

50+ Ski Club

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A Message from the President

Autumn is here. Can winter be far behind? Who but we skiers look forward to the arrival of snow?

To help us prepare for the ski season, one that includes interesting trips for our members, our next meeting, October 19, will feature Ivan Albanese, manager at Sno Haus in Huntington Station. He'll be showing us what's new in ski equipment this year and how to maintain our gear.

Please note that our meetings will be starting at 7:30 from now on, rather than 8:00. They're still at the Syosset Woodbury Community Center, 7800 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury.

Gary Schorr

DUES

The annual membership dues for the 9/1/23 to 8/31/24 season are due. For current members the rate is \$30 - single, and \$45 - couples. (New members are \$40 - single, \$60 couples.) Please mail a check to our mailbox: PO Box 774, Westbury NY 11590, or bring it to the next meeting.

Cycling 2023

This summer we had rides as far east as L.I. Wine country and as far west as Riis Park. In New York City we rode from Howard Beach to Breezy Point where we saw the very moving 9-11 Memorial. The extremely warm temps this summer did put a bit of a damper on participation. In addition, a group of us happened to ride in the Long Island Wine country on one of the days that we were inundated with smoke from the Canadian wildfires. The air was not terrible while we were riding or enjoying lunch at the Pugliese winery, but, as we drove west, the air got browner. We still have a few weeks of cycling weather ahead. Let's hope for cooperation from the weather.

Looking Ahead to Skiing Trips

We have several trips in the works for next year. Several of us have gotten the Epic pass for this year. We were able to use it on some of the trips and midweek skiing. Believe it or not some of the trips are filling up already.

Mont Tremblant - January 28- February 2 This trip is run by the NJ Ski and Snowboard Council and several of us went last year and loved it. This trip is full but you may try to get on the waiting list. If you would like us to send you the flyers and registration form email katsovi@aol.com or nealmichael@hotmail.com.

Sunday River-March 3 - March 8 This trip is also run by the NJ Ski and Snowboard Council and is very popular. If you would like us to send you the flyers and registration form email katsovi@aol.com or nealmichael@hotmail.com. This trip fills up fast.

Attitash - February 11 - February 16 The fifty Plus Ski Club will be taking a trip to Attitash Mountain Sunday, February 11 through Friday, February 16. We will be staying at the ski in/ski out Grand Summit Hotel. Lift tickets and meals are additional costs.

There are two types of rooms reserved:

Standard hotel room with 2 queen beds includes TV, Wi-fi and the cost is \$432 per person, double occupancy. No meals included.

Studio Deluxe with Murphy bed, pullout sofa bed, full kitchen, TV and Wi-Fi costs \$406 per person double occupancy. No meals included.

For other room options, please contact Neal Pisanti at nealmichael@hotmail.com and I will try to fill your request. Breakfast is available at the Black Diamond Grill in the hotel.

Lunch is available at all the lodges and Trip Advisor lists restaurants in the vicinity of the hotel.

Attitash resort includes Attitash Peak and Bear Peak. Lift tickets for Attitash are honored at Wildcat Mountain, which is approximately 18 miles away. Many members have purchased an Epic pass which is honored at both resorts. Check Epic Pass website for options and prices.

On the last page of this newsletter is the registration form.

Stowe - March 17, 2024 - March 22, 2024 The Fifty Plus Ski Club will be taking a trip to Stowe Vermont from Sunday, March 17, 2024 to Friday, March 22, 2024. Stowe is one of the mountains we can use our Epic Pass. The Commodore Inn rate is \$156 per night for the hotel including taxes. That would be \$780 for the room for 5 days divided by 2 (\$390 each), if you have a roommate. There are no breaks on the room if you want a single. This hotel has a bus that takes us to the mountain and it now has a restaurant open for lunch and dinner. We all enjoyed happy hour in front of the fireplace last year. They also offer a light breakfast of toast, bagels, donuts and cold cereal. In addition, they have a microwave, toaster oven and refrigerator in the lobby that we can use to heat up anything. Each room has 2 queen beds and a small refrigerator.

We have reserved 8 rooms that you can reserve by calling the hotel at (800) 447-8693 or (802) 253- 7131. Please tell them you are from the 50 + Ski Club and you will have to leave a credit card number. They do not charge your credit card until the day of

arrival. Also, you may cancel up to 24 hours in advance of our arrival.

