

50+ Ski Club

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 20th, 8:00 PM

SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

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



Midweek Skiing by Gary Schorr: It's been a wonderful year for midweek skiing. The snows have been good, even excellent most weeks. We've kept to New York with outings to Belleayre, Hunter, Windham and Catamount. Now it's time to put away the skis, at least as far as trips to our local areas, and enjoy warmer pastimes.

Trips and Events

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

New Trip: “ Treasures of Southern Spain and Morocco”. This is an 8 day trip aboard a beautiful Windstar Motor Sailboat, October 20 – 27. This trip is closed, waitlist only.

TRIP CANCELATION INSURANCE STRONGLY RECOMMEND

At this time, trips for next winter are being researched. Based on price, some of the areas being considered are Taos, Snowbird, and Beaver Creek. Now is the time to voice your opinion as to where to go skiing next winter. All areas will be considered, providing prices are reasonable.

Editor's Note: The following article contains both club and non-club sponsored trips. Therefore, some trips mentioned were not offered to all club members.

Review of a Good Winter: by Neal Pisanti

If you were able to jump in the car for a while and the weather was with you, this was a great winter! It all started at Okemo with a three day trip that began with decent conditions and ended with fresh powder on the top of the mountain on the last day we were there.

The next trip took us to Orford, Quebec. It included skiing at Mount Orford, Mount Owlshead, and Mount Sutton. The natural base was very good and there was additional snow almost every day or night. Mount Orford overlooks a beautiful lake, the views were spectacular. I don't remember if it was Orford or Owlshead that had whalebacks from the snow guns on one of the very wide

trails. At any rate, they provided for some additional excitement and fun. Although I personally found my happy place in the glades at Mount Sutton, where I believe I managed to convert a couple of my companions to be tree lovers, as well.

As mentioned in the article about Mount Snow, we drove up in a blizzard and skied on real snow for the whole week. Only the corduroy lovers had to wait a couple of days until the snow was groomed. One member of the group fell in love with the trail named "Roller Coaster" and persuaded some of us to join her for one last run before the trip home.

Another early March ski excursion landed a group of eight members up to Sunday River in Maine. The weather was a crazy spring mix; brutally cold at night, chilly some days, and real spring conditions on yet other days. Unfortunately, most of the glades were closed or had thin cover warnings and we didn't really want to hear the question: "What the hell did you do to these skis?" from the ski technicians again. There was one day when the fog was so heavy that my companion thought we were on the edge of a cliff, but turns out, in reality, there was a fence and trees between us and the drop off. Then there was the day of intermittent snow squalls that were absolutely blinding as we tried to transverse the catwalk around a bowl. We made it to a lodge, and sat it out until the squall passed. It periodically changed from white to sunny for a good part of the day but the skiing was most enjoyable. The second to last day we were there, it was warm followed by a day that started out at a chilling 15 degrees. Since the trails had been groomed the night in between, before the cold set in, we skied on ice-aroy.

I headed up to New Hampshire on Monday, March 13 where 16 inches of powder fell the next day, followed by sunshine and highs in the 20's for the next couple of days.

Following the trip to New Hampshire, four of us got together and headed up to Stowe. The skiing on Monday was terrific. Tuesday, there was a low fog that subsequently kept us low on the mountain. Wednesday was windy and snowy to the extent that the whiteouts chased us back to the lodge and to a snowshoe trip to a sugaring facility for a taste of Vermont maple syrup. Thursday and Friday turned out to be excellent ski days at Bolton Valley due to six inches of fresh powder.

Of course, all the ski days included the greatly anticipated stop at the hot tub, followed by happy hour, dinner, and the traditional night cap.

All in all, it was a wonderful year skiing in the east if you happened to be at the right mountain at the right time!



Till next season!