

# TCSC Snowplow

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*April 2022*

## Welcome Spring!

With spring around the corner, TCSC would like to give this ski season a hearty farewell with the [Last Run Bash](#) on Friday, April 22, at Atrio. We need 45 partygoers to turn out for this casual attire dinner/dance, so please sign up and invite your friends. They don't have to be members to join the fun. Check out the details and register on the [website](#). Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 8.

Brenda Nichols, our ski director, is starting to plan next season's trips. If you didn't get a chance to take the survey and want to provide some input, let her know.

The survey results will be available soon. Also, if you are interested in leading or helping to lead a trip, let Brenda know. Since the survey was anonymous, we don't know you took it unless you included your name at the end.

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## Looking Ahead

### **General Membership Meeting - Thursday, April 7**

Learn about the adaptive snowsports program at Greek Peak from our featured speaker, Emma Roden. [Sign up here.](#)

Sign up and pay for your Last Run Bash ticket. [Details.](#)

### **Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, April 21**

We're meeting at 7 p.m. at the Beer Tree Factory at the Oakdale Mall. Any member can attend. Meet the board members and see how the club is run. We're looking for social and outdoor and fitness directors. [Read more.](#)

### **Last Run Bash - Friday, April 22**

Dinner/dance at Atrio with Hi-Way Fruit Market. Last day to sign up is April 8. [Read more.](#)

### **Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports Fundraiser - April 26**

Cortese Restaurant, 117 Robinson St., Binghamton, will once again be the location for this fundraiser that helps support Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports. Tickets are \$25 and will be available for purchase at the April meeting from Susanna Stumpe. When you purchase your ticket from Susanna, you will also be supporting the Ski Patrol at Greek Peak. [Read more.](#)

### **Adirondack Weekend - Oct. 7-10**

Kick back and unplug on the shores of Raquette Lake on what has always - so far - turned out to be a beautiful fall weekend. Do as much or as little as you like: hike, bike, paddle, sight see, read, relax, plus have a blast with TCSC friends. Registration opens April 15. [Read more.](#)

### **Spring, Summer and Fall Activities**

We usually have various events during the non-ski seasons. Check the website and club calendar for hiking, biking, paddling, camping, a picnic, free area concerts, etc. Contact Communications Director [Ingrid Jordak](#) if you'd like to set up an event.

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## **Ski Trip Highlights**

## Tug Hill Region XC Ski Trip



Thirty adventurous members came to the first ever Tug Hill Region XC ski trip, Feb. 28 through March 2. We were fortunate to have new snowfall over the weekend resulting in excellent conditions throughout the region.

Most of the crew skied or snowshoed at Osceola Ski and Sport Resort on Monday, enjoying the ever expanding trail system and the recently built ski lodge. We stayed at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar. Our group's happy hour brought everyone together as we enjoyed drinks and snacks brought from home. Then we enjoyed a leisurely dinner in the hotel's upscale restaurant.



On Tuesday we split between returning to Osceola, skiing at Winona State Forest Trails, or snowshoeing at Inman Gulf. The group celebrated Mardi Gras at happy hour and shared stories about the day's adventures. Happy hour continued until after 10 pm as people came and went; some to the hot tub, some to various dinner spots, while some of us never left the room and made the goodies at happy hour our dinner!



After check out on Wednesday, some opted for another day of skiing/snowshoeing, some took advantage of the on-site spa, and a few visited Salmon Falls. At least 10 stopped for a hike at Onondaga Lake to view the bald eagles that congregate around the open water on that lake during the winter months.

Check out more photos on the club's website and do join us next year!



### Killington Midweek Ski Trip

After three consecutive Killington Midweek trips and a two-year hiatus due to Covid, (the 2020 cancellation was on the day of departure) we were able to have the fourth Killington Midweek trip with 46 of the 48 registered participants heading up to the Killington Mountain Lodge on a light, snowy Sunday.

A grand and fun time was had by all with some not-too-bad (thank goodness) bumps and bruises along the way.



Our weather was no different than we have been experiencing as of late. Monday was a superb ski day and a good portion of our party took advantage of skiing at Pico. It felt as if they had the whole place all to themselves. Tuesday was cloudy and started an uptick in temperature with rain later in the ski day. Wednesday the temps rose into the 50s turning the snow at lower elevations mushy. Skiing the higher, northeast portions of the mountain was the wise choice.



Killington Mountain Lodge provided us with two hot buffet breakfasts, their two chefs working tirelessly early hours to make it happen.

Some memorable moments, I am sure, were had by all. Here is one I would like to share. Namely, Cheri Panko booted up in her car which many folks were doing, but then Cheri decided to pop on her skis and ski through the parking lot rather carry her skis to the lodge. Next time you see Cheri ask her how that turned out. Cheri may have unknowingly initiated a new alpine event: "Parking Lot Slalom".

Lastly, an intriguing observation: the Killington Mountain Lodge has an outdoor in-ground hot tub which had not been operating for most of the winter but fortunately was working by the time we arrived. This is still a mystery but there were varying theories as to why the water was so green. The consensus seemed to be that it was an early tribute to St. Patrick.

The great news is we all enjoyed the mountain and the lodging, and the better news is that Will Roden and I will be running another Killington Midweek trip in 2023, hopefully in the third week of February. We will be reserving 30 rooms accommodating up to 60 people. Hope you will consider joining us in 2023.

Kevin Walters, co-trip leader with Will Roden

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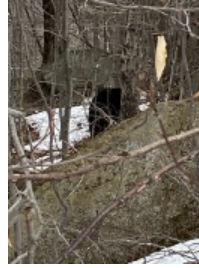
## New Hampshire Midweek

The mid-week New Hampshire trip was enjoyed by eight of our TCSC members.

Most traveled a day early, overnighted in the area and skied area resorts ahead of the Tuesday start at Loon. In spite of the warm weather leading up the the trip, the trails had good cover and all but a few trails were open. The overall conditions were typical for spring skiing. The local wildlife were also out and about. A black bear cub provided an opportunity for a 'lift side' picture.

The small group allowed us to stretch out more with four instead of six person occupancy. We also were able to host happy hour and our potluck dinner night in one of the condos. And now, we all have NEW friends. Our group dinner was at the Woodstock Inn Brewery. All thought the menu variety, food and brews were great.

It was a great trip and we'd definitely do it again.



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## What's New on the Website

Check out the new information that's been added to the website.

- **Season pass charts:** Yes, it's time to start thinking about purchasing your season or multi-resort passes for 2022-23 if you want to get the best prices. The [Discounts and Deals](#) site has charts to help you comparison shop. Also, the club will be planning next season's ski destinations soon which will determine whether an Epic or an Ikon pass may be your better choice. TCSC also may be able to get group pricing for these passes. The Deals and Discounts page will be updated as more information becomes available.
  - **Waxing and tuning your skis and boards:** Kevin Walters and Will Roden gave a great presentation at the March meeting on maintaining your equipment yourself. Rick Day followed up by providing a couple of in-depth manuals. You'll find these and their links [here](#).
  - **Ski terminology guide:** In the market for a new pair of skis? Does your head spin when terms like rocker, camber and sidecut get thrown at you? Check out this [Guide to Ski Terminology](#) to be better prepared when you shop for skis.
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## Thank you

I want to thank TCSC members for your condolences upon the passing of my husband, David Brandon. Both my sons, Jeff and Steve, and I, were so touched by your kind words. I appreciate your thoughtfulness at this difficult time. Thank you TCSC friends.

Donna McCall

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