

50+SKI Club

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Next Meeting

In lieu of our next meeting on December 15, many of us will be gathering for Happy Hour at Chili's, 901 Route 110, in Farmingdale from 4:30-7:00 on Thursday, December 8. We would like to arrange for seating for our group so if you intend to attend please email Al Berlingieri, berli@aol.com. Feel free to bring a guest, just let Al know. If you decide to attend at the last minute you should still do so.

Biking

The weather looks tolerable on Wednesday (high of 52) so we're starting the ride from Veteran's Memorial Park in Wading River. If joining, please be **READY TO RIDE** by 11 and reply to nealmichael@hotmail.com including your cell number. This will probably be the last ride of the year. We are starting later so that it's a little bit warmer. We can go to Bean & Bagel for lunch. It's about 2 miles

east of the park on the north side of Middle Country Road (too cold to have picnic lunch at the park).

The park is located at 5789 Middle Country Road (Route 25) Wading River.

Take LIE or Sunrise Highway to William Floyd Parkway north to Middle Country Road. Go east on Middle Country Road about 3.9 miles and the park entrance is on the right.

Midweek Skiing

We're looking forward to the start of the local ski season within the next couple of weeks. Some of the New York areas have already begun blowing snow. If you think that you can get away for a midweek day of skiing, a day without lifelines or crowds, let Gary (gss12@optonline.net) know to put you on the midweek skiing list. If you've been on the list in the past you will be included this year as well.



Cross Country Skiing

Are you interested in a local cross country ski outing? The conditions for x/c skiing on Long Island were pretty limited last winter; however, perhaps we'll have better opportunities this year. Destinations might be Bethpage State Park, Caumsett State Park, or another local public site. Contact me at: cruona@yahoo.com to be notified when a cross country ski outing is planned. – Chris Ruona

Ski Pass

Many of us who were at the last club meeting in April have purchased the Epic Northeast Midweek pass. This pass, along with many versions of the Epic Pass, is good at Attitash, Wildcat, Stowe, Okemo, Mount Snow and Hunter and a few other mountains. The over 65 pass is \$291 and the over 80 pass is \$49 for the 22/23 season. I think the prices increase as we get closer to ski season. We are also trying to plan our trips that use the Epic pass.

Trips

Attitash-January 22, 2023 through January 27, 2023.

If attending the Attitash trip and your final payment hasn't been made, please mail it to 50 Plus Ski Club : PO Box 774, Westbury, NY 11590 and be sure to mail it so that it arrives by Dec 1, 2022. If you're not sure of your balance, you can email nealmichael@hotmail.com or cruona@yahoo.com for your balance.

If you have signed up for the Attitash Trip and you need to cancel, you need to email nealmichael@hotmail.com by JAN 2, 2023 to be guaranteed a full refund. Once again, trip insurance is highly recommended.

Attitash resort includes two mountains, Attitash and Bear mountain. In addition, Wildcat mountain is only sixteen miles away. Your Attitash lift ticket is valid at Wildcat. We'll be staying at the Attitash Grand Summit resort, which is ski in/out. The hotel has an outdoor heated pool, hot tub, Black Diamond Grill, which serves breakfast, lunch, and early light dinner choices and the Taproom restaurant. Neal has reserved 5 each of the following rooms in addition to my room;

Studio Deluxe

Deluxe Rooms feature one queen wall bed, a queen sofa bed, living area, a workspace, and full kitchen.

Max Occupancy: Deluxe (4)

Standard Hotel Room

2 queen beds, Lcd tv, wifi, Some rooms have balconies.

The cost is \$459 per person for double occupancy or \$918 for single. Both include tax.

This is the retail rate. If we book at least 10 rooms, the price will go wholesale and final payments will be reduced accordingly. Rooms are first come first served.

Lift ticket prices aren't posted yet, but the earlier you buy them, the less they cost.

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To save your space, contact Neal Pisanti at nealmichael@hotmail.com and request a room reservation form. Complete the form, enclose a check made out to THE FIFTY PLUS SKI CLUB and mail to

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10 JOYCE LANE
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Stowe Mountain-February 26, 2023 through March 3, 2023.

If you'll be going on the trip to Stowe, please email Kathy Soviero at katsovi@aol.com and include a cell number, emergency contact including phone number and if you need a ride or have a seat available.

We have decided on the Commodore's Inn which is presently offering a 5-night rate of \$696.20 including taxes that can be canceled up to 24 hours prior to the date. This rate is for 2 people. The rate is for 2 queen size beds with a refrigerator and coffee pot. Call 800-447-8693 as soon as possible to make a reservation. While a credit card is needed to hold the room, no deposit is required. Note the rate does not include breakfast or lift tickets.

Of course if you buy the Epic Northeast Midweek pass, you will not have to buy the lift tickets.

Mt. Snow or Okemo-January 10, 2023 through January 13, 2023. We are looking to pick one place. If we go to Mt. Snow, we will be staying at the Gray Ghost Inn for 3 nights which includes breakfast and a shuttle to Mt. Snow for about \$450 for two people. If we go to Okemo, we would stay at the Pointe at Castle Hill that does not include breakfast but has a coffee maker in room for \$650 for two. Please let know by email your preference to katsovi@aol.com with your phone number if interested.

Mt Tremblant

If you will be going on the trip to Tremblant , please email Chris Ruona at cruona@yahoo.com and include cell number, emergency contact including phone number and if you need a ride or have a seat available.



