

SKI TRACKS

NEWSLETTER

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FIRST OUT-OF-STATE TRIP IN NEARLY TWO YEARS

by Bev McElheny

SKI TRIP CALENDAR

February 6-9
Ski Windham
Gary Kloesz

Feb. 27 - Mar. 1
Gore Mountain
Annie Bacon, Wendy Gould

March TBD*
Hunt Hollow
Day Trip
information to follow in email blast

March 17
Holimont
Ski Resort, Ellicottville,
Day trip
Barb McCauley
see flyer attached

Fifty-three Rochester Ski Club members headed to Okemo, Vermont on January 9, 2022, for the club's first out of state ski trip in almost 2 years! As tradition, this was drive yourself, and like most years we had good snow, a day with sunny, blue skies, and for the most part nice skiing with almost no lift lines. For the second time we stayed at the Jackson Gore Inn which allowed **ski in and ski out** each day. Tuesday we woke up to below zero temps, but with the several lifts that have bubble covers, the chairlift rides up the mountain were bearable.

Members were offered many options for this trip: hotel rooms with queen beds or studios, 1, 2, or 3 days of lift tickets with different prices for those under 65 or 65 or older, and breakfast vouchers. This did complicate the coordinating of the trip and gave **Jan Rogers**, our trip leader, a number of challenges working with the Vail Corporation, who now manages Okemo Mountain. Except for not being able to get lift tickets until Monday morning, I think most members thought the trip ran pretty

smoothly. Jan did a great job in spite of all of the hurdles she experienced.

The RSC reception that Jan planned with hotel personnel for Monday evening was held in a lovely venue and was a highlight of the trip. It was a great way to get to see everyone - lots of laughter, a free drink for everyone, and delicious and plentiful hors d'oeuvres. Many enjoyed meeting our 7 new members from the Long Island and New York City area; interesting and fun skiers.

Many had dinners in the hotel as restaurants in Ludlow were limited, although I know some enjoyed The Killarney Irish Pub, Mr. Darcy's Bar & Grill, and Sam's Steakhouse (yummy).

Because of COVID, masks were required indoors in public areas. On the mountain, in order to enter the mountain lodges that served food, we had to show proof of vaccination, strictly enforced. Just part of the protocols trying to limit the spread of COVID.

So glad we were able to ski in Vermont. It was an enthusiastic group of members and a wonderful start to the 2022 RSC ski trips.

HOW TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT BRISTOL EVENT CENTER



Monday, February 14, at 12:00 noon, at the Bristol Event Center, members are welcome to bring their favorite edible nourishment to share at the serving table (special allowance by Bristol).

Table settings, beverages (coffee, tea, cocoa, water or if you prefer, *bring your own*) and a dessert will be provided. However more desserts are welcome. The Center has electrical plug-ins to heat your crockpots. We all love your soups and chili! Many tables provide room for relaxed lunch and conversation. Masks will be required unless you are drinking/eating.

While it is possible to "boot up" and store ski gear in the Event Center, sadly the nearest bathrooms are located in Rocket Lodge. Sunset Lodge will be closed that day. No bathroom at the Event Center.

Closest parking lot is to the far left as you face the mountain. Have questions: email bmccauley@rochester.rr.com or call 585 278 5934. The day won't be complete without YOU!



HOLIDAY PARTY HOSTS 65 ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

by Patty Kuby with photo by Bev

The Sweet Briar Lodge is the former Lodge on the Green on Ridgeway Ave. The lodge had been totally renovated and the holiday decorations made for a festive spirit. The 6:00 PM Cocktail hour was exceptionally special this year as we were finally able to get together for a Holiday celebration. Seeing and catching up with ski buddies and friends was accented with a large bar area and a new array of hors d'oeuvres (the brie was a hit!). All of this made for an easy "attitude adjustment!"

