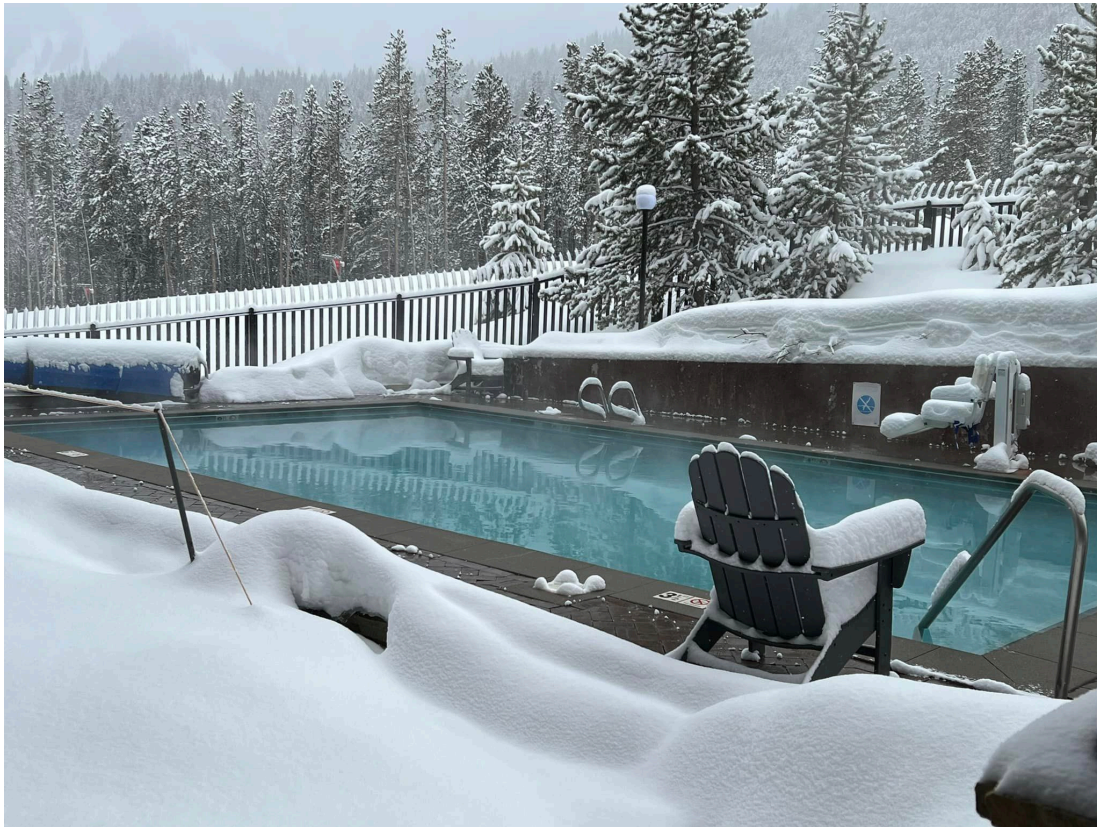


TCSC Snowplow



March 2024



Outdoor hot tub/pool at Winter Park. Photo by Marie Mead

President's message

Happy March Everyone!

Wow, we've made it through winter this far and it's been a busy one with ski trips. February alone featured two week-long trips, one midweek trip, a day trip, and some great Tuesdays at Elk Mtn. A group is skiing at Winter Park as I write, and then 52 folks will be taking a bus to Mt. Tremblant March 17-22.

While we're not done skiing for this season, our trip committee has been busy planning trips for 2024-25. On the books so far are a European trip to France, a Western trip to Telluride and the popular Killington Midweek trip. Get more details at our **General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 14**. Note: It's the second Thursday of the month to accommodate the Winter Park trip. Tim Hanna will talk about the most common mistakes intermediate skiers make.

Many grateful thanks to all of our trip leaders who make this a fun, affordable and exciting club to travel with. At our last board of directors meeting a discussion was raised about collecting tips for trip leaders at the end of each trip. The trip leaders



present agreed that they prefer the club discontinue this practice and that a card, note, email or verbal message of gratitude by individual trip participants would be appreciated.

