

50+ Ski Club

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Letter from the President

All of us in the 50 Plus Ski Club are looking forward to resuming our activities. We've been biking weekly since the spring. Several of our members recently returned from Cape Cod where they enjoyed biking on the Cape.

We have several trips planned to Vermont and Massachusetts. Check our website, <http://www.50plusski.org/futureActivities.html>, for details. During ski season, we also carpool weekly from the Christopher Morley parking lot, just north of exit 36 of the LIE. With good conditions upstate, we hope to start in December and end in April. We go midweek to avoid crowds, the weather determining the specific day.

Check out our Facebook page in addition to our website. Our next meeting is at the Syosset Woodbury Community Center on Thursday, October 20, at 8:00 PM. Join us and meet us there.

Gary Schorr

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday October 20, 2022 at 8PM.

Biking Summer 2022

It seems that many people were away, or otherwise occupied this summer, which led to diminished participation in weekly cycling. On the brighter side, there were no cycling injuries.

We took the normal rides to a Cutchogue winery and the ride on Shelter Island which are always popular and have high attendance. We also rode from Howard Beach to Breezy Point, East Rockaway to Atlantic and Long Beach, Wading River through the Pine Barrens, Captree to Jones Beach, Seaford to Short Beach Coast Guard Station, and Bethpage State Park north to Plainview and south to Wantagh.

There was a multi day cycling trip to Cape Cod, which I sadly missed due to illness. Hopefully, there will be additional information about that trip supplied by one of the participants. Neal Pissante

50+ Ski Club Attends the Over50 Fair

On September 18, club president Gary Schorr and Chris Ruona manned a table at the Over50 Fair at the Melville Marriott. While we cannot gauge the success of our endeavor at this time, we did have some interesting conversations with other skiers with a few expressing interest in membership. Some non-skiers also took our brochure to pass along to their family and friends who did ski. It's uncertain if we will participate in this fair next year; however, if you know of similar type

venues that we can attend and provide information about our club, please let us know.



Gary discusses the club with a prospective member.

Cape Cod Bicycle Trip

Several club members traveled to Cape Cod in September to ride on the numerous miles of bike and rail trails in the area. We stayed in Hyannis which is centrally located to all of the trails. On the first day we rode along the Cape Cod Canal. The next two days were spent riding along the Cape Cod and the Old Colony Rail Trails. The final day was spent riding on the Shining Sea Bikeway. We enjoyed some great seafood lunches and dinners. We observed hungry seals as they watched fresh fish being taken off the fishing boats. One afternoon was rainy, but we roughed it up by sitting in the hotel's hot tub and pool, enjoying a happy hour, then bringing in Chinese food. The highlight of the trip – NO FLATS! Special thanks to Al Berlingieri for planning another great Cape Cod bike adventure. Chris Ruona



If you come to a fork in the road – take it! Al Berlingieri and Al Kipperman on the Cape Cod Canal Trail.



Dinner at the Daniel Webster Inn

(See our Facebook page for additional photos.)



In April 2022, the 50 Plus Ski Club rejoined the Metropolitan New York Ski Council (MNYSC). Benefits of our membership include:

Offering, when possible, of other club trips to members of MNYSC

Passing along special sales information and obtaining special discounts for club members

Announcing dates of ski and snowboard special events. Promotion of our ski club to the skiing population and industry

Information from MNYSC will be presented in our newsletter from time to time.

Mogul Meisters Ski and Snowboard Club opens the following trips to Council members.

Crested Butte Feb 11-18 \$2314

Okemo Feb 27- March 3. \$450;

Banff Ski Big 3) March 18-25. \$2148.00 includes lift tickets

Visit their website: www.mmssc.org for more information.

Schuss Le Monde Ski club opens its Whitefish trip to Council members.

March 5 – March 12, 2023 \$1875 double - \$2425 pp single

Includes: R/T air NYC - Kalispell, transfers, taxes, surcharges and portage; 7 nights at the Viking Lodge at Whitefish Lake Full breakfast daily, welcome reception, mountain transportation; 5 day lift pass to Whitefish; heated ski storage; on-site wellness spa, pool, hot tub and fitness center. Possible side trips to Ski Fernie, BC or Glacier National Park. Online registration: <https://forms.gle/fA27sCAZoZmDdGpP7>

Pinnacle Ski Club opens its Fernie-Banff trip to Council members.

