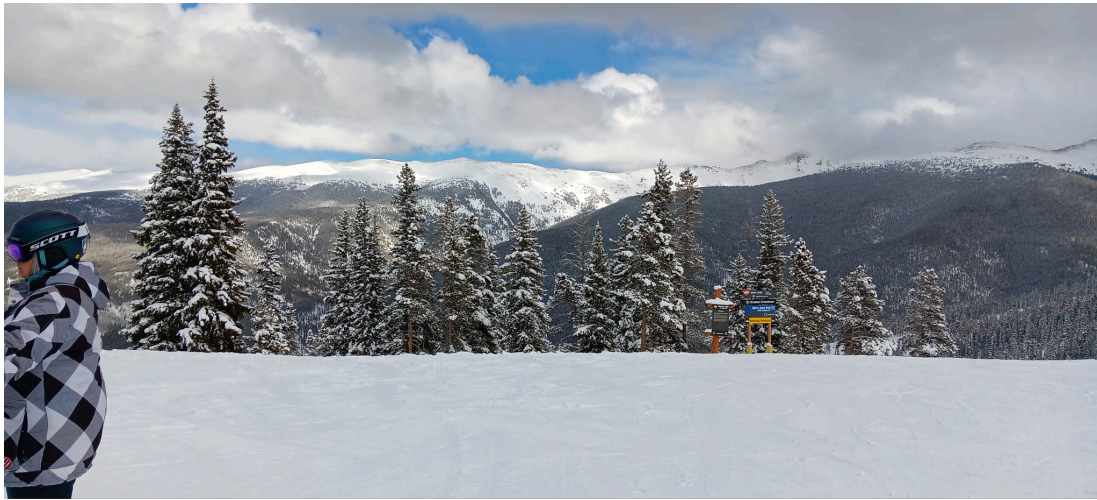


TCSC Snowplow



April 2024



View of Winter Park, Colorado.

Photo by Renee Oliveira

Happy April and Spring!

Our ski trips for 2023-24 wrapped up with a phenomenal five days at Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, Canada. Find the trip summary in this newsletter as well as a writeup of the trip to Winter Park. Even though it's April there is still great skiing in the West with resorts reporting later closing dates. The Northeast usually also has some good spring skiing conditions. So if you have an Ikon or Epic pass there are opportunities to make good use of them. Also check the EPSC website to see if there are any discounts available.

Our April general membership meeting is coming right up on Thursday, April 4. We've got a lot of information to share, so plan to be there. Here's a few sneak peeks: More information on France and Telluride, an analysis of Epic and Ikon passes for 2024-25, a presentation on preparing for golf season by a physical therapist, and more.

Ingrid Jordak, President

TCSC Goes to Winter Park and Mt. Tremblant

Winter Park Wrap Up

By Brenda Nichols

On March 3, 30 members of TCSC embarked on a trip to Winter Park, CO. We were lucky to have a direct flight from Syracuse to Denver on United Airlines. After collecting our luggage, we boarded our bus, stopped for groceries and then drove over the Berthoud Pass with quite the view going up the switchbacks – don't look down – and arrived on time at Winter Park.

At first it was difficult to see the Mary Jane area of the mountain as it was snowing. Most of our kitchenette rooms were ready, and they had everything we needed to enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinners in our rooms. Several people immediately took the Cabriolet to check out the little village surrounding the plaza where the gondola is located.

Our first day of skiing dawned with bright sunshine and everyone took advantage of checking out the mountain. Some partnered with guides while others who had been to WP went off to enjoy the fresh powder. On Tuesday it snowed so visibility was a bit more difficult. Pete, Marie F. and I took a snowcat tour up the mountain. Although it was difficult to see the distant areas, our guide was informative and hilarious. She even let me ride "shotgun" in the front cab of the snowcat the next day. Renee and Marie tried the SnoBike tour but found out it was much more difficult than it looked.