Welcome to our newest member
Robert deFerrante!

Ingrid Jordak

Looking Ahead

Ski Trips for 2024-25

It's not too soon to plan our trips for the next ski season. Room and flight reservations need to be made early. The following trips have been approved by the board of directors for 2024-25. An opportunity to purchase Epic and Ikon passes will again be available through TCSC. Watch for emails.

- Killington Midweek, VT, on Jan. 26 – 26, 2025, trip leaders: Kevin Walters and Will Roden (IKON)
- [Telluride](#), CO, from Feb. 8 or 9 – 15, 2025, trip leaders: Susanna Stumpe and Marcie Robinson (EPIC)
- [Les Trois Vallées](#), France, from March 7 – 15, 2025, trip leaders: Pete Punzo and Steve Manning (EPIC)

Prices and registration information will be posted as contracts are signed and deposits with the vendors and resorts are made.

Shorter weekend, midweek and day trips will be scheduled around these dates. We are planning to choose Epic Pass resorts as much as possible. Under consideration are:

- Hunter Mountain, Catskill day trip (EPIC)
- Belleayre, Catskill day trip (NYS resort)
- Okemo, Mt. Snow, and/or Stowe in Vermont for weekend/midweek trips (EPIC)
- Race Camp at Killington, VT (IKON or special race camp pass)

Some of these trips will need volunteer trip and assistant trip leaders. If you are interested, please let our ski director [Brenda Nichols](#) know.

Other Trips and Activities: Spring, Summer and Fall

As we move into the warmer seasons, it's time to start planning hiking, biking, picnicking, paddling and other outdoor activities. [Eileen Hanrahan](#) will be scheduling our spring Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for May.

The Adirondack Weekend has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4 to Monday, Oct. 7, 2024. Look for the event posting and registration information in April.

Contact Eileen if you want to organize a warm-weather activity.



View of Killington Mtn. from Cascades Lodge

Photo by Lori Rae Silvers

February 2024 Ski Trip Memories



Killington Midweek and Loon, NH

About 39 folks found plenty of snow at Killington for the Sunday to Wednesday midweek trip organized by **Kevin Walters** and **Will Roden**. Kevin even put on his apron and chef's hat to prepare a well received and yummy chili dinner at the Cascades Lodge on Monday evening. **Mike Reitnauer** continued the ski adventure with a trip to Loon, NH, from Wednesday to Saturday to round out the week of skiing with a group of about 13. Several canceled due to illness.



Trip leaders Mike R. and Kevin W., aka Chef!



Marie M., Renee O., Susan S. with their ski instructor, Kinley Tener. Photos by Lori Rae S.



Making a snow angel.

Photo by DR.



Dinner on Killington trip.



Dinner on Loon trip.

Photos by Lori Rae S.

Mammoth Mountain 2024 Ski Trip



On Feb. 9, 2024, 35 TCSC members arrived at Mammoth Mountain in California. The High Sierra Mountain Range provided epic skiing and snowboarding. We were greeted with bright bluebird skies every day and lots of snow. The scenery was breathtaking everywhere you looked.

On Saturday, our first ski day, we had a pre-breakfast yoga stretch (Thank you Patti for leading us every day!), a big burrito breakfast, and then the Mammoth Mountain guides greeted us and took us for a 3-hour mountain tour and gave us a short history of the area.

On Super Bowl Sunday, many of us made it to the summit. The views were incredible! Many skied back down, but some decided that downloading via the gondola was the better option. At McCoy Station you could find a stuffed "Woolly Mammoth" if you looked in the right room – it was pretty big! However, Mammoth wasn't named for a Woolly Mammoth. It was part of a marketing scheme in the 1800s to give the impression that an abundance of gold was found in that area, which wasn't true, but the name stuck. That evening, we had a Super Bowl party in our trip leaders' rooms. Good thing we were on the third floor as it got a little loud yelling for our favorite teams!