Dinner choices included prime rib, chicken French, stuffed sole and a GF vegetable lasagna, all served with salads, vegetables and choice of pasta or baked potatoes. The little extras like different salad dressings and various toppings for the baked potatoes added to the special details that members noticed. Coffee and tea were served with

various decadent, yet good for you, cookies.

After dinner, President **Jan Rogers** welcomed everyone, then turned the meeting over to **Bob Bacon** and **Gary Kloesz**, who updated the members about the new RFID lift cards and also welcomed Bob Pogel's son, **Bill Pogel**, to the club.

From this point, the evening's entertainment began with a Face Mask Contest organized by **Patty and Joe Kuby**. There were three categories: Festive, Creative and Funniest. Each table selected one person they picked for each category. The categories were done one at a time. The nominated participants were introduced and explained their mask (some needed no explanation!). **Judi and Ron Flemming** were the judges, utilizing Joe Kuby if a tie occurred. There was a second runner-up and a grand winner in each category.

Festive: Second runner-up – **Annie Bacon**; Grand Winner – **Bill Shortsleeve**.

Creative: Second runner-up – **Dave Weagley**; Grand Winner – **Jan Rogers**.

Funniest: Second runner-up – **Annie & Bob Bacon**; Grand Winner – **Dick Nagel**.

Second runners-up received a \$25 gift card to *Brew & Brats/Arbor Hill* and Grand Winners received \$35 gift certificates donated from *Ski Company*. Other door prizes were bottles of wine, *Thirsty Turtle* gift cards, poinsettias and hand warmers.

Many thanks to the 65 RSC members that could attend the Holiday Party, making it a special introduction to a fun 2022 ski season. And an exceptional thank you to the Sweet Briar Lodge for their outstanding service and cuisine.



FROM THE TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S DESK. . . *by Mark Grey*

Our club is at the mid-point of the ski trip season; both Okemo and Sunday River have successfully concluded (see the individual reports to see what you missed). Windham, as I am writing, is about to happen and Gore will take place at the end of the month.

Our trip leaders are doing a wonderful job arranging and managing the trips, for which I want to personally recognize and thank them: Jan Rogers, Bob Bacon, Gary Kloesz, and Annie Bacon/Wendy Gould, Ed Bullard and Barb McCauley. They are the core that makes it happen, so that we all can enjoy the snow and camaraderie. Plans are in the works for next year.

Enjoy the rest of the season, whenever you can get on the snow!



from the **PRESIDENT'S** desk ...by *Jan Rogers*

More information on the Sunday River Trip coming in the March issue of Ski Tracks.

Hard for me to believe it's the end of January already! The *Okemo* trip was enjoyed by 53 people, including quite a few new members from downstate. The *Sunday River* travelers returned home, just beating another nor'easter expected to slam Virginia through Maine. From the Facebook pictures (<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MfbuucA2cawFMN7m7>), the weather and the snow at **Sunday River** were awesome. Thanks to **Bob Bacon** for all his hard work organizing this trip.

We still have more winter to enjoy skiing. *Windham, Gore, Valentine's Day at Bristol, St. Patrick's Day at Holimont, and Hunt Hollow* are all to come. We've had great winter weather in January, including cold temperatures to make snow and lots of fresh snow. Hope all enjoy the upcoming trips.

The Holiday party was a great success at a new venue, *Sweet Briar Lodge*. As usual **Patty and Joe Kuby** did a wonderful job in bringing us holiday cheer. The face mask contest was lots of fun with amazing

creativity from some of our members. Besides having a good meal, I think everyone went home with something whether it was wine, a poinsettia, or hand warmers.

The *Nominating Committee* headed by Bob Bacon is currently working on a slate of officers for next year. It takes many hands for the operation of a successful club, including all our social and skiing events. The Board of Directors is a hard-working group, but we also have a lot of fun. Please strongly consider running for an office, chairing a committee, or running a ski trip or event. Lots of support is available for new timers. Contact Bob Bacon, Patty Kuby, or Jim Nickerson if you are interested in a board position.