February 4-11, 2023 - \$2,489 pp dbl occ. Price includes: Round trip nonstop air from Newark to Calgary; Ground transportation and taxes from Calgary to Fernie, Fernie to Banff, and Banff to Calgary ; 3 nights lodging at the Fernie Slopeside Lodge (Std Room); 4 nights lodging at the Banff Aspen Lodge; 3 day lift ticket to Fernie Ski Resort; 3 day interchangeable lift ticket to Norquay, Sunshine and Lake Louise ski resorts; 2 group dinners; Parking and bus transportation to Newark; Daily breakfast. Contact: Drew Berescik: (203) 572-2401 or drewster333@aol.com if you are interested.

Danbury Ski Club Presents "[Anywhere From Here](#)", A New Ski Film

The Danbury Ski Club is showing Matchsticks Production's *Anywhere From Here* at the Danbury Palace Theater on Saturday, November 26th. Doors open at 7 PM and the movie starts at 8PM. Tickets are on sale now for just \$20 - <https://thepalacedanbury.com/skinight2022/>. There will be many door prizes including skis and ski and snowboard bags and heated ski boot bags. Also, there will be a raffle for an Ikon pass. RSVP on Facebook - <https://fb.me/e/1NvcAnhsQ>

Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports needs Winter Volunteers

Vermont Adaptive is asking for volunteers to join its staff of more than 400 highly-trained volunteer instructors and share the passion for snowsports with others. To complete the administrative requirements, go to: <https://www.vermontadaptive.org/get-involved/>. Applicants must complete and pass an annual background check and be Safesport trained. Contact Tom Alcorn at south@vermontadaptive.org if you are interested and/or have questions. Volunteer benefits include free skiing and riding, pro-deals on equipment, CPR and First Aid Training, and more.

Historic Climate Bill Expected to Benefit Ski Industry.

The package includes the largest climate, energy, and environmental justice investment (\$370 billion) in U.S. history, from which the U.S. ski industry stands to benefit. – *Ski Area Management*

After Apocalyptic Lift Lines Last Year, Vail Resorts will Limit Ticket Sales this Winter. Daily tickets at all of the company's 37 North American resorts will be capped, but Epic Pass holders will not be affected. - *Ski Magazine*

Vail Resorts Drops Vaccine Requirements, Will Limit Day Tickets. Vail Resorts updated its Covid protocols, dropping vaccine requirements for guests and staff, and it will limit day ticket sales for the upcoming winter season, according to its 2022-23 operating plan. Across all its resorts, the company will no longer require face coverings, vaccines, or dining reservations for guests. -*Ski Area Management*

No Immediate Changes Planned for Jay Peak

New owner, Pacific Group Resorts Inc. does not plan to make any immediate changes to Jay Peak's pass products, management, or infrastructure for the 2022-23 season. – *Ski Area Management*

The Most Legendary Skier in California History? "Snowshoe Thompson." He was a skiing beast who charged 90 miles over the Sierra Nevada in the dead of winter – solo – on 10-foot skis carrying an 80-100-pound pack in only three days. Then, he'd turn around and charge the 90 miles back home in only two. The guy did this twice a month during winter for 20 years (1856 – 1876)... – *SnowBrains*

This Month's Quiz

True or False: Skiing is older than the wheel. (Answer in next month's newsletter)

WHY SKI?

PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE STUDIED THE RATIONALE FOR SKIING-SKIERS SPECULATE ABOUT IT-ORDINARY MORTALS SHAKE THEIR HEADS IN DISMAY OVER IT. THERE IS AN AMBIVALENCE TO THIS SPORT. THERE ARE NO SCORES OR POINTS TO SKIING, BUT THE BEAUTY OF MOVEMENT GIVES A SELF-ASSURANCE THAT IS BETTER THAN WINNING A GAME. IT IS A SPORT THAT BRINGS ESCAPE FROM THE CARES AND TENSIONS OF DAILY LIFE. SKIING BRINGS AN AWARENESS OF THE GRANDEUR OF NATURE; AN EXHAUSTING EXERCISE FOR MOST PEOPLE, YET NO OTHER SPORT GIVES SUCH A FEELING OF SATISFACTION AND HEALTHY VIGOR. WHY DO WE SKI? WORDS CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE THE HOURS AND DAYS AND WEEKS OF SKIING. YOU HAVE TO MEET THE PEOPLE WHO SKI-THE INDIVIDUALISTS, THE NON-CONFORMISTS. YOU HAVE TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF SNOW-COVERED MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS. YOU HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MOMENT OF TRUTH. WHY DO WE SKI? YOU HAVE TO BECOME A SKIER TO KNOW.