On Tuesday, Brenda arranged a side trip for anyone who wanted to go to June Mountain, Mammoth's sister mountain about 20 minutes away. June is more of a family mountain with easily skiable trails along with moguls for anyone who wants a challenge. We were able to pile 12 people into 2 taxis and it was so worth the trip! We had the entire mountain to ourselves – great conditions, sunny skies, no wind, and no lift lines! The most amazing part was you could still find corduroy on any trail at the end of the day.

On Wednesday, Mammoth's Eastside K-9 Avalanche Rescue Team put on a demonstration for our group. Besides learning about the dogs, their breeds, and their training, we witnessed a mock avalanche rescue. They buried a ski patrol volunteer under the snow! They showed exactly what happens after an avalanche, from finding the location, marking off the area, and the commands the dog needs to find someone, plus how to keep finding more people who may be buried under snow. The dogs are not rewarded with treats; they are rewarded by playing tug with their master. It was a great learning experience for all of us.



On Thursday we got almost a foot of new snow on the mountain, and everyone was able to get some turns in the fresh powder. That night we

all went to the Rock N Bowl for a few bowling games and had a delicious group dinner upstairs in the Brassiere. It was so nice – you couldn't tell a bowling alley was beneath us!

After a scenic bus ride on Friday, our group arrived in Reno for an overnight at the Circus Circus Hotel. The slot machines were everywhere. Some of us won a few bucks and some lost a few. Where to have dinner was the most difficult decision of the day after getting lost between three interconnected hotels and casinos.

After several gate changes at the airport in Dallas, we arrived in Syracuse on Saturday happy and tired with lots of great memories along with some new friends! After our cancellation of this trip last year, it was well worth the wait to finally get to Mammoth.

by Brenda Nichols

Bristol Ski With Heart Day

About 90-100 skiers from Onondaga, Finger Lakes, Rochester and Triple Cities ski clubs got together at Bristol Mtn. in Canandaigua, NY, for the 5th Ski with Heart Day on Feb. 16. We were greeted with bluebird skies and excellent conditions for a morning of fun on the slopes. Bristol has a warm and cozy mid-mountain cabin that serves delicious fresh and fluffy waffles with real maple syrup for that mid-morning snack break.

All of the clubs brought food for our potluck lunch that included a variety of comfort foods in crockpots along with salads, fruits, cheese and crackers and yummy desserts. Kevin from OSC put together a ski trivia game that challenged all of the participating players. TCSC had two teams and one of them won with the most correct answers. Can you answer these questions? Which city in the world has held both winter and summer Olympic Games? What is the vertical of Whiteface? Which state has the most ski areas after New York?

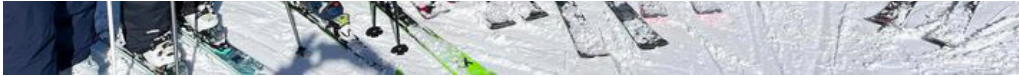


Marcie R., Kathi D., Angie Z and Sherry I. after enjoying the potluck lunch at Bristol.

Stratton Midweek Trip

The last week of February a group of 26 skiers from TCSC, OSC and the Flying Dutchmen out of PA enjoyed some bluebird days at Stratton Mtn. in southern Vermont. The Black Bear Lodge offered comfortable accommodations, a nice and hot hot tub, a generous breakfast and a shuttle that ran to the mountain every seven minutes or so from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. We had a great apres ski party at Grizzly's in the Base Lodge on Monday. It was a diverse group of skiers with the opportunity to meet quite a few new people while enjoying the company of old friends.





Above: Susan S., Susanna S. Marcie R. and Renee O. at Mulligans in Stratton Village. Right: Karl K., Lori Rae S., Frances, our tour guide, Ingrid J., Doreen R., Raymond D. Below: Our last night in the lobby of the lodge.



Senior Tuesdays at Elk

Quite a few seniors and some not yet seniors came out on Tuesdays to ski at Elk Mountain in PA. The conditions are top notch almost all the time and it's a fun place to ski and get together for lunch.



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