



# SKI TRACKS

NEWSLETTER  
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## PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS GROUP PARTICIPATION TO BEAT UPWARD ECONOMIC TRENDS...

*from the President's desk . . .*

*by Marilyn H. Nickerson*

### WINTER 2023 Ski Trip Calendar

#### January 8-11

**Smugglers' Notch Ski Resort**  
 Vermont  
 Mark Grey

#### January 22-27

**Sunday River**  
 Maine  
 Bob Bacon

#### February 5-8

**Stratton Mountain Resort**  
 Vermont  
 Ann Baylor

#### Feb. 13-14

**Holimont & Holiday Valley**  
 Ellicottville, NY  
 Barb McCauley

#### Feb. 26-28

**Gore Mountain**  
 in the Adirondacks  
 Annie Bacon/  
 Wendy Gould

#### March 3

**Hunt Hollow**  
 Naples, NY  
 Sara & Ed  
 Bullard

#### March 11-18

**Sun Peaks**  
 BC, Canada  
 Mark Grey

As with the many changes due to COVID 19, especially the price of things such as food and prescription drugs, **lift tickets** are now hitting \$275 a day at Vail and Beaver Creek Peak Days in 2022-2023, a jump of 15% in one season! Stowe will be the first in resort in New England to cross the threshold of \$200. Apparently the reason for the increase is for media headlines so the Epic 1-Day Pass (unrestricted) looks like one heck of a deal at \$113. AND, Vail just said it would limit lift ticket sales every day of the season at every one of its mountains with the hope to bump EPIC Pass sales up to 75% of skier visits. (*The Storm Skiing Journal*, 9/5/2022) Skiing is becoming a much more expensive sport. More **reason for everyone to go on RSC trips which can provide group rates.**

Most of our 2023 **ski trips** have space available, starting with Smugglers' Notch, VT in January, a drive-yourself trip, followed by Sunday River, ME with seats on the bus...no driving required in the snow.

Be sure to check out the Winter 2023 Ski Trip Calendar for dates and trip coordinators. Also see the RSC website for trip information and the registration form if you can't locate your brochure sent out in July.

Our **next social event** will be the Holiday party at Sweet Briar Lodge on December 6, 2022. Patty and Joe Kuby have organized a wonderful party. See the flyer attached to sign up and join in the celebration of the season with your ski club friends.

Since the September newsletter, the Rochester Ski Club has had **two very successful events**. The October weather was perfect for the pig roast, as well as the food. A big thanks to Bev and Bill McElheny and all the other people who helped make this event a fun and delicious experience.

About 50 people attended the November General Meeting at Jeremiah's in Penfield. Ann Baylor and Mary Rinaldo did a great job of organizing this event. As this was the first General

Meeting for this season, several board members updated the membership on ski club issues.

One side note, **rumor** has it that one of our very own members has been instrumental in getting a public restroom in Fairport's village...thank Nancy Hessler for her hard work to make this happen.

Our ski club always needs **new members** and volunteers to help run events and trips. If you know anyone who would like to join RSC and enjoy our trips and events, please refer them to Elise Kloesz, our membership chair, or myself. If you are interested in running a trip or an event, please let me know. If you don't think you know how to lead trips or manage social events, please know that you will always get the assistance you need to learn the procedures, or to address any other issues.

As always, your suggestions are welcome. Just let me or any of the board members know. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the holiday party and on the slopes. Think snow!

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## GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, NOV. 3

Fifty RSC members and guests enjoyed a social hour followed by a buffet dinner at the Jeremiah's Tavern in Penfield. We were welcomed by President, Marilyn Nickerson, who detailed some exciting events coming up this year, and reviewed the results of the recent social survey. Gary Kloesz, Treasurer, presented a brief overview of the budget. Vice President, John Lawson, discussed the proposed adoption of 'The Wild Apricot' membership management system. Ann Baylor announced plans for future general meetings. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making this such a successful evening. We received many compliments regarding the excellent food and service.

*from Ann Baylor, photos by Bev*



## RSC COMMUNICATION UPGRADES PLANNED

Perhaps you have heard that the Rochester Ski Club is upgrading its website and these upgrades will modernize the site and have great "Curb Appeal" to anyone who visits. But this is only half of the story.

This upgrade makes the website dynamic which allows improvements in communication with members in a variety of ways. Not only will club documents be available, the new web site will include newsletters, trip and event fliers, photos, and member data. Members will be able to interact with the website in many new ways. For example, you will be able to update your personal data for address or email changes. You will also be able to sign up and pay for trips and social events using the site.

This upgrade will also help people in leadership positions. Financial reports will be available to the treasurer, custom queries can be made of the membership data, individuals can manage their own personal data, email blasts are possible, and newsletters and event fliers will be on line.

Bottom line, all the information currently available on the RSC site will still be available. It will be available in a more user friendly mode and many new features will be available to enhance the usefulness of the web site to members while also helping those in leadership positions communicate with the membership.