In addition, we would like to keep a list of who is going with their cell phones and email addresses for everyone going on the trip. We will send out reminders and text everyone about happy hour, times to meet to go skiing, breakfast, lunch, and dinner plans. This will be a good way for all of us to keep in touch with each other. If you would not like to be included in the text and email, let us know. You may email your numbers to Kathy Soviero katsovi@aol.com, cell number is 516 317-0238 for any questions.
Kathy Soviero

Other Ski Trips Available to the 50+ SKI CLUB

Other Metro NY Ski Council member ski clubs have openings in their ski trips that are available to our club members. The trips fill up fast so contact them early if you are interested.

Double Diamond Ski Club <http://doublediamondskiclub.org>

Engelberg, Switzerland Feb. 2-10, 2024. \$2,700 pp/ double occ. includes airfare, 7-nights lodging & meals, and 6-day lift tickets. Contact Jerry at (631) 623-6746 or email doublediamondskiclub@gmail.com

Sun Valley, Idaho Jan. 20-27, 2024. \$2,275 pp with 4 guests. Includes airfare (from Hartford CT), 7-nights lodging, 5-day lift tickets, and more. Contact Raymond Homburger: homburgerray@gmail.com if you are interested.

Pinnacle Ski Club <http://www.pinnacleski.org>

Mammoth Mountain, CA Feb 3-10, 2024. \$2,469 pp/double occ, includes lodging, air fare, lift tickets and more. Contact Drew Berescik: drewster333@aol.com if interested.

Danbury Ski Club <https://dsc.clubexpress.com>

Grindelwald-Wengen, Switzerland Feb. 16-24, 2024. \$2,895 pp/double occ, includes air and land transport, lodging and meals, lift tickets, and more. Contact ridgefieldskier@gmail.com for more information, or go to

<https://dsc.clubexpress.com/Grindelwald2024> .

Mont Tremblant, Canada Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 2024. BUS TRIP. Skip the drive and have fun on the bus. \$895 pp double occ, includes 4 nights lodging and breakfast. Does not include IKON lift tickets.

Contact funskitrips@gmail.com for more information, or go to

<https://dsc.clubexpress.com/Tremblant2024> .

Mt. Snow?

Is anyone interested in a short 2-3 day trip to Mt. Snow during the week of January 15th (after Martin Luther King Day)? It would likely be self-serve with travelers making their own lodging arrangements. If interested, email the club mailbox:

fiftyplusski@outlook.com. I can fit 2, possibly 3 passengers in my car. - Chris

Silent Auction – National Ski Council Federation

The 6th annual NSCF Virtual Silent Auction begins at **Noon on October 1st and closes at 5:00 PM EDT on November 1st**. The auction is open to all ski clubs' members of member ski councils across the USA and the skiing public. Up for auction are a pair of Icelandic Skis, Nexus Skis, a Gilson Snowboard, several lodging packages, lift tickets, an IKON pass, an Indy Pass, Mt Bachelor trip and many accessories.

To participate in this auction, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCFAuction2023> . Scroll down the home page to the NSCF Virtual Silent Auction section and click on ENTER THE AUCTION. Once in the auction site you can view the items in the auction. To place bids and update your bids you will need to register on the auction site. Click the Login button at the top of the page – it will ask you to log into your account. You will need to create an account for your first time on this site. This is a quick and easy procedure, and not invasive. After that just log in and bid away.

Go Easy on the Coffee – Thruway Service Areas Closed for Construction

The Sloatsburg Service Area on the northbound NY Thruway (mile post 33) is closed for reconstruction. Only a Sunoco station, a convenience store, and perhaps some portable toilets are available. The service area is not expected to reopen until summer 2024.

The Ramapo Service area on the southbound NY Thruway (mile post 33) is still closed for construction and is not expected to reopen until the spring 2024. Only a Sunoco station and some portable toilets are available.

Happily, the Plattekill Service on northbound NY Thruway (mile post 65) has reopened. It has Burger King, Starbucks, Auntie Anne's, Taste NY Products, and others. It's a nice place to take a break on your way north.

Ski Resort News

Belleayre Mountain

The snowmaking system was upgraded, and Lift #7 was replaced and repositioned. The new loading area is just below the Overlook Lodge and allows access from the Lightning Quad lift from the lower Discovery Base Lodge. Additionally, a skier bridge over the parking lot will provide easy access to the lift from the upper hills and Overlook Lodge.

Upper Utsayantha and Goat Path trails were modified to expand the intermediate terrain on the upper mountain with snow making added on those trails. There are also plans to expand dining and seating areas (date unknown), the equipment rental shop, and the popular Overlook Lodge. Electrical vehicle charging stations will be added to the upper and lower parking lots.

