

# 50+ Ski Club

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## **NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, April 19th, 8:00 PM**

**SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER**

**On entering park, turn right at stop sign and follow the road to the end,**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**At our next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a guest speaker, detective Brian Poalillo from the Nassau County Police Department to discuss scams. This presentation will cover how to spot and avoid scams so that you can protect yourself and your family. Detective Poalillo is a subject matter expert on scams.**

**We are all potential victims and we all should benefit by attending this important presentation.**

## **Trips and Events**

**For trip info, call Lois at 518 945-2667 or Eleanor at 516 938-7078**

At this time, no new trips are scheduled.

When trips are scheduled, please adhere to the following statement for your safety and security:

**TRIP INSURANCE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

**Midweek Skiing by Gary Schorr:** It's been an outstanding winter for midweek skiing at our local areas. We've been able to hit the slopes most weeks and enjoy the lack of crowds and no lift lines. As many as ten of us have gone and enjoyed the congeniality of the ride as well as the skiing. If you'd like to join us, please e-mail Gary at [gss12@op-tonline.net](mailto:gss12@op-tonline.net). Include your mobile number. If you were on the list last year there's no need to ask to be included again.

**An Editorial** by Bob Tamulinas, author of this monthly Newsletter:

I have been publishing this Newsletter for the past eight years. During that time I have never run out of material. Club activities, ski trips, etc. have always filled this publication.

Unfortunately, things have recently changed. I have very little to report. Something has happened to our Ski Club and I would like to share my observations with the Club and invite opinions on what I have to say and maybe, how to fix it.

Two trips to Vermont this winter had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. The Western trip this year almost had to be cancelled for the same reason. In past years, if you did not mail in your deposit the next day for our **Two** Western trips, you were put on a wait list. How times have changed!

Our off season trips have also suffered. In the past, trips like rafting on the Colorado River, Windstar cruises etc., were also wait listed if deposits were not received immediately. Now, our off season trips are practically devoid of club members and group discounts are only available if we invite friends, relatives etc. to make up the numbers needed. In the past, we charged extra if a non club member wanted to attend our trips.

I practically begged club members to shop for goodies to serve at our after meeting social, to no avail. The club will pay for anything purchased. But alas, once again for months of asking - no interest.

Local skiing seems to be doing OK, however five to ten participants represents only a small fraction of a club this size.

Also, our participants that bicycle and kayak in the summer seem to be doing fine. From what I see, a fair amount of members enjoy this activity.

If you have an opinion on what I have written here, please e mail me. Let me have it – if you think I'm wrong, let me know. If you think this makes sense, maybe you have the solution. In my opinion, I think this Ski Club is on a downhill slide and would like this not to happen. I will forward all e mails to our Board. My e mail address is on every Newsletter Masthead, but here it is again. [R4tamu@aol.com](mailto:R4tamu@aol.com). Thank you for reading my rant, and please respond if you think you have something positive, or negative to say.