

50+SKI Club

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on October 15, 7:30pm at the Syosset-Woodbury Community Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to get together with your ski buddies and hear about our planned trips. We look forward to seeing and catching up with everyone.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the 2026-27 season were due on September 1. The rate is \$30 – individual or \$45 – couple. Active members 80 and over are exempt. Please bring a check (or cash) to the next meeting, or mail to 50 Plus Ski Club, c/o Neal Pisanti, 10 Joyce Lane Woodbury, NY 11797.

SUMMER BICYCLING

Club members went on several rides over the spring and summer, including the Pine Barrens, Pugliesi Winery, Cupsogue Park in Westhampton, Captree State Park, and Bethpage State Park. Some also ventured up Cape Cod where we stayed at Sea Mist

Resort in Mashpee and rode on the Old Colony Rail Trail, the Cape Cod Canal Trails, and the Shining Sea Bikeway.



MIDWEEK SKIING

We ski midweek at our local areas, carpooling from Christopher Morley Park. If you're not on Gary's list please email him at gss12@optonline.net and ask to be included.

SKI TRIPS

The club has three ski trips planned for the winter season, in addition to our regular day trips.

STOWE - January 10-15, 2027. We will stay at the Commodores Inn like last year. It is about a 30-minute shuttle ride to Stowe. As of now, the posted rates for that week are \$157.20 per night for 2-bed units including taxes and fees. We have stayed here many times in the past. There is a small kitchen in the common area with a microwave, toaster, coffee, hot water, etc. where you can have breakfast. The common area also

has a cozy sitting area with a fireplace where we gather in the evenings for happy hours.

Go to: <https://commodoresinn.com/> or call (802) 253-7131 for more information. Stowe accepts the EPIC pass.

SUGARLOAF - February 7-12, 2027. This resort is in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, which is a new skiing destination for the club. Accommodations are at the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel (ski in/ski out) - prices are approximately \$248 (2- beds) per night. There are other condo rentals on site. The resort has 15 lifts, 176 developed trails & glades, and over 1,360 acres of terrain.

Go to <https://www.sugarloaf.com/lodging/sugarloaf-mountain-hotel> to make a reservation, or call 800-843-5623. There are various other lodging options in the area too. Currently, skiers ages 65-79 can get a 4-day pass for \$162.

RIVERWALK AT LOON MOUNTAIN - February 28-Mar. 5, 2027. Club members can join NJSSC's trip to Loon Mountain. Prices range from \$670 to \$1220, depending on occupancy: however, not all room types are still available. Prices do not include lift tickets which will be offered later. Loon Mountain is an IKON resort. Visit our website: <http://www.50plusski.org/UpcomingEvents1.html> for registration forms and details. Also visit the resort's website: <https://www.riverwalkresortatloon.com> for more information about the hotel.

Contact Neal Pisanti nealmichael@hotmail.com if you are interested in any of these trips.

OTHER TRIPS

While we hope you can join us on our ski trips, there are various other trips offered by Metro New York Ski Council, the NJ Ski and Snowboard Council, and their affiliated ski clubs. Destinations include Chamonix, Telluride, and Lake Tahoe. These trips are open to all active 50+ Ski Club members. Go to our web page: <http://www.50plusski.org/MNYSC1.html> for a listing of these trips.

SNOWBOUND EXPO November 14-15, 2026

Snowbound Expo is coming to **Mohegan Sun**, November 14-15, 2026, and it's set to be the most exciting edition of the winter sports expo yet! Snowbound Expo is the best place on the east coast to snag your gear before the season starts. Shop from over 200 brands and resorts and get up to 70% off gear, apparel, skis, boards, packages and

bundles. Don't miss live entertainment including the Indoor Slope, Rail Jam, Ice Bar, Alpine Runway, Trampoline Show and After-Hours Apres Party with DJ set and giveaways. You can see legends from the mountains including Travis Rice, Jessie Diggins, Tom Wallisch and Kimmy Fasani on the Inspiration Stage too.

There is something for everyone – limited \$8 early bird tickets are available now – use code MNYSC at the ticket check out

<https://snowboundexpo.seetickets.com/event/snowbound-expo-2026/mohegan-sun/3605100>.

THE 2026 NSCF VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

The 9th Annual National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) Virtual Silent Auction runs from October 1 to November 1, and features over 250 items including Head Skis, a Twisted Tea Snowboard, lodging packages, lift tickets & packages, assorted gear and clothing items, 2 IKON Passes, 2 Indy Passes, 2 pairs of APEX Ski Boots and many accessories. The Auction is open to all ski club members of NSCF member ski councils across the USA and the skiing public. Visit <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCF2026> to view items to be auctioned.

BELLEAYRE OVERLOOK LODGE

Management reports that the Overlook (upper) Lodge will be fully open this winter. The lodge had been closed since March 30, 2025, for extensive renovations.

MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR SNOWMAKING UPGRADES COMING TO OKEMO

Okemo Mountain Resort is undertaking one of the most significant snowmaking infrastructure investments in its history this summer, modernizing key systems across the mountain to deliver better skiing and riding experiences while dramatically reducing energy consumption and emissions. With new technology, the upgrades are expected to significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Okemo's snow production at temperatures of approximately 10°F above the previous systems.

LOON TO ADD 272 ACRES OF TREE SKIING FOR 2027-28

Loon Mountain Resort plans to add 272 acres of inbounds tree skiing for the 2027-28 winter season in an area called Black Ridge. Enterprising skiers and riders have accessed this terrain in the past; it will now officially become part of Loon's acreage and will increase the resort's total skiable terrain by 67 percent, from 403 acres to 675 acres. As a result, Loon will eclipse Bretton Woods (470 skiable acres) as the largest ski area in New Hampshire. - *SAM Magazine 9-2-26*.

SNOW PASS DEBUTS WITH 14 PARTNER SKI AREAS

SkierSnow Partners' new Snow Pass will include access to 14 different ski areas across North America in its inaugural winter season and the Snow Triple Play will have 23 participating ski areas, seven more than last winter, available on the pass for 2026-27.

Snow Pass holders get a total of 28 days—two days at each of the 14 partner ski areas, located throughout the Northeast and Eastern Canada, as well as Monarch Mountain, Colo., and Snow King Mountain, Wyo. Pass holders can also purchase additional lift tickets for themselves at 30 percent off at all partner ski areas. The Winter 2026-27 Snow Pass partner lineup includes: Big Snow (NJ), Mountain Creek, Belleayre, Gore, Whiteface, Ski Butternut, and others. Go to <https://mysnowpass.com> for more information. - *SAM Magazine 5-1-26*.

A hit-and run snowboarder was sentenced to 45 days, more than 2 years after causing an accident at Aspen Mountain. The snowboarder fled the scene after seriously injuring a skier in 2024. Eric "Riku" Banushi was convicted by a Pitkin County jury on Friday, August 28, 2026, of third-degree assault, reckless endangerment, and violating the Colorado Ski Safety Act following the February 2024 collision — an unusually severe outcome for what began as a skier-on-skier crash. Banushi struck Aspen local Anne Cassidy from behind near the Gent's Ridge lift, then continued down the mountain without stopping to exchange information or check on her, a violation of the Colorado Ski Safety Act's hit-and-run provisions. *SnowBrains 9-1-26*.

