

50+ Ski Club

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Ski Club Meeting October 17 @ 7:30 PM

Our next meeting will be on October 17, 7:30 PM at the Syosset-Woodbury Community Center. Ivan Albanese from Sno Haus will be there to discuss the latest trends in ski equipment. This is a good opportunity for you to ask questions about your ski equipment without receiving a sales pitch.

2023 – 2024 Ski Season Recap

Mother nature was a little stingy with the snow this season, but we made the best of it with great trips to Attitash and Stowe, along with some day trips to Belleayre, Hunter, and Catamount. A few members also ventured up to Mt. Snow, Bolton Valley, Tremblant and Sunday River.

Special kudos to Belleayre for developing a good snow base and keeping nearly all their runs open late into the season. Attitash also had most of its runs open. Aside from the high winds at times, our Attitash trip was a success. After relaxing afterward in the hot tub and sitting by the fireplace at the Grand Summit Hotel, we enjoyed great meals at the Red Fox Bar and Grille, and the Stonehurst Manor.

At Stowe, the shuttle provided an easy trip to and from the mountain. Heavy snowfall often presented a challenge for us until the runs were adequately groomed. Later, we relaxed in the hot tub at the Commodore's Inn, and enjoyed dinners at the Green

Mountain Inn, Picasso, and Ranch Camp. The winds played havoc one day, causing the gondola and Four Runner Quad to shut down. Sitting around the big fireplace at Commodore's was a nice place to spend the evenings.

While skiing conditions weren't always the best, the camaraderie among the members was the real highlight of our trips and it provided very memorable experiences. Join us on our ski trips next season and experience it yourself.



Visit our Facebook page for more pictures from our trips this season.

50+ Ski Club Website (www.50plusski.org)

Our website has been updated to allow easier navigation. Also, more pictures were added to show us in action. Visit the ***Upcoming Trips and Events*** page for current information regarding meeting dates, ski trips, happy hour gatherings, etc. (Day ski trip and bicycling event announcements will still be distributed via email.) Also visit ***MNYSC News & Offers*** for lift ticket deals and specials, expos, and other general ski related news.

Sun & Ski Sports Special In-store Event Oct 4-6, 2024.

The Plainview store is having a special sale event from Friday October 4th to Sunday the 6th. The first 50 customers will receive a \$25 in-store credit. Several brand reps will be on site to provide information about the latest ski technologies. Exclusive savings are offered on new '25 arrivals.

IKON Passes

MNYSC member clubs can purchase discounted IKON full season passes for next season from the council. Contact Michael Calderone (skimikec@aol.com) for the pricing, and he will provide a discount code to purchase the IKON Pass online.

Hunter Mountain Upgrades for 2024-2025 Season

Hunter Mountain will automate a significant portion of its snowmaking operations, enhance efficiency, and expand the skiable terrain during the crucial early season. One of the key improvements will be the automation of 70 snow guns on the Belt Parkway trail. The Clair's Way trail will also receive cutting-edge, low-energy snowmaking technology. In addition, the Way Out trail will install 32 new automated snow guns which will connect Hunter North and Hunter West more directly and earlier in the season. (Source: The Mountain Eagle on 1/5/24.)

Hunter Mountain is installing a new 6-person, high-speed lift to replace the Broadway quad. It will provide quicker mid-mountain access from the base lodge for the easier and intermediate runs such as Mossy Brook, Madison Avenue, and Kennedy Drive. The existing Broadway quad will then replace the old 2-person fixed-grip E lift on Hunter East. The improvements should be complete for the 2024-2025 season. (Source: Hunter Instagram - September 28, 2023)

Snowbound Expo - November 15-17, 2024

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Seaport. Come to Snowbound Expo in November and discover something new and exciting for you and the families of new generations entering the world of snow sports. Shop over 200 brands, 30+ inspirational speakers with rad stories to share and try new activities with over 25 hands-on activities all under one roof at the event all weekend. A limited number of free early-bird tickets are available for the expo. <https://snowboundexpo.com> Use code: *LAUNCH2024*.