Hunter Mountain

The mountain made several improvements over the summer including: updated miles of snow fence; a new load deck at Kaatskill Flyer; new automated Super PoleCat snow making guns and 7 HKD guns; snowmaking on Racers Edge; trail maintenance; and various service on gearboxes and pumps.

Windham Mountain

The mountain's master plan includes enhanced property beautification and expanded lodging. Developments will be ongoing through 2025, however, fall 2023 will see significant improvements to the culinary offerings at Windham Mountain. A new mid-mountain restaurant will debut, in addition to a revitalized food hall and Mediterranean-inspired restaurant inside the existing Lodge.

Attitash Mountain

The much-anticipated Mountaineer, a high-speed, 4-passenger chairlift replacing the Summit Triple, will reduce ride time by more than half, increase uphill capacity and improve the flow of the Attitash base area.

Catamount Mountain

The mountain made several upgrades to its snowmaking capacity including new pumps and 50 more snow guns. A pipeline was installed on Christopher's Leap to add snowmaking on that trail this season.

Work is underway on a snowmaking pond to increase the water capacity to the snowmaking system.

Vail Resorts

Vail Resorts will offer a Hands-Free Mobile Pass & Mobile Lift Ticket on its New 'My Epic' App for the 2023/24 Winter Season. The new technology will allow guests to buy their pass or lift ticket online, activate and store it on their phone in the new My Epic app, put their phone in their pocket, and get scanned, hands-free, via Bluetooth® technology designed for low energy usage.

Plastic cards will continue to be available to any guests who cannot or do not want to use their phone as their pass or lift ticket. The company will also activate the plastic cards of renewing Pass Holders and mail plastic cards to all new guests for the 2023/24 season, as part of the transition to Mobile Pass & Mobile Lift Ticket.

Snowbound Expo, November 3-5, 2023, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

Snowbound Expo features the latest gear, equipment, apparel, technology and is the place to pick up ski passes for the next season. It also hosts a line-up of inspirational speakers who will share their skills and experiences to get visitors stoked for the next season. If you want to try snowsports or improve your techniques, Snowbound Expo is the place for you.

Features: The MEGA indoor slope, The Inspiration Stage, introduction to Skate to Ski, the US Ninja League Warped challenge wall, A Cross Country Ski Experience and much more.
Speakers: Jeremy Jones, Shaun White, Brenna Huckaby, Ted Ligety, Julia Kern, Lindsey Jacobellis, LJ Henriquez and many more.

There are 5000 tickets available for \$1.00 which can be redeemed with the code: CLUB. (www.snowboundexpo.com).

Annual Ski and Inter-Club Racing Competition,

Each year Metropolitan New York Ski Council runs ski and inter-club racing competitions. The races will be held at **Magic Mountain, VT on Feb. 3, 2024**. The competition features both alpine and snowboard races. Five events are offered: Main, Intermediate, Junior, Husband & Wife, and Snowboard. The competition draws serious racers and not so serious racers alike. It's a great opportunity for members of the Council's ski clubs to meet, to compete, to ski together and to celebrate at the après ski party where medals are awarded, and tentative trophy winner results are announced.

Sales and Specials

Sno Haus - 20% Off Early Bird Seasonal Lease Rates, Clearance Prices on 2023 leftovers, Preseason Pricing on most new 2024 merchandise arriving daily.

Ski Butternut Ski Club Offer- Annual Ski and Board Shop Inventory Blowout sale will be 9/29 to 11/26 (closed Thursdays) and it will be 40-80% off previous seasons clothing and gear.

ATTITASH RESERVATION

Check in Sunday Feb 11,2024, Check out Friday Feb 16, 2024

The club has reserved rooms at the Grand Summit Hotel at Attitash. This is a **ski in/ski out** hotel. Your lift ticket (at additional cost)is also good at Wildcat mountain, which is 18 miles away. Attitash and Wildcat are included in the mountains that honor the EPIC pass. Breakfast is available at the Black Diamond grill in the hotel. Lunch is available at all the lodges. For dinner, Trip Advisor lists various restaurants within ten miles of the resort.

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NAME _____

EMAIL _____ CELL# _____

ROOMMATE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

CONTACT'S PHONE _____

CIRCLE ROOM TYPE

STUDIO DELUXE

STD HOTEL

Studio deluxe room includes Murphy Bed, pull out sofa bed, full kitchen, TV, Wifi

Std hotel room include 2 queen beds, TV, wifi

The cost for a std hotel room is \$432 per person double occupancy, room only.

The cost for a studio deluxe is \$406 per person double occupancy, room only.

Mail this application, and a check for \$100 made out to the Fifty Plus Ski club to reserve your room to

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