

50+SKI Club

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A Message from the President

Some of the New York areas (okay, Belleayre for season ticket holders), are starting to make snow when it's cold enough. I'm hoping that we can start our midweek ventures within the next two or three weeks. If you received my mailings last year you don't need to do anything but get your skis waxed and edged. If you'd like to join us for the first time this year let Gary know at gss12@optonline.net. Include your mobile number.

Holiday Happy Hour

We will not be having a meeting this December. Instead we'll be celebrating at a Happy Hour. It'll be at Chili's, 901 Rt. 110, Farmingdale December 14 from 5:00 PM. This is the same place we held the last Happy Hour.

If you plan on attending please email Al Berlingieri at berli@aol.com

DUES

The annual membership dues for the 9/1/23 to 8/31/24 season are due. For current members the rate is \$30 - single, and \$45 - couples. (New members are \$40 - single, \$60 couples.) Please mail a check to our mailbox: PO Box 774, Westbury NY 11590, or bring it to the next meeting.

Cycling 2023

We had a couple of rides the last two weeks. One from Captree and one from Cedar Creek Park to Jones Beach West.

Cross Country Skiing

Mother nature has not been kind to cross country skiers on Long Island, but if the opportunity arises, I will try to arrange some local x/c outings. The location(s) would likely be Bethpage State Park or another area conducive to x/c skiing. If you are interested, send a note to me to the box (fityplusski@outlook.com) and I'll add you to the list. – Chris Ruona

Looking Ahead to Skiing Trips

We have several trips in the works for next year. Several of us have gotten the Epic pass for this year. We were able to use it on some of the trips and midweek skiing. Believe it or not some of the trips are filling up already.

Mount Snow Trip Jan. 16-19, 2024

Some 50+ club skiers plan to visit Mount Snow the week of January 16 for 2-3 days. This would be an informal club trip with each person responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. Mt. Snow accepts the Epic pass. If you are interested in joining us, send a note to the box (fiftyplusski@outlook.com) and we will try to coordinate.

Mont Tremblant - January 28- February 2

This trip is run by the NJ Ski and Snowboard Council and several of us went last year and loved it. This trip is full but you may try to get on the waiting list. If you would like us to send you the flyers and registration form email katsovi@aol.com or nealmichael@hotmail.com.

Sunday River-March 3 - March 8 This trip is also run by the NJ Ski and Snowboard Council and is very popular. If you would like us to send you the flyers and registration form email katsovi@aol.com or nealmichael@hotmail.com. This trip fills up fast.

Attitash - February 11 - February 16 The fifty Plus Ski Club will be taking a trip to Attitash Mountain Sunday, February 11 through Friday, February 16. We will be staying at the ski in/ski out Grand Summit Hotel. Lift tickets and meals are additional costs.

There are two types of rooms reserved:

Standard hotel room with 2 queen beds, includes TV, Wi-fi and the cost is \$432 per person, double occupancy. No meals included.

Studio Deluxe with Murphy bed, pullout sofa bed, full kitchen, TV and Wi-Fi and the cost is \$406 per person double occupancy. No meals included.

For other room options, please contact Neal Pisanti at nealmichael@hotmail.com and I will try to fill your request.

Breakfast is available at the Black Diamond Grill in the hotel. Lunch is available at all the lodges and Trip Advisor lists restaurants in the vicinity of the hotel.

Attitash resort includes Attitash Peak and Bear Peak. Lift tickets for Attitash are honored at Wildcat Mountain, which is approximately 18 miles away. Many members have purchased an Epic pass which is honored at both resorts. Check Epic Pass website for options and prices.

On the last page of this newsletter is the registration form.

Stowe - March 17, 2024 - March 22, 2024 The Fifty Plus Ski Club will be taking a trip to Stowe Vermont from Sunday, March 17, 2024 to Friday, March 22, 2024. Stowe is one of the mountains we can use our Epic Pass. The Commodore Inn rate is \$156 per night for the hotel including taxes. That would be \$780 for the room for 5 days divided by 2 (\$390 each), if you have a roommate. There are no breaks on the room if you want a single. This hotel has a bus that takes us to the mountain and it now has a restaurant open for lunch and dinner. We all enjoyed happy hour in front of the fireplace last year. They also offer a light breakfast of toast, bagels, donuts and cold cereal. In addition, they have a microwave, toaster oven and refrigerator in the lobby that we can use to heat up anything. Each room has 2 queen beds and a small refrigerator.

We have reserved 8 rooms that you can reserve by calling the hotel at (800) 447-8693 or (802) 253- 7131. Please tell them you are from the 50 + Ski Club and you will have to leave a credit card

number. They do not charge your credit card until the day of arrival. Also, you may cancel up to 24 hours in advance of our arrival.

In addition, we would like to keep a list of who is going with their cell phones and email addresses for everyone going on the trip. We will send out reminders and text everyone about happy hour, times to meet to go skiing, breakfast, lunch, and dinner plans. This will be a good way for all of us to keep in touch with each other. If you would not like to be included in the text and email, let us know. You may email your numbers to Kathy Soviero katsovi@aol.com, cell number is 516 317-0238 for any questions.
Kathy Soviero

Other Ski Trips Available to the 50+ SKI CLUB

The National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) Auction

The auction is complete, but there are still some items left over available for sale at reduced prices. If anyone is interested, please email MNYSC president Mike Calderone at skimikec@aol.com. You can check out other items on the auction website:

<https://www.32auctions.com/NSCFAuction2023> .

