.

The posted rates do not include lift tickets. Okemo and Stowe require Epic passes. Consider buying the Epic Northeast Midweek Pass. For Sunday River, lift tickets/RFID cards must be purchased directly from the mountain by each participant, except for IKON pass holders.

Jan. 4-8 Okemo

Most of us will stay at the Pointe @ Castle Hill (hotel or condo) which is about 4 miles from Okemo. Our members stayed there before and gave positive feedback. The lodging rates per night (not including taxes) are:

\$189 – King or 2 Queen beds,

\$3492-bedroom condo (4 beds)

\$3693-bedroom condo (King, 2 Queens, 2 bunk beds)

Also, Castle Hill offers military, AAA, and AARP discounts off the price.

Go to <https://www.pointehotelatcastlehillvt.com/> (hotel) or <https://www.castlehillresortvt.com/> (condo) for more information.

If you prefer ski-in ski-out accommodations, another option is to join and buy the 70+ Club's (not affiliated with us) package at Okemo and includes some meals. The rates for four nights range from \$965 - \$1,395 per person, double occupancy, or a single room at \$1,310. Lift tickets are not included. Go to <https://70plusclub.org/category/events/> for more information

Feb. 8-12 Stowe

We will stay at the Commodore's Inn like last year. It is about a 30-minute shuttle ride to Stowe. As of now, the posted rates for that week are \$148 (2 beds) per night, plus tax. Go to <https://commodoresinn.com/> for more information.

March 1-6 Sunday River

This trip is arranged by the New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council. As our club is now a member, you can join this trip without paying any penalty or having to join another club. Some members have already signed up for this trip. Go to <https://www.njssc.org/ski-trip-calendar/> for more information.

Additional trip to New Hampshire

This trip was brought up by Neal Pisante at the last meeting.

At the October meeting I mentioned that I would like to return to Lincoln, New Hampshire to ski Loon Mountain and Bretton Woods, two of my favorite mountains. Four of us got together and rented a condo at the INN SEASONS RESORT AT POLLARD BROOK, which is right across the road from Loon Mountain, for the week of January 25, 2026. Lincoln has many accommodations from economically priced motels to very nice condos and the Omni Mt Washington Hotel. Lincoln has an assortment of restaurants, ski shops, and everything you would expect in a ski town. Although neither mountain that I mentioned

honors the Epic pass, Attitash and Wildcat are in the vicinity. It would be great if a bunch of you could join us. BTW, Loon accepts some versions of the IKON pass. Neal Pisante

MAILING ADDRESS

Our post office box (PO Box 774) has been discontinued, saving our club \$248/year. All applications, membership remittances, etc. should now be sent to 50+ Ski Club, c/o Neal Pisanti, 10 Joyce Lane, Woodbury, NY 11797.

NEW JERSEY SKI AND SNOWBOARD COUNCIL (NJSSC)

Our club is now a member of the NJSSC. This entitles us to participate in their ski trips without paying any penalty or having to join a member club. While our club is participating in their Sunday River trip, there are other ski trips available to 50+ Ski Club members. Go to <https://www.njssc.org/ski-trip-calendar/> for more information.