

50+ Ski Club

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Ski Club Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday April 19 at 7:30p** at the Syosset-Woodbury Community Center, 7800 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury. We will be discussing plans for the 2027 ski season. Areas being considered are Sugarloaf, Killington, Okemo, Stowe, Bretton Woods, Loon, and Sunday River. We want to hear your comments and suggestions. Please come to what may be our last meeting before we break for the summer.

The 2026 Ski Season Wraps Up

We had a great ski season this year with trips to Okemo, Stowe, and Sunday River. Conditions were the best in many years, aided by the cold temperatures. The mornings were particularly good with fresh grooming, while the afternoons often offered some challenges after the surfaces were either skied off or got too soft. We capped off the days with happy hours by the fireplace. We also enjoyed several day trips to Belleayre and Hunter. Conditions there were also generally very good with nearly all of the runs open. Additionally, some members made trips to Bretton Woods, Loon, and Mt. Snow. While the skiing was great, it was the people that really made the trips most enjoyable. Special thanks to Kathy and Neal for making most of the arrangements for these trips. Please join us on a future ski trip.



Okemo



Okemo



Stowe



Sunday River



Stowe



Sunday River

Spring Skiing at Mt. Snow

On March 22, four of us headed up to Mount Snow for three days of skiing. When we arrived at the 4-bedroom vacation rental that Kathy booked for us, we were very pleased with what we saw. It was a beautiful house with a nice kitchen, living room with a gas fireplace, 2 nice bathrooms and 4 nice bedrooms. It was raining when we arrived, so we didn't expect good conditions on Monday. We were wrong. It was frozen and groomed on the first run or two, but the conditions improved greatly in a short time. Tuesday and Wednesday started out excellently and conditions held until well into the afternoon. We tracked about 25 miles of skiing each day. The only oops we had was that we didn't see the caution signs on South

Bowl on Monday and skied onto an ungroomed rock-solid trail that still had the bumps and gouges left from people skiing the trail during the rain on Sunday. All in all, it was a fabulous 3 days on skis.



Bicycling

The snow is gone, so it's time to dust off our bikes, check the tires, chain, etc. Bicycling is a good way to keep our legs in shape for the next ski season. We will have several rides over the Spring/Summer/Fall season. We bike in places like Bethpage, Hecksher, Jones Beach and Captree State Parks, Pine Barrens, North Fork, and Shelter Island. You don't need an expensive lightweight bike, but a good running one with multiple gears and preferably smooth tires. (E-bikes are okay too.) Our rides are generally 15-25 miles, and we take frequent breaks. Nobody gets left behind. Rides are held mid-week and will be announced in the earlier part of the week. Most rides are followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Contact Neal (nealmichael@hotmail.com) if you have any questions about our upcoming rides.

Biking April 10

It's still pretty cold out (38 Thursday night) so we'll meet at Bethpage Park picnic area at 11 on Friday, April 10th and ride the Bethpage trail. If joining the ride, please email and include your cell number to Neal (nealmichael@hotmail.com).

Cape Cod Bicycle Trip

On June 5th we'll be heading up to Cape Cod to ride some of the beautiful bike trails that the cape offers. Neal and Mary Pisante will be staying until June 12th as will Al and Patty Lee Berlingieri. Of course, you can stay for the same amount of time or more or less if you choose. We have decided to rent a condo at the Sea Mist Resort as have the Berlingieri's. There are other resorts, VRBO's, and Airbnb's in the area and hotels/motels a short distance away. If there are enough people interested we can rent something with several bedrooms and a kitchen. You can choose the accommodation that suits you best. We'll be doing the Cape Cod Canal trail, the Shining Seas trail, we can drive to Provincetown and check out the bike trails there. And we may even head to Martha's Vineyard if the group wants. If you'll be joining the ride, please contact Neal (nealmichael@hotmail.com) or Al (Berli@aol.com).

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members, Michael Leonetti, Trish Clarke, and Natalia Anders. We look forward to skiing (and bicycling) with you soon.

2027 Western Trip

The New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council is making a 2027 trip to Lake Tahoe February 20-27. They are planning a day at either Kirkwood or North Star, as well as an optional (non-ski) trip to Virginia City. Accommodations will be condo rooms at the Forest Suites, and/or hotel rooms at Margaritaville (formerly the Embassy Suites)! All 50+ Ski Club members are welcome to go on this trip. Full details forthcoming.

Epic Passes

The Senior Northeast Midweek (ages 65+) pass is now on sale for \$376. The adult (65 & under) rate is \$497. If you plan to ski multiple times at places like Hunter, Mt. Snow, Okemo, Stowe, Attitash, and others in the northeast, the pass is a great value. Go to: <https://www.epicpass.com/Passes/Northeast-Midweek-Pass.aspx> for more information, or to purchase.

Indy Pass Adds 16 Partners

Indy Pass added 16 new alpine and cross-country ski area partners and opened 2026-27 pass sales Feb. 25 to existing pass holders. Indy also reduced the price of its Indy+ Pass, which includes zero blackout dates, to \$399 from \$419. The Indy Add-On Pass, which is for

people who have an unlimited season pass at an Indy Pass partner ski area, remains \$269 for adults and \$169 for children.

The pass currently has more than 270 partners. To preserve the experience at Indy partner resorts, Indy limits the number of passes sold for the 26/27 season. **Passes are already sold out**, but to sign up for the waitlist, go to: <https://estore.indyskipass.com/products/indy-pass-waitlist-sign-up>.

Harry Voege Memorial Scholarship

The Metropolitan New York Ski Council's Harry Walter Voege Scholarship Program is to honor and thank Harry for six decades of commitment and generosity as a valued member of the MNYSC. Harry lived by the creed of promoting the friendly sport of skiing, bringing together people interested in skiing, and making it easier for members of the clubs to participate in skiing. We hope to extend Harry's passion through this Memorial.

The Council is offering a \$1000 scholarship to applicants with a parent or grandparent who has been a member of the current and past season. There is no requirement that the applicant be a member. Applications must be post-marked or dropped off by April 15th, 2026. Scholarship Form Mail your application to:

Harry Walter Voege Memorial Scholarship, c/o Metropolitan New York Ski Council 1019 Fort Solonga Road, Suite 10 # 235, Northport, NY 11768

ORDA Commits \$15.9 Million for Upgrades at Whiteface, Gore, and Belleayre

New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA approved \$15.9 million in capital investments across Whiteface, Gore, and Belleayre mountains, continuing a multi-year run of infrastructure upgrades at the state-owned ski areas. ORDA committed capital for snowmaking, trail, and electrical improvements: \$6 million at Whiteface, \$5.43 million at Gore, and \$4 million at Belleayre. In addition, the ORDA approved approximately \$1.6 million for conveyor lift upgrades at Gore and Belleayre, including new conveyor systems at both ski areas and the relocation of an existing conveyor at Gore to the North Creek Ski Bowl.

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