From the MNYSC

Club Med - Val Thorens Sensations, France January 21-29, 2023

\$3,400 per person, double occupancy. This trip is open to all MNYSC member clubs. If interested, contact MNYSC Chairman Michael Calderone: (917) 217-8314; or email: skimikec@aol.com. The package includes airfare, 7 nights lodging, daily lift tickets and ski instruction, priority ski-lift access, all-day gourmet dining & open bar. Full details available at: <http://www.metnyski.org>, - *2023 Metropolitan New York Ski Council Ski Trip.*

Crested Butte February 11-18.

The Mogul Meisters Ski Club opened up its trip to Crested Butte, Colorado to members of the Metropolitan Ski Council. Please visit:

<https://www.mmssc.org/crested-butte-co> for additional information.

Annual Council Race –February 4, 2023 - Pico Mountain, Vermont

Each year since 1936 the MNYSC has run an annual ski and inter-club racing competition. The competition features both alpine and snowboard races. To ensure good participation, five events are offered: Main, Intermediate, Junior, Husband & Wife, and Snowboard. The competition draws serious and not so serious racers alike, and offers a wonderful opportunity for members of the Council's 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.

The competition is open to any member of a MNYSC club as of January 1st of the year of the race. Participants must be a true amateur and meet the eligibility requirements of the event entered. Engraved trophies are given to the winners or their clubs. The next Council race is at Pico Mountain on Feb. 4, 2023. The tentative start time is 10:30am. Each participant will have to purchase their lift ticket directly from the mountain. Go to <http://www.metnyski.org/race.html> for details and sign-up forms.

Canada to Remove All COVID-19 Restrictions for Travelers.

Canada will lift all remaining COVID-19 restrictions for international and domestic travelers starting Oct. 1. - *CBS News via Inntopia*

INDY Pass

The Indy Pass is a cloud based pass that gives you two free lift tickets plus 25% off your third day at each one of its Partner Resorts, 100+ independent ski areas across the US, Canada, and Japan. Participating resorts in the Northeast include Catamount Mountain, West Mountain, and Jay Peak. Go to www.indyskipass.com for more information. Indy Pass also launched its Independent Shops Program this year, strengthening its ties with independently and locally owned ski businesses across the country. On its website, click on Shop/Indy Shops to locate regional retail partners to consider supporting the next time you need a fresh kit or professional gear advice.

Belleayre Mountain Frequent Skier Cards are on sale for the 2022/23 season.

The \$59 Frequent Skier Card provides guaranteed ticket rates and savings all season long. Benefits of the card include:

50% off lift tickets (window rate) Monday-Friday (non-holiday)

25% off lift tickets (window rate) Saturday/Sunday & during holiday periods

No capacity limits on Frequent Skier Tickets

Discounts also available at Gore Mountain and Whiteface Mountain.

The regular* 1-day weekday window rates before discount are:

Adults (20-64) - \$99

Seniors (64-69) - \$75

70 & up - \$38.

*Tickets purchased in advance on-line are priced lower.

Go to: www.belleayre.com/tickets/frequent-skier-cards/ for more information.

Connecticut Ski Council

Please visit and help spread the news about the CT Ski Council's First Silent Online Auction! Auction items are being added daily! Bidding is open now until closing on December 20, 2022! Everyone is welcome to bid! Link to Auction:

<https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2022>

The Travel Adventure Show - Javits Center January 28-29, 2023.

Discover thousands of vacation options from the top destinations, tour operators and travel providers from around the globe, and meet with travel experts who are on-hand to help you book and plan your trip. Four on-floor theaters will provide up to date travel tips and advice, with the chance to meet travel celebrities. Also, you'll have access to show-only travel savings, trip giveaways and show-only deals. Go to: www.travelshows.com/shows/new-york/event-info/ to learn more and buy tickets.

Northeast Region Ski Activity

Skier visits in the Northeast were up 3.4% from the last season to 12.7 million in 2021-22, with snowfall up 16.7% and days of winter operation up 2.7% (114 days per ski area). The Northeast region boasts the highest number of open and operating ski areas of any National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) region (143, up five ski areas from a year ago.) The region is also notable for the relatively high engagement of its season passholders (with an average of 8.2 visits per

passholder) and percentage of advance/expert skiers and snowboarders. In contrast, the Northeast has the lowest shares of visits by snowboarders and by first timers/beginners. - *NSAA Journal, Fall 2022*

Pimp my chair ride - the coolest & quirkiest chairlifts of the world.

Not all chairlifts are created equal. From the horse drawn in Italy to pizza box in Japan, some of the world's best ski resorts offer some of the coolest transport to the top of the hill. Forget T-bars, how about a double decker tram in France? *Copyright © 2022 Snows Best*

This Month's Quiz

What are the three primary skills of skiing?

- a. balance, gliding, wedge
- b. straight run, wedge, turning
- c. equilibrium, movement, turning
- d. rotary, edging, pressure.

Answer: d. – Kipp, Ronald - Introduction to Alpine Skiing- 2012

Answer to last month's quiz True or False: Skiing is older than the wheel. Answer: **True**. Images of skis found in prehistoric rock carvings in northern Norway and Russia can be traced back 6,000 years. – Kipp, Ronald - Introduction to Alpine Skiing- 2012 - p.4