Items Available:

Mt Shasta Ski Park, CA 2 non Saturday lift tickets. \$40

Mt Tremblant, Canada 2-day consecutive lift tickets \$100

Ski Big Bear, PA 2 Non holiday lift tickets \$40

Pats Peak, NH 2 lift tickets, not valid Saturday nights
\$40

Sunday River, ME 2 Sunday - Friday lift tickets, Non
holiday \$125

Winterplace, WV 4 mid-week non holiday lift tickets \$75

Marmot Basin, Alberta 2 lift tickets \$60

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Firebrand Hotel, Whitefish, MT 2-night stay in a deluxe guest
room \$150

Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT 2 nights Viking Lodge Classic Hotel
or Main Lodge Studio \$250

Annual Ski and Inter-Club Racing Competition.

Each year the Metropolitan New York Ski Council runs ski and inter-club racing competition. The races will be held at Magic Mountain, VT on Feb. 3, 2024. 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 racers and not so serious racers alike and offers 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. Go to <http://www.metnyski.org/forms.html> for registration form and signup information.

Four Vermont Resorts are Open (and counting!)

Killington Resort kicked off the 2023-24 Vermont winter season on Friday, November 03. Three more resorts, Okemo Mountain, Stowe Mountain Resort, and Sugarbush Resort have celebrated their Opening Days. Visit SkiVermont.com for more projected opening dates as more resorts plan to open. You can also check in on trail counts and snow conditions at SkiVermont.com.

Windham Unveils Rebranding, New Master Plan

The Windham Mountain Club, formerly known as Windham Mountain, unveiled its rebranding and capital upgrades for the 2023-24 winter season and beyond. The mountain will continue to be open to the public, with season passes and ticket products available, but will also offer private club memberships that include members-only dining options, activities, and amenities. (Source: Ski Area Management)

Smugglers' Notch and Stowe Connector Lift Plans Withdrawn

Plans for a proposed gondola connecting Smugglers' Notch Resort and Stowe Mountain Resort have been withdrawn following initial disapproval from the Agency of Natural Resources, according to reporting by the News & Citizen. Stowe, owned by Vail Resorts, and privately held Smugglers' Notch have reportedly been in discussions with Vermont state officials about building the 2,600-foot lift since 2017. (Source: Ski Area Management)

Other Metro NY Ski Council member ski clubs have openings in their ski trips that are available to our club members. The trips fill up fast so contact them early if you are interested.

Double Diamond Ski Club <http://doublediamondskiclub.org>

Engelberg, Switzerland Feb. 2-10, 2024. \$2,700 pp/ double occ. includes airfare, 7-nights lodging & meals, and 6-day lift tickets. Contact Jerry at (631) 623-6746 or email doublediamondskiclub@gmail.com

Sun Valley, Idaho Jan. 20-27, 2024. \$2,275 pp with 4 guests. Includes airfare (from Hartford CT), 7-nights lodging, 5-day lift tickets, and more. Contact Raymond Homburger: homburgerray@gmail.com if you are interested.

Pinnacle Ski Club <http://www.pinnacleski.org>

Mammoth Mountain, CA Feb 3-10, 2024. \$2,469 pp/double occ, includes lodging, air fare, lift tickets and more. Contact Drew Berescik: drewster333@aol.com if interested.

Danbury Ski Club <https://dsc.clubexpress.com>

Grindelwald-Wengen, Switzerland Feb. 16-24, 2024. \$2,895 pp/double occ, includes air and land transport, lodging and meals, lift tickets, and more. Contact ridgefieldskier@gmail.com for more information, or go to <https://dsc.clubexpress.com/Grindelwald2024> .

Mont Tremblant, Canada Feb. 28 – Mar. 3, 2024. BUS TRIP. Skip the drive and have fun on the bus. \$895 pp double occ, includes 4 nights lodging and breakfast. Does not include IKON lift tickets. Contact funskitrips@gmail.com for more information, or go to <https://dsc.clubexpress.com/Tremblant2024>

ATTITASH RESERVATION

Check in Sunday Feb 11,2024, Check out Friday Feb 16, 2024

The club has reserved rooms at the Grand Summit Hotel at Attitash. This is a **ski in/ski out** hotel. Your lift ticket (at additional cost)is also good at Wildcat mountain, which is 18 miles away. Attitash and Wildcat are included in the mountains that honor the EPIC pass. Breakfast is available at the Black Diamond grill in the hotel. Lunch is available at all the lodges. For dinner, Trip Advisor lists various restaurants within ten miles of the resort.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____

EMAIL _____ CELL# _____

ROOMMATE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

CONTACT'S PHONE _____

CIRCLE ROOM TYPE

STUDIO DELUXE

STD HOTEL

Studio deluxe room includes Murphy Bed, pull out sofa bed, full kitchen, TV, Wifi

Std hotel room include 2 queen beds, TV, wifi

The cost for a std hotel room is \$432 per person double occupancy, room only.

The cost for a studio deluxe is \$406 per person double occupancy, room only.

Mail this application, and a check for \$100 made out to the Fifty Plus Ski club to reserve your room to

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