



SKI TRACKS

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SUN PEAKS SERVED SPECTACULAR BACKDROP FOR TWENTY-ONE LUCKY SKIERS IN MARCH

Story and photos by Mark Grey, Trip Organizer



After a somewhat weary travel day, we arrived late to the resort village to see enormous and impressive piles of snow on the roofs of all the buildings. After traveling all that way to get there, the presence of a substantial snow base was very reassuring. We awoke on Sunday to cloudy conditions, which made venturing out to explore the enormous expanse of the Sun Peaks resort somewhat challenging. A hearty welcome reception provided that evening, by the fabulous **Cahilty Hotel**, gave everyone a chance to relax, revive and spend time connecting with fellow skiers. On Monday snow started falling later in the day. The following day brought plenty of new snow, although again, some limited

visibility made for challenging skiing. However, Wednesday dawned bright and beautiful, and we were all treated to all the glorious scenery and spectacular skiing that is available at this huge and highly varied resort. The remainder of the week was equally spectacular, providing all the skiing that everyone could find to enjoy. During the week we had two game nights, allowing for some friendly competitiveness to burn up excess energy.

Some features of the Sun Peaks Resort:

Many participants took advantage of the Mountain Host program, made up primarily of local volunteers, who seemed to delight in showing off "their mountain" and connecting with fellow skiers.

The resort actually consists of two interconnected mountains, each with significant and varied terrain, which virtually guaranteed no-line access to the lifts. It was somewhat astonishing, once the weather cleared, to look back over one's shoulder to see another, separate and imposing mountain to explore.

The Cahilty Hotel, one of the original hotels to be constructed in the base area, provided direct access to the lifts. The base itself offers multiple amenities in a compact and attractive alpine village setting.

Throughout the trip many happy comments were heard, the most common being, "Can't we come back here next year?"



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A MESSAGE FROM the PRESIDENT... Marilyn H. Nickerson

**NO SKIING IN THE EAST THIS SUMMER,
however...**

**2023-2024
RSC
TRIPS &
EVENTS**

August 16

Summer Picnic: at the Dolomite Lodge, Penfield, Marilyn Nickerson

October 14

Pig Roast at the William Udicious Pavilion, Rush, Bev McElheny

November 2

General Meeting #1 at TBD, Melissa Doyle

December 6

Holiday Party at Sweet Briar Lodge, Rochester, Joe & Patty Kuby

January 7-11

Killington/Pico Ski Trip, Vermont, Gary & Elise Kloesz

January 21-26

Sunday River Ski Trip, Maine, Bob & Annie Bacon

February 4-7

Stratton Mountain Ski Trip, Vermont, Ann Baylor

February 13

General Meeting#2 at TBD, Melissa Doyle

February 25-28

Mont-Tremblant Ski Trip, Quebec, Canada, Jim Blum

March 16-23

Big White, BC, Canada Scott Anthony

March 3

Hunt Hollow Ski Day, Ed & Sara Bullard

March 5

March Madness Lunchtime at Bristol Mountain, TBD

March 20

Bloodies and Pancakes at Sierra Inn & Maple Tree Inn, Nanci Miersch

April 11

General Meeting#3 at Rochester Yacht Club, Hal & Ann Baylor

May 15

Spring Banquet & General Meeting#4 at TBD, Nancy Hessler & John Benerway

Snow in the East has been long gone while the West is still digging out. The PGA has come and gone. Memorial Day has come and gone. The Fourth of July is upon us. Planning for all RSC 2023-24 ski trips and events has mostly finished!

The **Summer Picnic** begins our next season and is scheduled for August 16th at Dolomite Lodge in Veterans Memorial Park in Penfield. Give thanks to Monica Boss for the reservation. The club will continue to subsidize the catered picnic to defray the cost of our member's participation. It also allows attendees to enjoy the social aspect of this summer event without having members cook on site. Each attendee is asked to **BYOB** – Bring Your Own Beverage so there is no liability to the Club; Water and coffee will be provided. Members with last names ending in **A-L** are asked to bring an appetizer and members with last names ending in **M-Z** are asked to bring a dessert to share. This way there will be a little less sugar than last year.

