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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 19th, 8:00 PM

SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

**Jericho Tpk, 2nd light east of Rt. 135 – Opposite Fox Hollow Inn
On entering park, turn right at stop sign and follow road to end.**



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Arthur Eckman, the husband of Lauri Robbins-Eckman. Lauri is the daughter of Lois and Burt Robbins and I am sure many of us remember her and Artie, from the many past ski trips in which they participated.

Trips and Events

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

January 11th to 15th, 2015: Stratton Mountain, Vt. By Barry Fahrer:

What can you say about a great ski trip to Stratton? We arrived at the Black Bear on Sunday to find a friendly vintage hotel. The rooms were neat and clean and the beds quite comfortable.

It snowed on Monday and we enjoyed skiing on three to four inches of new snow for the next four days. The trails were well groomed and the mountain was not crowded. The hotel ran a shuttle bus virtually every few minutes to the nearby slopes. Several evenings we chose to walk to the village to enjoy group dinners. Also, it was a ton of fun riding the gondola, telling funny stories with old friends while making new ones.

One afternoon, Pete Reinke was the last of the group to peel off a mid mountain compression stop. Just as he was ready to ski off he heard what sounded like an animal in the woods. Not seeing anything, he removed his skis and walked into the woods a bit only to find a crying, frightened young boy who had gotten stuck. Pete carried him out and skied with him down to his anxious parents. Think of all the crazy possibilities if Pete hadn't been in the right place at the right time and not had the inclination to investigate as he did. Way to go Pete!

The down side of the trip was the hotel food. The breakfasts were cold food and the dinners were barely passable. I suppose sometimes you must put up with a little bad to enjoy the very good.

January 30th – February 5th, 2015: Big Sky, Montana by Carol Volter:

Eighteen of our club members boarded a Delta flight for arrival at Bozeman Mt. via Minneapolis. Our vans were waiting for us and we arrived at Big Sky in one hour. The Huntley Lodge was delightful with everything imaginable available. It was comfortable, slopeside, and the meals were extremely well prepared and delicious.

We were lucky to experience bluebird skies with no wind for the first three days. After that we received a bit of snow. This mountain is huge, the largest ski resort in the U.S. now that it also includes Moonlight Basin. The trails were groomed well and the temperatures were in the upper 20s, making the skiing just about perfect.

The mountain tours were fantastic, which many of us repeated since the mountain is so huge. The night before our last day we had 4-8" of fresh powder. What a week! We watched the Super Bowl on several large screen TVs and rooted for the Patriots.

The resort had many amenities such as a full service spa, yoga classes and of course, the outdoor heated pool and hot tub which many of us used daily. The hotel had other daily events such as avalanche dog rescue demonstrations, bingo, and jewelry making from old trail maps. On our free night half of the group went to the Lone Peak Brewery and dined on bison steaks, jambalaya, quesadeas, and a variety of local suds. Julie and Barry along with Bill and Candy found a Mexican restaurant that they raved about. The restaurants were surprisingly good, but after learning that Bill Gates and Oprah have homes in Big Sky (Yellowstone Club), the restaurants would have to be good.

It was a wonderful trip with no glitches like delayed flights, missed connections etc. and everything came off like it was supposed to. A big "Thank You" to Lois for all her efforts in making it so.

March 1st to 6th, 2015: Sunday River, ME. Carpool, 5 nights Jordan Hotel, Ski in Ski out, 5 day senior (65+) lift ticket, 5 complimentary perfect turn clinics, wine/cheese/veggie party, tax & gratuities. Senior rate \$409.00 pp, dbl occ. (\$494.00 with 5 **full breakfasts**). Non senior \$429.00 pp dbl occ. (\$514.00 with 5 **full breakfasts**). Check payable to **50+ Ski Club**. Mail to Eleanor Tokar, 40 Linden Blvd, Hicksville NY, 11801. Checks needed ASAP! Don't miss out.

This is our last ski trip of the season. There is plenty of snow, so if you are thinking of going, call Lois or Eleanor now to check if any openings exist.

**Trip Insurance is highly recommended.
Upcoming Events**

April 24th, 2015 Guatemala, Tikai, Antigua, Atitlan: 10 days, includes all tours and all meals. \$1295.00 plus air fare and tax.

Oct 26th, 2015 Vietnam, Cambodia and Mekong River: 13 days.

Anyone interested in these two trips should call Lois for more information.

Mid Week Skiing, by Gary Schorr: It's been a great winter for snow in the northeast. We've been able to ski midweek every week except for one week when there was so much snow that I thought driving would be an issue. We've gone to Windham, Hunter, Belleayre, and Catamount so far. We're planning to return soon to a favorite of several of us, Blue Mountain in the Poconos. If you haven't already done so and are interested in skiing without lift lines and without having to carry your equipment a quarter mile from where you park to where you purchase your lift ticket, please let me know at gss12@optonline.net. Also, send me your mobile phone number.