As always, I'm so appreciative of all the willing helpers at events or ski trips. Our members are always willing to help with multiple tasks, such as setting up and cleaning up. Little things are often very meaningful to trip or event leaders. While there are many deserving of thanks, I'd like to mention my thanks to **Margie Simpson** for volunteering to help me

distribute lift tickets and **Belinda O'Brien** for finding name tags at Okemo.

The biggest current skiing news in the world is the *Winter Olympics in Beijing China*. If you aren't on the slopes yourself, you can stay warm in your living room cheering on Mikaela Shiffrin and all our US team. Go USA! Hope to see you on the slopes and at the February general meeting.

I'll leave you with a few **TRIVIA QUESTIONS**. Answers at the bottom:

1. What US ski area has the highest elevation?
2. Which ski area is located close to the town in which Butch Cassidy is reputed to have robbed his first Bank?
3. What nickname was given to someone who was more famous for failure than being a great ski jumper? He finished dead last in the Calgary Olympics in 1988.
4. What was the first North American ski area to host a winter Olympics?

Answers: 1. Arapahoe Basin at 13,050 ft, 2. Telluride, 3. Eddie the Eagle, famous for his spectacular crashes, 4. Our own Lake Placid in 1932

from the **MEMBERSHIP** desk by *Elise Kloesz*

Newest members joining in January were **David Hessler** from Albany NY, and **Travis Nolan** from East Meadow, NY.

In November were **Lucille and Laura Wile** from New York, NY, as well as **Luis and Helen Maldonado** from White Plains, NY, and **Dana and Steve Adler** from Tomkins Cove, NY

In December, **Sue Reger** from Rochester, NY also joined.

It's been a busy year for Membership! **RSC now has 260 members!**

Since our fiscal year began, we received nineteen new members, many of whom joined to participate in ski trips for this season.

Event flyers and information regarding all club activities available through the club website: www.rochesterskiclub.com

SUNSHINE OR CONDOLENCE

Neil Armstrong in the passing of his beloved wife, Susan

Sue Cook in the healing of a broken wrist

Nancy Hessler, broken pelvis

Mary Sweeney, broken ankle

Susan Feller, broken leg

Ed Lopez, knee

THURSDAY, MARCH, 10
CALLING ALL BMG'S* TO ASSEMBLE

***BLOODY MARY GROUP**



A renewed hope for another, RSC "Masked Event" in Swain, NY consisting of a morning ski at the SWAIN SKI CENTER, followed by "Jollyng Bloodies" at the SIERRA INN in Swain starting at 11:10 AM, followed by (we hope) a 12:49 pm departure from the Sierra Inn to the MAPLE TREE INN, Angelica, N.Y. for the abundant pancakes and fixings. I'm giving the Maple Tree Inn our arrival guess for 1:15 pm.

Regards, Tony and Jean Belaskas
 (NO, we're not picking up the tab. **BRING YOUR WALLET—cash only.**)

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

February 14
 Valentine's Day at Bristol Mountain Event Center

February 22
 General Meeting at Red Fedele's Brook House

March 10
 Bloodies and Pancakes at Sierra Inn & Maple Tree Inn

Changes are expected soon...

General Meeting at the Rochester Yacht Club

May 12
 Spring Banquet at Midvale Country Club

2021—2022 RSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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RSC BOARD POSTS NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR 2022—2023

If you are interested in helping the club by being an elected club officer, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members:

- Bob Bacon 585 738-3522**
- Patty Kuby 585 704-2235**
- Jim Nickerson 585 654-9821**

Rochester Ski Club has five elected officers: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and membership.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or check the website: <https://www.rochesterskiclub.com> specifically the section titled "Officers". Click on the hypertext "bylaws."

Nominations need to be submitted by February 28, 2022

by Bob Bacon, Nomination Chairperson