Many hours of planning have gone into providing **ski trips and social events** for our club members. I would like to thank the many dedicated volunteers who plan for and coordinate our ski trips and social events as well as all those who spontaneously pitch in to help at our ski club functions and contribute to our enjoyment. ALL help is appreciated and always needed!

Skiing and getting together with good friends are at the heart of our organization. Check out our 2024 ski trips and 2023-24 social events online. Make sure you **renew your membership on our new website with Wild Apricot (<https://rochesternyskiclub.com>)** for the upcoming RSC events. Submit your ski trip reservations with your credit card payment now. Many trips are dependent on **6 months advance deposits** by ski areas to hold RSC's reservations. You can find all RSC Ski Trips for Winter 2024 listed here, also on our new website under *Events*.

Get out and enjoy your RSC membership and the wonderful discounted benefits it allows you. I look forward to meeting you at 2023-2024 social events beginning with the August 16 picnic and seeing you on the slopes in 2024! Thank you for being an RSC member.



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SOME VERY UNEXPECTED REWARDS PROVIDED AT SPRING BANQUET

Story by Nancy Hessler, Photos by Bev

Seventy nine guests convened on May 10, 2023 at the **Penfield Country Club** for the RSC Spring Banquet and were greeted handsomely by **Bill Bridson** and **Bill Shortsleeve**. The room, decorated with Spring colors and pansies gracing each table, also had at each place setting, a printed program, produced by **Barb McCauley**, previewing the RSC Winter 2024 ski trips, and outlining the activities for the evening as well.

Having sorted through over 1000 pictures to produce a fun, rotating, slide show of 538 selections, **Bev McElheny** also provided printed name stickers. **John Beneway** provided table place cards. **Annie Bacon** and **Bev McElheny**, who were earlier instrumental in establishing website software with *Wild Apricot*, made registering for this event somewhat easier.

After a cocktail hour featuring many, varied hors d'oeuvres, a served dinner was offered. However, before the salads were served **Nancy Hessler** encouraged the diners to accept the rules for a

brief game: to nominate one person for each of four questions. the person getting the most nominations would win a bottle of wine. *It is important to say here that one had to be present to receive the honor of a vote.*

1. Who had the best yard sale on the mountain this season? Without a doubt **Mary Rinaldo** was the winner for her “accidental” cartwheels down a slope at Sunday River.

2. The second question drew a tie with **Mark Grey** and **the Kloesz**s for participation in the most RSC trips this year.

3. There seemed to be no question as to the winner of who was skiing on the oldest equipment. **Dick Phipps** proudly claimed the prize of question #3.

4. Then there was the fourth question., who had been the biggest ski hill flirt? **Bill Shortsleeves** took home the prize with **Terry Smith** a close second!

5. One last question was performed with full audience participation: Who had the most ski days? **Greg Johnston** was the

winner with 79 days. Way to go Greg!

Dinner guests enjoyed large garden salads followed by a choice of entrees; salmon, chicken, beef or a vegetable Napoleon. Once dinner was concluded, coffee, tea and cookies consumed, and game winners announced,, **Bob Bacon** convened the “business” portion of the meeting. **Marilyn Nickerson** followed with acknowledgments for the efforts of many people who made the ski club function smoothly in the past year. As part of that presentation, she announced the Board’s selection of two people to receive the **Dr. Roland Stevens Award**. This year’s award was presented to **Bob and Annie Bacon** for their tireless work on behalf of the club-even while on vacation!

The Financial Report followed by a Membership report was given before the evening concluded.

This Spring banquet was co-chaired by Anita Suski and Nancy Hessler.





WELCOMING SPRING WITH A BEAUTIFUL EVENING

Copy from Ann Baylor Photos from Bev McElheny

As guests of **Hal and Ann Baylor**, The Rochester Ski Club April dinner meeting was held at the **Rochester Yacht Club** on Thursday, April 6. Enjoyed were interesting hors d'oeuvres followed with a delicious buffet dinner as well as beautiful views of the Genesee River and Lake Ontario.