We met up with our sister club, Onondaga Ski Club, as they were also staying at the Vintage the same days as we were. Several people from each club skied together and it was fun to mix it up. We were able to have a pizza party while OSC had their dinner in the room next to us. They even offered to share their abundance of catered food with our members. What a nice gesture.

Unfortunately, we had a few mishaps. The most serious was Steve L. who was hit by a boarder coming out of the woods and had to come home on crutches. Thankfully he didn't end up with anything broken and a bit of physical therapy will have him back skiing next season. We had more than 20 inches of snowfall while there and everyone remarked the conditions were fabulous. On Friday, we boarded our bus for the trip to the airport. We were able to get back down the Berthoud Pass safely even while it was snowing. Our flight from Denver was on time and everyone arrived home happy and full of memories of a great trip. Hopefully we will go back soon!



Photos by Marie Fabrizio, Brenda Nichols, Sue Jastran and Renee Oliveira



Mt. Tremblant Adventure

by Susanna Stumpe

It all started when the leprechaun got on the bus, handing out not gold but party favors! There was a close resemblance to Eileen "O'Hanrahan."

And, one gentleman turned another year older. We won't give out his name, since he remained in disguise.



Two more birthdays were celebrated during the week: **Carol A.** and **Vin.**

Spring turned into winter, from slush-corn to real snow covering our 'trembling' mountain. Winter conditions persisted. So, the best place to play was in the trees, where many enjoyed the fresh virgin powder without the wind.

A shelter was found part way down the mountain. Secretly hiding in the woods was the **Refuge du Trappeur**. Our mountain guide tipped us off about this gem. See what you learn when you take a tour? The cabin came with hot soup and live entertainment!



This bunch of hardy skiers did not stop after the chairs closed. It was off to an après-ski evening of fantastic Canadian beer and -- oh, wait -- dancing on the bar? Who knew we had such a talented crew?

Our last day brought bluebird skies with mighty winds. Unbeknownst to a husband and his bride, Mike and Debby. They would become stranded at the top of our 'trembling' mountain. Yes, for real. When the gondola stopped functioning properly, they were eventually evacuated by snowcat along with about 20 other visitors.

And get this, we all were allowed back into the USA , even our leprechaun! Some tried to smuggle oranges in but got caught by our diligent border patrol. Only the oranges got confiscated and we were free to re-enter. Whew! Your trip leader was sweating this one. Yes, I was.

Well, as they say, what happens in Tremblant stays in Tremblant. Well, maybe.

Thanks for the memories everyone!



Looking Ahead

Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports Fundraiser

On Tuesday, April 23, from 5-8 p.m. GPAS is holding its [annual fundraiser](#) at Cortese Restaurant on Robinson Street in Binghamton. Come out to support this very worthy cause while enjoying delicious food, great entertainment and fun with your ski club friends. There will be raffles for some very cool prizes as well. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the April meeting from Susanna Stumpe or any Greek Peak Ski Patrol member, which will also benefit the Ski Patrol, or from a GPAS volunteer. Tickets are also available at the door on the day of the fundraiser.

April and May General Membership Meetings

In April, Tim Gould owner of Birdie Builders, golf fitness and performance business, will talk about how to prepare for golf season and how to prevent common mistakes that lead to injuries.

In May, Anthony from Chenango Point Bike Company will bring some bikes and help get us ready for bicycling season. A demo and ride activity is scheduled by Chenango Bike on April 21 at 9 a.m. at Luciana Park adjacent to the Starrucca Viaduct in Lanesboro, PA. The ride will be on the D and H Rail Trail.

Adirondack Weekend Oct. 4-7, 2024

This will be our 10th year of enjoying beautiful fall weather on Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks. Information and registration will be available soon.

Spring and Summer Activities in the Works

Keep an eye on your emails and visit the TCSC website and Facebook pages to be in the know about the club's upcoming activities.

Check out and add your photos to the [Fun Times Photos](#) page and in our [Photo Albums](#). You can also set up your own photo albums from your personal account page. Reach out to [Ingrid Jordak](#) if you need help.

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