Warning: Credit Card Fraud Continues to Target Ski Areas

*SAM Magazine—Red Lodge, Mont., March 7, 2024—*There appears to be an extensive effort to sell fraudulently purchased lift tickets on Craigslist at a discounted price, with dozens of ski areas across North America being targeted. Fraud Officials at Red Lodge Mountain, Montana, recently caught on to the scam, and confronted guests who had purchased tickets from a Craigslist user for 50% off. Like many people who are lured by the prospect of a good deal on lift tickets, the guests were unaware that it was a scam. Red Lodge got law enforcement involved to help investigate. Read more. (SAM - Ski Area Management) <https://www.saminfo.com> .

Inconsistencies in Classification of Ski Slope Difficulty Ratings



According to the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), the U.S. had 473 ski resorts operating throughout the country during the 2021/22 season, offering different conditions, terrain, and elevations. However, when it comes to the classification of the difficulty levels assigned to varying slopes throughout these resorts, there seems to be an inconsistency throughout the ski industry in the U.S. Have you ever skied one classification of slope at resort (A) and then skied the same classification of another slope at resort (B) and the two slopes were not even close to being at the same difficulty level? Then you are not alone. Quick History: The modern-day symbols and colors for beginner, intermediate, advanced, and expert-only slopes were created by the Disney Company. Read more. (Snowbrains) <https://snowbrains.com>

Midweek Skiing

Regular midweek skiing will still be one day during the week to be determined by weather and ski conditions. Sign up at the meeting.

Trips 2024-2025

Here are some of the choices we have come up with for trips this year. Last year the ski conditions were questionable. We have some choices that will enable us to book the week before if the conditions are good or cancel a day before we go. Many of us bought the epic pass and we tried to go to Epic mountains to ski. We came to a consensus at the meeting that we should travel the first day up on Sunday or Holiday because of less traffic. We need your input and we need you to save the dates if interested. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting. Any questions about the trips, we can answer at the next meeting or call Kathy 516 317-0238 or email at katsovi@aol.com.

Okemo January 5-10

We can either rent a couple of condos the week before if the conditions are good or we can use the Mid Jersey Ski house. The Mid Jersey Ski house is more of a group house with many beds and a large kitchen. You would have to bring your own bedding and you can cook meals there or go out. We would have to clean up before we leave. It is about 25 minutes to Okemo and is about \$35 a night and \$15 membership fee to the Mid Jersey Ski Club.. You would have to commit about a week or two before the trip. We would like everyone's feedback.

Mt Snow January 20-24

Last year a few of us rented a condo and others stayed at a hotel near Mt. Snow. Either way we had to drive to the slopes. The condo came to less than \$100 a day for each person in the condo.

Attitash February 8-14

Last year we stayed at the Grand Summit at Attitash and it was ski in and ski out. Some of the condos had kitchens and there was a pool and hot tub. We are working on the price. If we go to the Grand Summit, we would have to commit early and there would be no money refunded if you could not make it unless you purchase travel insurance. The grooming wasn't great. We can also use Pollard Brook Condos. The cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to check in, 2 bedroom, two bath, living room, and kitchen is \$1275. It has a bedroom with a queen bed, bedroom with twin beds and pullout couch in the living room. Indoor pool and large outdoor hot tub. Divide it by 4 and it's under \$400 dollars each. We can also use many of the Hotels in Lincoln.

We then can ski Attitash or Wildcat with our Epic Pass, Bretton Woods or Loon not on Epic Pass.

Stowe March 2-7

Last year we stayed at the Commodore Inn and we would like to return. Everyone will make their own reservations that you would be able to cancel up to the day before we arrive. You pay when you get there and if you have a roommate you can split charges on credit cards. There is a pool and several hot tubs, light breakfast, and a shuttle to Stowe that stops in front of the hotel. There is also a lobby with a huge fireplace where we have happy hour everyday. Five nights for 2 people is about \$875 for 5 nights and 4 nights for 2 people is about \$700.

Stratton

We had a suggestion to also go to Stratton with discounted lift tickets. If anyone knows more about Stratton let us know. Call Kathy 516 317-0238

Hunter 2 day

At the meeting we discussed extending the regular 1 day midweek skiing for those that want to add on another day. We can use the local hotels and go to Hunter, Belleayre, Wyndham or Catamount the next day or the day before.