Currently a trial website has been created. It will be developed over the next few months with a goal of having it fully operational by the Spring Banquet

*from John Lawson & Annie Bacon*

## R U READY TO SKI AT GORE?

You know this mountain, and the lodge is only a short drive away, where there exists plenty of opportunity to socialize with your ski buddies during and after meals in the central dining room. Register before February. See you there!

*from Annie Bacon and Wendy Gould*



## SUNDAY RIVER TRIP 25+1 (ACTUALLY 27 DUE TO PANDEMIC) ISA "GO"

We have approximately 5 rooms left. Don't delay since excess rooms will be released by mid November to avoid club charges. New this year; **a brand new Jordan Chair Lift**. The Jordan lift became an 8 person, heated bubble. They also dramatically improved the Kansas trail while installing the new Jordan Chair. It's all downhill! No more uphill skates and very roomy. Come join the fun! Call, text, or email Bob Bacon if you are interested.

*from Bob Bacon*



## PIG ROAST HELD OCTOBER 8

A crisp fall day with sun, clouds, and some wind greeted members and guests for this year's annual Pig Roast at the William Udicious Pavilion, in Rush, N.Y.

Most gathered in the pavilion for conversation and laughter, and enjoyed appetizers of veggies & dip, cheese & crackers, chips, etc., along with a variety of beverages.

There are quite a few who look forward to gathering around the spit, towed from Phelps, N.Y. by Tom Mitchell, Old Mill Catering. After Tom adorns the "piggy" with an apple and sunglasses, photos are taken, and then Tom starts carving and shares samples of the juicy pork and crisp skin with RSC members and guests - very yummy! As usual Tom brought plenty of delicious sides for the buffet and Monica B. and Barb M. helped keep the buffet line moving smoothly. Coffee was brewed and dessert consisted of brownies (courtesy of Elise K., Barb M., and Bev M.) with plenty of ice cream cups and ice cream sandwiches. After

dinner and dessert, folks were encouraged to take home leftovers.

Sixty-five was the official count, which is a nice number for seating everyone in the pavilion. It looked like many enjoyed the event. It's always good to see some new faces and many that often attend.

Annie B. provided the PayPal link and cute name tags. Gary K. brought the club banner and trip poster, along with the club's sound system so everyone could hear details and status of the 2023 ski trips (all still have openings at this writing) along with a few other announcements from our club president, Marilyn N. and general meeting coordinator, Ann B.

As always there was a team of energetic members who came early to help with set-up including decorating the tables with pumpkins and bowls of candy, and much more; and then many who stayed and helped with clean-up. Thank you ALL; your generous help make these events possible!

*We appreciate all that attended!!*

*Bev & Bill McElhery (Pig Roast event leaders)*



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MESSAGE FROM RSC MEMBERSHIP:

Elise Kloesz, RSC Membership Coordinator

Currently we have 217 Members! Thank you to those who renewed their membership and welcome to a few new members. I anticipate that some of last year's members who have not yet renewed will do so as they decide to participate in a ski club trip or event. Please contact RSC Membership if you have any changes that we could use; phone numbers, email address, mailing address, or emergency contact information. Please inquire if you aren't sure whether your info is up to date or not. Email: [rochskimembership@gmail.com](mailto:rochskimembership@gmail.com)



**TIME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT**

The annual **RSC Holiday Party** will be held on **Tuesday evening, December 6, 2022**, at the **Sweet Briar Lodge** on Ridgeway Avenue. For those members who were not able to join us last year, I must tell you that the Sweet Briar management took extremely good care of us, and we had nothing but compliments on the food and service. Now isn't that an excellent incentive to come this year?!

Note the day of the week as we have gone to Tuesday again as the Thursday was

already taken. What is the same is the club's usual "attitude adjustment" hour at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by an easy "truth or lies" contest to win door prizes. Check the flyer for additional details including the location address, cost, reservation form and deadline.

So, get ready to launch your holiday and ski season with learning some fun facts about your fellow members! Look forward to seeing everyone.

*from Patty and Joe Kuby*

**2022-2023 RSC Social Events**

**December 6**  
Holiday Party at Sweet Briar Lodge, Rochester

**February 21**  
General Meeting at Monroe's Restaurant, Pittsford

**March 7**  
Bristol March Madness Luncheon at Bristol Mountain

**March TBA**  
Bloodies and Pancakes at Sierra Inn & Maple Tree Inn

**April 6**  
General Meeting at Rochester Yacht Club

**May 11**  
Spring Banquet and General Meeting at Midvale Country Club, Penfield

**GREETINGS TO ALL WHO WISH TO TAKE A SKI TRIP THIS SEASON**

Your trip leaders are busy completing arrangements to make our trips wonderful opportunities to spend time **skiing with your friends in the club** and enjoying the thrill of some great mountains. Currently there are openings for all the trips, but **registration deadlines are almost here**. Final arrangements with resorts, and in some cases for transportation, must be completed. So, if you have any questions or interest in joining please act quickly so that you do not miss out.

*from Mark Grey, Trip Chairman*



*Surprise over Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY.*

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