Following dinner, all were appreciative of the assistance offered by RSC member, **Brooks Lyon** who located the evening's guest speaker, **Dr. Nicholas Jospe**. Jospe, representing the **Rochester Bicycling Club**, presented a unique and entertaining program of photos from his collection of "***Bicycle Positioned in an Unusual, Odd, Humorous, Embarrassing or Incongruous Alignment with Something Observed on the Road.***"



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SKI TRIP COORDINATOR. . . Mark Grey



The **Ski Trip Committee** (Mark Grey, Gary&Elise Kloesz, Bob&Annie Bacon, Ann Baylor, Jim Blum, Scott Anthony, and Barb McCauley) has been hard at work putting together a great slate of trips for 2023/24: **Killington, Sunday River, Stratton Mt. Tremblant, as well as Big White, BC, Canada** have been firmed up.

Although Trip Leaders have done a solid job in putting together these trips, there are **some changes** to the usual pricing and logistical procedures. First, the process of purchasing/acquiring lift tickets. Many resorts are now requiring advance online purchase of lift tickets by skiers. Where noted on the flyers, participants on some of our trips (e.g., Killington, Sunday River) will need to purchase tickets on their own. Where needed, the flyers will specify the procedures to follow, and will indicate the applicability of passes, such as Ikon.

Second, all of our trips will utilize RSC's new operating system (*Wild Apricot*) for registering and paying for ski trips. However, some of the **same procedures used in the past (writing a check to Rochester Ski Club and filling out a paper copy of registration) will still be available.** Again, information for registering and paying will be included on the flyers for each trip. Please note that RSC membership is still a requirement for participation in all RSC ski trips.

ADVENTURES WITH A NEW WEBSITE

Sooooooooo— have you been there yet—logged in, signed up for any events, renewed your membership? Do it all and more on the new site.

The site is up, alive, and updating as quickly as possible—we're learning as we go. Coming events will be posted as soon as the information arrives. Dates are already posted – so you can update your calendar and not to miss a single one of them. Soon you can go online to register and pay for the picnic and four of the ski trips. Watch for email and visit the website often to view updates and changes.

Using the new website, our Spring Banquet and membership renewals were processed successfully for more than 75% of the club membership. Some folks needed a bit more help with logging in or renewing their membership and registering for that event but **Bev McElheny, Elise Kloesz and Anita Suski** were there to help them. *Thanks to Bev, Elise and Anita.* Introducing registration and renewal online made huge productivity gains and if you used a credit card with rewards – you were rewarded as well!

The 2023-2024 Ski Trips will soon be announced. **Registration and payment online is the new feature this year** and it should be easier. Printing out a registration form, writing a check, locating an envelope and stamp ...*wow, the price increase for stamps* ...then getting to the mail box hoping that yours reaches its destination in time, are events of the past. Now you can register and pay, making a deposit or a full payment, online with your credit or debit card. If you need help registering for a ski trip, give Bev McElheny a call at 585 733-1976 or send her an email BevM09@frontiernet.net. She can give you hands-on, one-on-one help with it.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Annie Bacon Anneeski@gmail.com or Bev McElheny BevM09@frontiernet.net. Member involvement and participation is welcomed, and we appreciate you're using the new website. We'll be watching for your reservation to the RSC Annual Picnic and trips coming soon.

From Annie Bacon, IT & John Lawson, VP



REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS: SENDING SUNSHINE OR CONDOLENCE

April, 2023



Don N. Miller

May 2023



Lois Ender

May 24, 2023



Mary Jane Culotta

June 4, 2023



Ray Hasenaureur



**THINKING
OF YOU
TODAY**

Nadine Bocek, knee surgery
Sandy Foley, leg surgery
Bob Regelsberger, whose beloved wife, Kathy has departed
Joe Culotta, whose beloved wife, Mary Jane, has departed
Frank Jablonski, having lost his beloved daughter, Kristen
Nadine Bocek having lost her husband, Marvin, in May



*Bob Bacon and Annie Bacon are honored with the annual **Dr. Roland Stevens Award** for outstanding contributions to the Rochester Ski Club presented by President Marilyn Nickerson at the RSC Annual Spring Banquet and General Meeting at the Penfield Country Club in May.*

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